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# COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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Report by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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1. The Report by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is provided herewith as an information paper.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision X/2) and invasive alien species (decision X/38), the Secretariat of the CBD continued collaboration with the Secretariat of IPPC through: (i) the work of the inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species; (ii) an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on addressing the risks associated with introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live baits and live food; (iii) providing input to relevant IPPC standard-setting processes; and (iv) exchanging information relevant to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to decision X/2 adopted by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 provides a framework for actions by all stakeholders of biodiversity with 20 headline targets (the “Aichi Targets”). Target 9 of the Aichi Targets states that, by 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment.
2. In paragraph 3(c) of decision X/38, the COP requested the Executive Secretary of the CBD to explore further ways and means to improve the capacity of Parties to address invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, including through consultation with secretariats of relevant biodiversity-related conventions and relevant international organizations.
3. In paragraph 10 of the same decision, the COP encouraged the relevant organizations participating in the inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species to continue collaboration in line with paragraph 11 of decision IX/4 to fill the gaps and inconsistency of the international regulatory framework relevant to invasive alien species.
4. In decision BS-V/6 adopted by the fifth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Parties requested the Executive Secretary of the CBD to continue participating in the relevant meetings of the international standard-setting organizations referred to in decision BS-II/6 (which includes the IPPC) and to maintain cooperation with organizations involved in packaging and transport rules and standards.
5. This report contains an overview of collaborative activities between the Secretariats of the IPPC and the CBD between February 2011 and February 2012 in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, particularly with regards to Target 9 of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and other relevant decisions on invasive alien species and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Section II summarizes the activities of the two Secretariats on Invasive Alien Species. Section III provides a summary of relevant activities under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

### II. COLLABORATION ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

6. The second meeting of the Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species (LG-IAS)<sup>1</sup> took place at the headquarters of the World Trade Organization, Geneva, from 14 to 15 February 2011. In addition to the CBD and IPPC, the following Secretariats also took part in the meeting: World Trade Organization and Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), World Organization for Animal Health (OIE); Committee on Fisheries of the Food and Agriculture Organization (COFI-FAO), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), Global Invasive Species

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<sup>1</sup> Meeting report is available at <http://www.cbd.int/invasive/doc/iaslg-02-03-en.pdf>

Programme (GISP), International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

7. At the meeting above, the participants were informed that the STDF would be hiring consultants to prepare documents to be presented at the SPS/ STDF/ IPPC/OIE Seminar on invasive alien species planned for 2012. The draft document is under preparation to date.
8. In accordance with decision X/38, the Executive Secretary convened an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) meeting on addressing the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live baits and live food in Geneva, Switzerland from 16 to 18 February 2011 and invited the Secretariat of IPPC and other relevant international organizations to this meeting. The outcome of the AHTEG meeting was brought to the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its fifteenth meeting. The SBSTTA recommended further work to complete the tasks with the AHTEG and the relevant stakeholders and international organizations, including the IPPC for consideration by the Subsidiary Body prior to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.<sup>2</sup>
9. Taking into account the outcomes of the meetings mentioned in paragraph 7 and 8 above, the Secretariat of the CBD prepared a draft guidebook for CBD Parties, “Considerations for Implementing International Standards and Codes of Conduct in National Invasive Species Strategies and Plans” in 2011, and invited the Secretariat of the IPPC to provide information on application of ISPMs to minimize the risks associated with introduction of alien species to the health of plants, including risk assessment of introduction of live species that may become pest of plants. This activity will continue in 2012 to include the relevant ISPMs to be included final version of the guidebook.
10. The Secretariat of the CBD updated its web site to share the information on International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) relevant to addressing invasive alien species (<http://www.cbd.int/invasive/tools.shtml>).
11. In response to the invitation from the Secretariat of IPPC in 2011, the Secretariat of the CBD has served as a member of the expert working group that is drafting an international standard for phytosanitary measures on “Minimizing pest movement by sea containers and conveyances in international trade” to exchange information relevant to invasive alien species.

### **III. COLLABORATION ON THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL BIOSAFETY**

12. In the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the CBD Secretariat continued cooperation with the IPPC Secretariat under the guidance of decisions BS-II/6 and V/6 adopted by the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol at their second and fifth meetings respectively.
13. The CBD Secretariat contributed information relevant to living modified organisms and the Biosafety Protocol to the expert working group for the development of a standard for minimizing pest movement by sea containers and conveyances in international trade.
14. A representative of the CBD Secretariat participated in the Open ended workshop on the International Movement of Grain convened in Vancouver from 6 to 8 November 2011.
15. In 2011, the Secretariat also published the first issue of the Biosafety Technical Series. The publication concerns “Standards for Shipments of Living Modified Organisms: Outcomes of an Online Forum” and it summarizes the discussions from an Online Forum on Standards for Shipments of Living Modified Organisms as well as information on standards and the activities of standard-setting bodies relevant to the handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms. The Online Forum was convened through the Biosafety Clearing-House and the IPPC Secretariat participated as an expert in the discussions. The publication is available online at: [http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_technicalseries.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_technicalseries.shtml).

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.cbd.int/doc/recommendations/sbstta-15/sbstta-15-rec-04-en.pdf>.