



# BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN FOR PAKISTAN

#### AN OVERVIEW OF BAP

#### GOAL

To promote the conservation and sustainable use of Pakistan's biodiversity, and the equitable sharing of benefits arising thereof, for the well-being and security of the nation.

#### AN OVERVIEW ....

#### **BROAD AIMS**

- to create a policy framework that fosters the sustainable use of biological resources and the maintenance of biodiversity;
- to strengthen and promote national biodiversity conservation programmes and develop international and regional cooperation;
- to create conditions and incentives for biodiversity conservation at the local community level;
- to strengthen and apply more broadly the tools and technologies for conserving biodiversity; and
- to strengthen human knowledge, will and capacity to conserve biodiversity.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Objective 1: Adopt appropriate policies and plans promoting conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and integrating biodiversity conservation measures into sectoral plans and programmes

Objective 2: Develop an effective legal framework for the implementation of the CBD and related conventions

Objective 3: Enhance the enforcement of biodiversity-related laws

Objective 4: Expand and improve the information base on the biodiversity of Pakistan

Objective 5: Develop and institutionalize systems to monitor key elements of biodiversity

Objective 6: Strengthen the protected areas system in Pakistan and its contribution to biodiversity conservation

**Objective 7:** Conserve biodiversity outside protected areas

Objective 8: Strengthen ex-situ programmes and their contribution to biodiversity conservation

Objective 9: Develop a policy and legal framework to encourage sustainable use of biological resources

- Objective 10: Establish, monitor and regulate sustainable use limits of selected biological resources
- Objective 11: Protect and encourage community-based biodiversity management systems
- Objective 12: Develop mechanisms to incorporate biodiversity values into national accounting and decision-making at different levels
- Objective 13: Strengthen inter-sectoral and federal/provincial coordination in biodiversity conservation and management

Objective 14: Create an integrated system of incentives and disincentives at the national and local level to encourage the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity

Objective 15: Identify 'perverse' incentives and minimize their impacts on biodiversity

Objective 16: Strengthen research on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, particularly indigenous species under threat

- Objective 17: Strengthen human capacity in biodiversity conservation and management
- Objective 18: Develop a comprehensive strategy for public education and awareness
- Objective 19: Use the formal education system to Increase awareness about biodiversity and the need for its conservation
- Objective 20: Use informal channels to increase awareness of biodiversity and the need for its conservation
- Objective 21: Institutionalize and strengthen EIA procedures for projects, programmes and policies

- Objective 22: Develop policies and laws to regulate access to genetic resources and promote the equitable sharing of benefits between resource owners and users
- Objective 23: Strengthen information management systems on the biodiversity of Pakistan
- Objective 24: Develop national funding mechanisms to support priority biodiversity conservation and management programmes
- Objective 25: Seek increased bilateral and multilateral funding for biodiversity programmes

- POLICY & LEGISLATION
  - > NATIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY 1992
  - > NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY 2005
  - > NATIONAL FOREST POLICY 2008
  - > NATIONAL VISION 2030 ON FOREST BIODIVESITY CONSERVATION
  - > NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ACT DRAFTED
  - > LEGISLATION REGARDING ACCESS TO BIODIVERSITY & BENEFIT SHARING DRAFTED
  - > REVISED FOREST & WILDLIFE LAWS
  - > CITES LAW DRAFTED
  - > BAN ON COMMERCIAL LOGGING

- IN-SITU & EX-SITU CONSERVATION
  - ➤ Programme for Mountain Areas Conservation (PMAC)
  - ▶ Protected Areas Management Project (PAMP)
  - ➤ Sustainable Land Management Project (SLMP)
  - ▶ Pakistan Wetlands Programme
  - ➤ Torghar Conservation Programme
  - ➤ Species/Habitat Project in Balochistan
  - >Indus for All

- SUSTAINABLE USE, INCENTIVES
  - ➤ Trophy Hunting from community based conservation areas
  - ➤ Alternate livelihoods around biodiversity hotspots
  - > Conservation funds
    - Mountain Areas Conservancy Fund (MACF)
    - Fund for Protected Areas (FPA)

- AWARENESS, EDUCATION, PARTICIPATION
  - ➤ Regular Campaigns, walks, competitions, biodiversity day
  - ➤ 2009 being celebrated as Year of Environment
  - ➤ Participatory planning, monitoring and decision making in Protected Areas
  - ➤ Community Based Conservation Initiatives

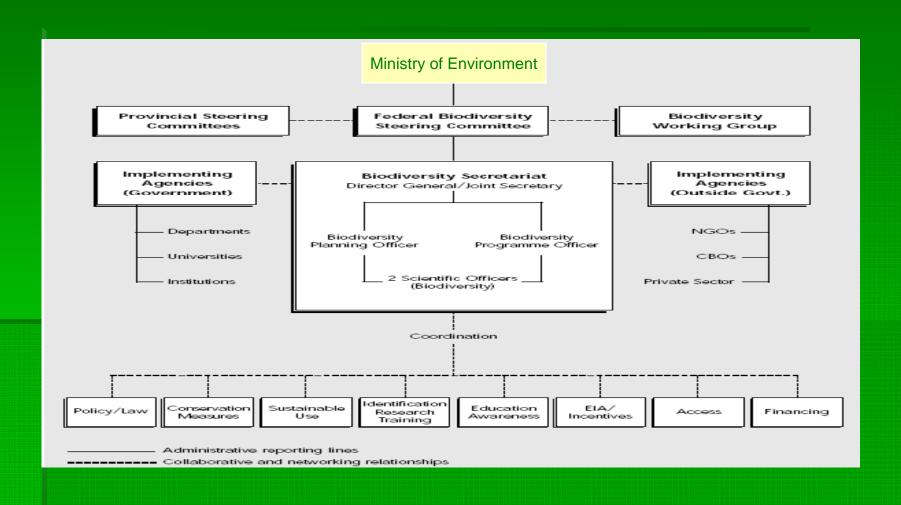
- BASELINES, RESEARCH & MONITORING
  - ➤ Baselines for key species established in some of Protected Areas
  - ➤ Isolated research on species and ecosystem biodiversity in various conservation projects
    - Torghar Conservation Programme
    - Palas Conservation & Development Project
    - Indus for All Programme
  - Capacity of national institutions being enhanced on use of RS/GIS based monitoring

- INFORMATION EXCHANGE,
   COOPERATION
  - >Communications, project reports
  - >ECO Working Group on Biodiversity
  - ➤ Regional Programmes in progress with ICIMOD

- FINANCIAL RESOURCES
  - ➤US \$ 150 m allocated in Mid-Term

    Development Framework (2005-2010)
  - ➤US \$ 200 m Forestry Sector Mega Projects
  - ➤ On going GEF-Funded Projects GEF RAF-4
  - ➤ Bilateral Support

# BAP IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM



# FEDERAL BAP STEERING COMMITTEE

- Chair Federal Minister for Environment
- Secretary, Ministry of Environment (MoE)
- Inspector General of Forests, MoE
- Director General Environment, MoE
- Representative Kashmir Affairs & Northern Areas Division
- Representatives of Provincial Biodiversity Committees (Punjab, Sindh, NWFP, Balochistan, AJK & Northern Areas)
- Representative Ministry of Food, Agriculture & Livestock
- Representative Pakistan Agricultural Research Council
- Representative Ministry of Finance
- Representative Ministry of Defense
- Representative Planning & Development Division
- Representative National Biosafety Committee
- Representatives (Two) Biodiversity Working Group
- Member Planning Commission
- Director General Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency
- Director General Pakistan Museum of Natural History
- Country Representative IUCN-Pakistan
- Director General WWF-Pakistan
- CEO, Sustainable Development Policy Institute
- Two Representatives from Private Sector

### REVIEW & REVISION OF BAP

- In house review of BAP conducted in 2007 recommended to rebuild BAP on established baselines incorporating Post-BAP developments
- Revision shall be in line with CBD PoWs and guidelines
- Shall base upon renewed national priorities and regional agendas
- Shall be based on flexible approach with stress on devolution of ownership and responsibilities
- Shall address anthropogenic as well as natural threats to biodiversity
- Revision shall be taken up after submission of fourth national report