

Context, Issues and Outputs of the
Consultative Process Towards An
International Mechanism of
Scientific Expertise on
Biodiversity
(IMoSEB)

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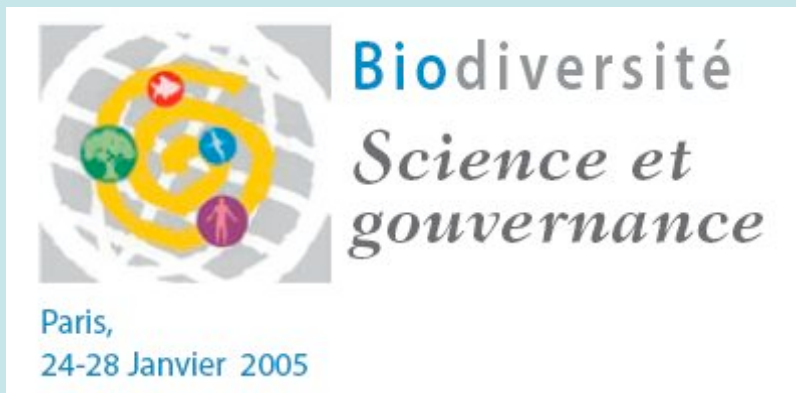
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Biodiversity : What is the state ?

- Knowledge: Biodiversity loss is lead and will lead to significant threats on human well-being
- Public Opinion: Biodiversity is often considered as a side issue
- Action: Efforts to reverse the trends on biodiversity loss are still too weak or non-efficient
- Scientific Governance: The international scientific community is dispersed and is not enough involved in the decision-making process

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS TOWARDS AN IMoSEB

Towards a International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity



- Call for the establishment of an IMoSEB (conference “Biodiversity: Science and Governance”, supported by President Jacques Chirac)
- Launch of a consultative process to assess the need, scope and possible forms of an IMoSEB

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Review of Implementation of the Convention Biological Diversity (Montréal, November 2005)



*... Take note of the outcome of the Conference “Biodiversity :
Science and Governance” ... and invite the Executive
Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to report
on progress to the Conference of Parties at its eighth meeting*

Goal: assess the need, scope, and possible forms of an IMoSEB

- No «French project» pre-established
- Time and means for the consultative process
- Exploratory Process:
 - Wide consultation and multi Stakeholders parties
 - pluridisciplinarity
 - Politic and Media Coverage
 - Real added-value
 - Based on current and existing activities
- Strengthen CDB-SBBSTA and biodiversity science in international conventions
- Required elements :
 - Intergovernmental component
 - Independence
 - Competence
 - Representativeness (opinions, disciplines, regions)
 - Peer review
 - Transparency
 - Policy relevance

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Paris, June 2005



Oaxaca, November 2005



Montréal, December 2005



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First International Steering Committee Paris, MNHN; February 21-22, 2006



- Official Launch of the consultative process:
 - Focus on the first steps, mainly on the expectations, capacities and needs in term of scientific expertise.
- Main Outputs expected:
 - Executive Committee
 - Plan of Action / **Work plan**
 - Consultation methods/rules
 - Scheme and recommendations for an IMoSEB



International Steering Committee members

- **Scientists:** Gaston Achoudong, Carlo Heip, Leonard Hirsch, Yvon Le Maho, Michel Loreau, Keping Ma, Georgina Mace, Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, Charles Perrings, Peter Raven, José Sarukhan, Robert Scholes, Arkady Tishkov, Jacques Weber.
- **Governments representatives:** Austria, Canada, China, Costa-Rica, France, Gabon, Germany, India, Italy, Jamaica, South Korea, Madagascar, Morocco, Namibia, New-Zealand, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, UK, USA.
- **International or Intergovernmental organizations, United Nations Specialized agencies, International Conventions, NGOs, Research Initiatives..:** CITES, CMS, Conservation International, DIVERSITAS, EPBRS, European Commission - DG Research, EEA, FAO, GBIF, Greenpeace, ICES – CIEM, ICSU, IPGRI, IUCN, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Ramsar Convention, Swedish National Research Council on Biological Diversity, Swiss Biodiversity Forum, The Nature Conservancy, UNCBD, UNCBD -SBSTTA, UNCCD, UNEP - DEWA, UNEP - WCMC, UNESCO, UNU - IAS, World Bank, WWF.

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ISC Statement and recommendations

- Actual situation is not sufficient
- Biodiversity Management should be enhanced at multiple levels (national, global)
- The consultation should define the need
- The consultation should assess what has been done in terms of delivery of scientific expertise to decision makers and evaluate the effectiveness of existing mechanisms that channel available information -both science and non science based- to decision-makers (IPCC, MA, ...)
- A new mechanism could be proposed by the ISC at the end of the consultation.

Executive Committee Members

- θ Co-chairs ; **Alfred Oteng-Yeboah** (Ghana) / **Michel Loreau** (Canada)
- θ Actuals Members: **Ivar Baste** (Norway), **Martha Chouchena-Rojas** (Switzerland), **Christine Dawson** (USA), **Horst Korn** (Germany), **Keping Ma** (China), **Georgina Mace** (UK), **Martha Mapangou** (Gabon), **Charles Perrings** (USA), **Peter Raven** (USA), **José Sarukhan** (Mexico), **Robert Watson** (USA), **Jacques Weber** (France).



Plan of action

- First step: March-October 2006:
 - Small Consultation (March-October):
 - Concept Note based on the needs and gaps mainly in term of information transfer - International consultation involving key persons and institutions + information (events, website)
 - Surveys (April-October):
 - Map out the decision making landscape affecting biodiversity;
 - Analyse existing models in term of expertise and transfer to decision-makers (case studies) ;
 - Analyse, using case studies, successes and failures, linked with expertise, to preserve biodiversity

Plan of action

- November 2006: Second Executive Committee:
 - Analyze of results of studies
 - Plan of a wider consultation (on the needs and options)
- January-April 2007: wider consultation, regional consultation
- June 2007: Second International Steering Committee meeting

Diplomatic and Financial supports

Next meetings

- Side-event and work on progress at CDB-Cop8 Curitiba, Brésil
- Presentation in several scientific conferences worldwide (Hungary, Cameroon,...)
- ...