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# REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TO THE NINTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

## INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to decisions IX/4 A, X/38 and XI/28 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on invasive alien species, the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, continued its task as set out in these decisions on facilitating the devising and implementation of national measures on preventing and controlling the introduction of alien species with the aim of achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 on invasive alien species.
2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP), in its decision BS-V/8, invited the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to collaborate with the CBD Secretariat in the development of an explanatory document on the terminology of the Protocol in relation to the glossary of phytosanitary terms adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures. At its sixth meeting, the COP-MOP, in decision BS-VI/6, welcomed the cooperation with the IPPC on matters relevant to biosafety.
3. The Secretariats of the IPPC and the CBD met from 16 to 17 September 2013 in Montreal, Canada, and exchanged information on the respective strategic plans and on relevant capacity-building activities. The Secretariats also discussed possible areas of cooperation and revised the joint work programme.
4. This report provides an overview of collaborative activities between the Secretariats of the IPPC and the CBD conducted since the Eighth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures.

## COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TWO SECRETARIATS

### A. *Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species*

5. The Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species met twice during the reporting period. The fourth meeting of the Liaison Group was held at the offices of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy, from 28 February to 1 March 2013; the report is accessible at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ais/iaslg-04/official/iaslg-04-report-en.pdf>
6. The meeting updated the Terms of Reference and *Modus Operandi* for the Liaison Group to facilitate cooperation among relevant organizations to support measures to prevent the introduction and promote the mitigation of the impacts of invasive alien species. As a contribution to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species, the Liaison Group agreed on collaborative work in the following areas:
  - (a) To address the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework for the prevention, control and eradication of invasive alien species;
  - (b) To promote inter-sectoral cooperation and capacity-development activities for the prevention, control and mitigation of invasive alien species;
  - (c) To raise awareness across multiple sectors on the impacts of invasive alien species and on best practices for addressing the issue;
  - (d) To promote cooperation, particularly at the national level, through each organization's national and regional focal points or the equivalents;
  - (e) To promote cooperation in the gathering, access and use of relevant and reliable information.

7. At its fifth meeting, hosted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and CAB International (CABI) in Nairobi, Kenya, from 13 to 15 January 2014, the Inter-agency Liaison Group reviewed the progress on addressing gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework relevant to invasive alien species. The report of the meeting is being made available at <http://www.cbd.int/invasive/lg>.

### ***B. Capacity-building activities***

8. The following regional capacity building workshops were organized by the CBD Secretariat to assist Parties in making progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity:

(a) Arab region: 11 - 14 February 2013, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the IPPC, CABI and United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). The report of this workshop is accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ais/wscbias-ar-01/official/wscbias-ar-01-02-en.doc>;

(b) West and Central Africa: 4 - 7 March 2013, Dakar, Senegal and the information documents are accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWGTI-WCAFR-01>;

(c) Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia: 9 - 12 December 2013, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina in collaboration with the IPPC, the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization, IUCN and UNEP. The information documents are accessible at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWIAS-CEECAIS-01>.

9. The Secretariat of the CBD, in collaboration with invasive alien species database providers, initiated activities on the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership to make invasive alien species occurrence information accessible to Parties in their efforts towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 9. A report containing an overview of the implementation progress is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-17/information/sbstta-17-inf-11-en.pdf>.

### ***C. Meeting of the IPPC and the Secretariat of the CBD***

10. The joint secretariats meeting of the IPPC and the CBD was held at the Secretariat of the CBD in Montreal, Canada from 16 to 17 September 2013. Both Secretariats shared information on newly approved strategies and developments under each of the Conventions and updated the joint programme of work of the two Secretariats with the aim of identifying possible joint activities within the next two years, taking into account the timings of statutory meetings to be held in 2014 and the first quarter of 2015 (CPM9, SBSTTA18, WGRI5, COP12 and CPM10). Further discussions will be held to finalize the updated joint work plan. The following joint activities are under consideration:

- (a) To co-organize regional-level cooperation on surveillance and environmental monitoring of plant pests, invasive alien species and living modified organisms;
- (b) To increase mutual participation in relevant workshops and training courses, including through consultation in the early stages of planning;
- (c) To collaborate in the development of an explanatory document on the terminology of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in relation to the glossary of phytosanitary terms (ISPM No. 5);
- (d) To consult each other in the development of capacity-building materials;
- (e) To exchange contact information of experts in particular fields of expertise;
- (f) To share experiences and lessons learnt concerning the organization of meetings;
- (g) To promote the joint work plan of the secretariats by increasing its visibility in the respective websites;

- (h) To cooperate, as appropriate, to achieve the goals and objectives of the IPPC Strategic Framework, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (with focus on Aichi Biodiversity Target 9), and the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020.

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