

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOP FOR PACIFIC REGION
ON NBSAP, MAINSTREAMING OF
BIODIVERSITY AND
INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE
CHANGE.

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Development of Samoa's NBSAP

- Initiated in participation at Earth Summit on Environment & Development in 1992.
- Samoa ratified CBD in April 1993.
- Formulated during a two year project (March 1999 – May 2001).
- Formation of a multi-sectoral Steering Committee of both Government and Non-government organisations.
- Recruitment of 2 international consultants.

NBSAP Development...cont'd

- Formation of 5 Technical Groups.
- Stakeholder Consultations – 16 workshops.
- Review and Finalise NBSAP drafts.
- Translation.
- Submission to Cabinet for approval.
- Implementation of Public Awareness Programmes
- Approval by Cabinet
- Official Launching during World Biodiversity Day Commemoration May 2001.

Main Features

- Provisions for CBD is set as 42 Articles
- Samoa's NBSAP is set out in 18 Articles.
- Vision:

“Samoa's biological & genetic resources are protected, conserved & sustainably managed so that they will continue to flourish & regenerate for present & future generations.”

- 8 Guiding Principles.
- 9 Goals.

Guiding Principles

- Samoa's Sovereign Right
- Good Governance & Leadership
- Collective Responsibility
- Stakeholder Participation
- Traditional Knowledge, Practices & Innovations
- In situ & Ex situ Conservation
- Public Awareness & Capacity Building
- Respect for Biodiversity

Goals

- Policies & Legislation
- Community Involvement
- Co-operation & Coordination
- Public Awareness
- Capacity Building
- Protection of Genetic Resources
- Prevention, Control & Eradication
- Social and Economic Development
- Education

NBSAP Themes

- Theme 1: **Mainstreaming Biodiversity**
- Theme 2: **Ecosystem Management**
- Theme 3: **Species Management**
- Theme 4: **Community**
- Theme 5: **Access & Benefit Sharing**
- Theme 6: **Biosecurity**
- Theme 7: **Agrobiodiversity**
- Theme 8: **Financial Resources & Mechanisms**

Implementation

- MNRE is the main implementing agency.
- NBSAP is where various plans of actions for MNRE are based on.
- Involvement of various relevant stakeholders: Government ministries, NGOs, Regional and Global environment organisations and community level.
- DEC is leading in Biodiversity activities.
- Other activities are integrated into other Divisions Management Plans for implementation.

- Integration of Biodiversity issues into SDS.
 - *Goal 7: Environment Sustainability & Disaster Risk Management.*
- Review and Upgrading legislations, regulations and policies.
- Conduction of various consultation workshops involving the community level.
- Conduction of various meetings with GOs and NGOs involvement in different committees.
- NBSAP is not well mainstreamed into other Ministries' Corporate Plans...an executive issue.

Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS) 2008-2012.

- Samoa is well advanced in achieving 8 MDGs.
- SDS goal 7 reflects Environment Sustainability and Disaster Risk Magt.
- Acknowledge the Guiding principles provided by NBSAP regarding Biodiversity.
- Issues addressed to ensure sustainable development: Chemical contamination, Forest degradation, Solid waste mgt, Renewable Energy, Natural Disasters and Climate change.

Bills Mainstreaming NBSAP

1. Forestry Management Bill 2009
2. Natural Resources Management Bill 2009
3. Biological Diversity Protection Bill 2009.
4. Waste Management Bill 2009
5. Water Resources Bill 2009

Main Issues is the emphasizing of the obligations for Samoa concerning the CBD and the Cartagena Protocol.

Integration of mitigation to Climate Change Impacts.

Climate Change Integration

- Mentioned as one of the reason for developing of the NBSAP but not integrated into it.
- Climate change and it's mitigations is implemented by the Climate change section of the Meteorology Division.
- Endorsement of NAPA which integrate various sectors in implementation.
- Meteorology Division also house the Disaster Management Section.

Status of Implementation

- On-going programs catering for core strategies.
 - Policies and Legislation review and update
 - Community involvement in various community based project.
 - Co-operation of appropriate stakeholders.
 - Ecosystem management with additional 3 new NPs, increasing number of MPAs and maintaining of community conservation areas.
 - 3 year project on enhancing capacity for mgt of NPs and Reserves.

- Enforcing Bioprospecting policy.
- Biosafety surveys and updating of BCH node.
- Finalising and approval of NISAP.
- Monitoring of both Terrestrial and Marine resources.
- EIA through enforcement of PUMA Act 2004.
- Maintaining catchments and extension of catchments conservation and rehabilitation.

NBSAP Review

- The only review of NBSAP since its launching in 2001 was in 2007 by SPREP.
- Updating of NBSAP is much needed and will be implemented through multi-sectoral consultation.
- This will pave the way for integrating of Climate Change Impacts and Mitigation into NBSAP.

Conclusion

- NBSAP mainstreaming is not extensive...a challenge.
- Integration of some Principles and Goals into other sector's Management Plans
- Climate change yet to be integrated but activities are implemented through other sectors.
- Review only in 2007
- From review, multi sectoral consultations to update & integrate Climate Change into NBSAP.

Thank you for your attention.

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