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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON REFLECTING THE
GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT
CONSERVATION IN NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY
STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS
Singapore, 4 to 8 March 2013

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Through [decision X/17](#), the Conference of the Parties decided to adopt the consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including the outcome-oriented global targets for the period 2011-2020, and to pursue the implementation of the Strategy as part of the broader framework of the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#). In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other Governments to, *inter alia*, develop or update national and, regional targets as appropriate, and, where appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to align the further implementation of the Strategy with national and/or regional efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
2. In paragraph 15 of [decision XI/26](#), the Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to assist Parties in establishing linkages between the monitoring of national implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the review and revision of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including by inviting relevant experts to regional and subregional capacity-building workshops on national biodiversity strategies and action plans where possible.
3. In light of these provisions, and with the generous support from the Government of Japan, the Secretariat, in collaboration with [Botanic Gardens Conservation International](#) and [Singapore Botanic Gardens](#) is organizing a workshop to consider the need for, and approaches towards, reflecting national plant conservation targets in national biodiversity strategies and action plans as these are being updated in accordance with [decision X/2](#).
4. Participants at the workshop mainly comprise national focal points for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and those involved in implementation of the Global Strategy at the national level. Other participants are involved in the development, updating and/or implementation of their national biodiversity strategy and action plan. As such, participants are expected to be in a position to translate the experiences from the workshop into concrete actions in support of integrating the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and ensuring that plant conservation activities are included in biodiversity monitoring and reporting activities.
5. The emphasis of the workshop will be on the exchange of information and experiences, and building regional level partnership for continuous information sharing and capacity-building in pursuit of the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. With this in mind, the workshop format features a mix of presentations with question and answer sessions, interactive group exercises and discussions in break-out groups. A field visit will be also organized illustrating plant conservation issues within the local context in Singapore.

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6. The Secretariat will be issuing an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, accommodation and other matters for the meeting. The workshop will be held in English.

7. Registration will commence at 8.45am on Monday, 4 March 2013 at Singapore Botanic Gardens where the workshop will be held. The proposed organization of work is attached in the annex.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

8. A representative of the Government of Singapore will open the workshop at 9.00 am on Monday, 4 March 2013. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will deliver a message.

ITEM 2. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

9. Under this agenda item, an overview of progress in implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at the global level will be provided as an introduction and to provide context for the workshop. Participants will be invited to provide presentations summarizing progress at the national level towards achieving the national plant conservation targets. The aim will be to develop a matrix of progress by country and target. An output of this session will be a regional overview of progress with the main gaps in implementation identified. During their presentations, participants may wish to focus on the following elements:

(a) Progress against each of the 16 targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (<http://www.cbd.int/gspc/targets.shtml>);

(b) Major constraints to progress and capacity needs;

(c) Linkages between national implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and updating and implementation of [national biodiversity strategies and action plans](#);

(d) Data and indicators for monitoring and reporting progress.

ITEM 3. REFLECTION OF PLANT CONSERVATION TARGETS IN NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

10. In paragraph 6 of decision X/17, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other Governments to develop or update national and, regional targets as appropriate, and, where appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to align the further implementation of the Strategy with national and/or regional efforts to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Most of the [national biodiversity strategies and action plans developed since the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#) do not make specific reference to plant conservation.

11. The agenda item will be introduced by a presentation that describes the existing progress in updating NBSAPs in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Participants will then have the opportunity to discuss challenges and barriers to the incorporation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation targets into national biodiversity strategies and action plans with examples from countries that have recently updated their strategies.

12. Under this agenda item the identification of key stakeholders in implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and reflections on the correspondence between its targets and the Aichi Biodiversity targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Countries that have developed specific responses to the GSPC will be invited to discuss how these strategies relate to their country's NBSAP.

ITEM 4. MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

13. In paragraph 6 of [decision XI/26](#) the Conference of the Parties agreed that monitoring the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including the use of indicators, should be seen in the broader context of, and linked to, the monitoring, review and evaluation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and noted in this context the relevance of the indicator framework for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets agreed through [decision XI/3](#).

14. This agenda item will be introduced by a presentation on the present status of development of biodiversity indicators with information provided on where it is thought possible to disaggregate these for monitoring progress towards the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation targets. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss and exchange information on national-level indicators for plant conservation and explore opportunities for the use of such indicators at the regional level.

ITEM 5. REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

15. In [decision X/10](#) the Conference of the Parties decided that all Parties should submit their fifth national report by 31 March 2014. Accordingly, this agenda item relates to national reporting requirements for the [fifth national report](#) to the Convention on Biological Diversity and will include an overview of the process and discussion on how to ensure that plant information is appropriately included in such reports.

ITEM 6. TOOLKIT FOR THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

16. In 2010, Botanic Gardens Conservation International was contracted by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to develop an online toolkit to support national, subregional and regional implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. The [complete version of the toolkit](#) in all six official languages of the United Nations was launched at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in October 2012. The toolkit will be demonstrated during this agenda item. Participants will have the opportunity to suggest additional tools and resources to add to the toolkit as well as discuss how the toolkit should be further developed in the future.

ITEM 7. OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTING PLANT CONSERVATION IN THE FOURTH EDITION OF GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK

17. National reports will provide a major input to the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, which in accordance with [decision X/2](#) shall be prepared to provide a mid-term review of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including an analysis of how the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan has contributed to the 2015 targets of the Millennium Development Goals. Under this item, the status of preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook will be introduced, with information provided on the plan, timelines, oversight mechanisms, and content as well as information needs related to plants. The meeting may wish to discuss data and case-studies that could be offered as a possible contribution to Global Biodiversity Outlook.

ITEM 8. CONCLUSION

18. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt main conclusions arising from the workshop.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

19. The workshop is expected to close at 4 p.m. on Friday, 8 March, 2013.

*Annex***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

Monday 4 March		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1	Opening of the meeting: Welcome: Singapore Botanic gardens; CBD Secretariat, BGCI. Participant introductions. Objectives of the meeting (SCBD/BGCI) Expectations of participants
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.		<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	2	Progress in implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation Overview of progress to date at global level General discussion
12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.		<i>Lunch</i>
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	2	Presentations from participants (Update on progress in implementation of GSPC at national level)
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.		<i>Coffee break</i>
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	2	Presentations from participants (<i>contd.</i>)
Tuesday 5 March		
8 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.		Full day field trip
Wednesday 6 March		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	4	Monitoring implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation Overview of Aichi Biodiversity Targets and biodiversity indicators – and linkages between these and the GSPC targets Discussion
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.		<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	4	Group exercises on relevance of indicators for measuring GSPC target progress
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.		<i>Lunch</i>
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	4	Group exercises on stakeholders relevant to GSPC implementation, forging cross-sectoral linkages and identifying relevant sources of data for monitoring progress
3.30- 4 p.m.		<i>Coffee break</i>
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	6	Introduction to the GSPC toolkit (BGCI) Discussion on the toolkit
Thursday 7 March		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	3	Reflection of plant conservation targets in national biodiversity strategies and action plans Discussion
10.30 a.m.- 11 a.m.		<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3	Group exercises on reviewing implementation of NBSAPs and incorporating national GSPC targets
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.		<i>Lunch</i>

2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	3	Group exercises on reviewing implementation of NBSAPs and incorporating national GSPC targets
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.		<i>Coffee break</i>
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	3	Report back on group exercises
Friday 8 March		
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	5	Reporting on implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation -5th National Reports – overview of process and discussion on how to include plant information
10.30 a.m.– 11 a.m.		<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7	Opportunities for reflecting plant conservation in the fourth edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook. Introduction of plan, timelines, oversight mechanisms, and content as well as information needs related to plants Discussion on GBO-4
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.		<i>Lunch</i>
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.	8	Workshop conclusions
4 p.m.	9	Closure of workshop