UK contribution
to a Sample
4th CBD national report

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CBD Fourth National Report

- **Fourth National Reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity are due to be submitted in March 2009.**

- **National Reports will contribute to the third Global Biodiversity Outlook, including:**
  - **an assessment of progress towards the 2010 target,**
  - **drawing upon an analysis of the current status and trends in biodiversity**
  - **actions taken to implement the Convention at the national level,**
  - **as well as to consider what further efforts are needed.**
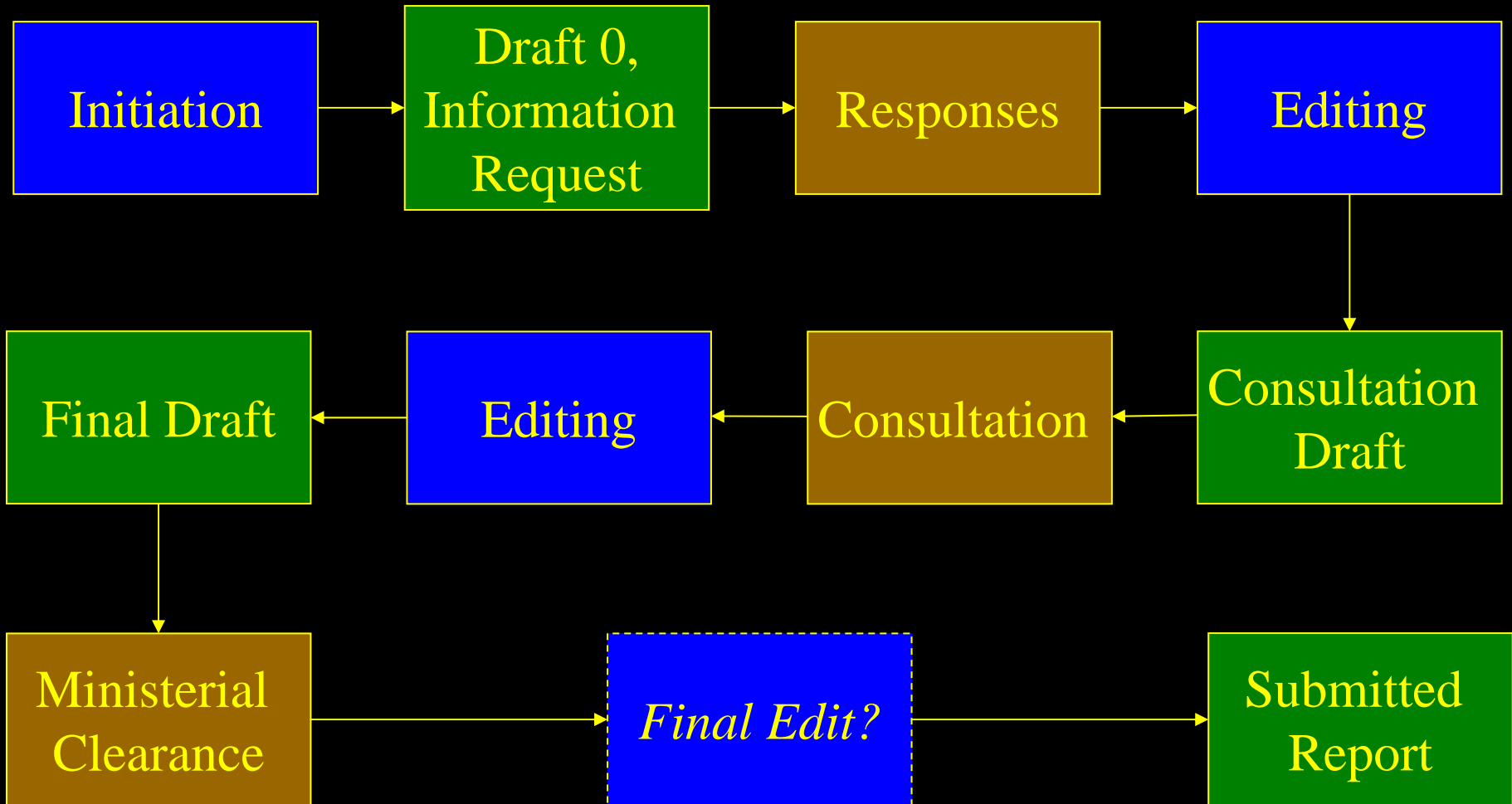
Fourth National Report Guidelines

New guidelines were prepared according to recommendations by the first meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI), endorsed by COP 8 Decision VIII/14.

Each National Report will be composed of four main chapters:

- Chapter I – Overview of Biodiversity Status, Trends and Threats

- Chapter II – Current Status of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

- Chapter III – Sectoral and Cross-sectoral Integration or Mainstreaming of Biodiversity Considerations

- Chapter IV – Conclusions: Progress Towards the 2010 Target and Implementation of the Strategic Plan

A generic, project based, process for reporting

Initiation → Draft 0, Information Request → Responses → Editing

Consultation Draft ← Consultation ← Editing ← Final Draft

Final Draft → Ministerial Clearance → *Final Edit?* → Submitted Report

Information available

- National Biodiversity Network (UK GBIF node)

  www.searchnbn.net

- Clearing House Mechanism   www.chm.org.uk

- UK BAP – online reporting (BARS)

  http://www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk/

- Nature Barometer   http://www.jncc.gov.uk/barometer

- Conservation Status assessments

  www.jncc.gov.uk/article17

- UK 2010 biodiversity indicators   www.jncc.gov.uk/biyp

COP Decision VIII/14 asked the Secretariat to provide a 'sample' Fourth National Report for use by Parties in preparing their own reports.

UK and Czech Republic both volunteered to prepare a sample for Chapter IV,

South Africa agreed to do Chapter I,

Australia to do Chapter II, and

Finland Chapter III

A collated Report is currently being reviewed and will be available before CoP9

Chapter IV has three sections

N.B. UK has not produced its final report yet – we've indicated how we will do it. The report is due end March 2009.

Section A. Progress towards the 2010 Target:
Parties are requested to assess progress towards the 2010 target at the national level, using the CBD framework of global goals and targets.

UK has mapped its 18 headline biodiversity indicators to the framework, added reference to relevant national targets and set the context of the UK contribution to the global targets.

Section B. Progress towards the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Convention:

Parties are requested to assess progress in meeting, or contributing to, the relevant goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan.

UK proposes to provide a summary text description for each objective drawing on existing UK and country (sub-national) level reports (e.g. BARS) and indicators.

Section C. Conclusions:

Parties are asked to provide an overall assessment of whether implementation of the Convention has had an impact on improving conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Suggestions for actions that need to be taken at the regional and global levels to further enhance implementation of the Convention at the national level, including:

- refining existing programmes of work or developing new ones to address emerging issues;

- suggesting goals and objectives that may be included in the future strategic Plan of the Convention; and

- identifying mechanisms that need to be established at various levels.

Continuing work required

- Making reports <u>more</u> outcome based

- Reducing the reporting burden

- Tackling timing / synchrony

- Improving co-ordination of EU / CBD reporting

- Integrating information into assessments
  - Making better use of what we already have
  - Interpreting trends

- Using more data and less text
  - indicators