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#### **I. Include Agencies/ Institutions**

- Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning: Office for Environment , and Project Office for the National Strategy and Action Plan for Biodiversity Development/Core team

#### **II. Reports/ Publications**

- National Report of Status of Conservation of Biological Diversity in Protected Areas of the Republic of Macedonia (Authors: Nastov A, M.A & Dr B.Micevski, University Professor, DBD/AEP/MOEP & MRC/BSPSM, Skopje, 1994), publ.: UNEP/ROE, Geneva, Switzerland.

- National Report on the Status of Study of biodiversity in the Republic of Macedonia, (Authors: Nastov A, M.Sci. Dr Matevski V, Dr Micevski B, Dr Petkovski S., Anastasovski V, Jordanov S., M.Sci (included in CD-Rom from the Regional Conference 'Biodiversity in Europe', Riga, 2000).

- Country Study of the Status of Biological Diversity in the Republic of Macedonia (First National Report), MoEPP, Skopje, 2003. Authors: Dr Matevski V., University Professor, Dr. Petkovski, Dr. Sreten Andonov, University Professor, Dr. Ljupcho Melovski University Professor, Dr.Svetislav Krstic University Professor as a leading core group, supported by a various groups of experts(This Study is a first step of the process of the preparation of the National Strategy for Biological Diversity and Action Plan, project of Macedonian Government/MOEP & UN/GEF/WB).

- National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP), Chapter 12, 'Conservation of Biological Diversity in Protected Areas', MUPCE, Skopje. pp. 1-76.

- Spatial Plan of the Republic of Macedonia, Sectoral Study'Conservation of the Natural Heritage' MOEPP, Skopje, 2003, pp. 1-220.

- National Strategy and Action Plan of Biological Diversity, MoEPP, 2004.

- National Capacity Self Assessment/three RIO Conventions

- Anastasovski V. (2002): Natural Heritage of the National Park Pelister. Collection of works from the Scientific Symposium "Naucna misla- Bitola 2001" , Society for Science and Arts - Bitola, IV: 75-84.

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- Nastov A. & Anastasovski V. (2002): Environmental Performance Reviews, Chapter.10: Nature and biodiversity management.UN/ECE, New York and Geneva,pp.1:109-118.

- Rolevski D. & Brajanoska R.(2002): Environmental Performance Reviews, Chapter 9: Agriculture and forest management.UN/ECE,New York and Geneva,pp. 1: 95-108.

**The COP has established programmes of work that respond to a number of Articles. Please identify the relative priority accorded to each theme and the adequacy of resources. This will allow subsequent information on implementation of each Article to be put into context. There are other questions on implementation of the programmes of work at the end of these guidelines.**

***Inland water ecosystems***

1. What is the relative priority for implementation of this work programme in your country?	
a) High	x
b) Medium	
c) Low	
c) Not relevant	
2. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?	
a) Good	
b) Adequate	
c) Limiting	x
c) Severely limiting	

***Marine and coastal biological diversity /Lakes***

3. What is the relative priority for implementation of this work programme in your country?	
a) High	x
b) Medium	
c) Low	
c) Not relevant	
4. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?	
a) Good	
b) Adequate	
c) Limiting	x
c) Severely limiting	

***Agricultural biological diversity***

5. What is the relative priority for implementation of this work programme in your country?	
a) High	
b) Medium	x
c) Low	
c) Not relevant	

6. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?	
a) Good	
b) Adequate	
c) Limiting	x
c) Severely limiting	

***Forest biological diversity***

7. What is the relative priority for implementation of this work programme in your country?	
a) High	
b) Medium	x
c) Low	
c) Not relevant	
8. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?	
a) Good	
b) Adequate	
c) Limiting	x
c) Severely limiting	

***Further comments on work programmes and priorities***

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**Article 5 Cooperation**

9. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?							
a) High	x	b) Medium		c) Low			
10. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?							
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x	d) Severely limiting	
11. Is your country actively cooperating with other Parties in respect of areas beyond national jurisdiction for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?							
a) bilateral cooperation (please give details below)						x	
b) international programmes (please give details below)						x	
c) international agreements (please give details below)						x	

**Decision IV/4. Status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and options for conservation and sustainable use**

12. Has your country developed effective cooperation for the sustainable management of transboundary watersheds, catchments, river basins and migratory species through bilateral and multilateral agreements?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent (please give details below)	x
c) yes - significant extent (please give details below)	
d) not applicable	

**Decision IV/15. The relationship of the CBD with the CSD and biodiversity-related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes or relevance**

13. Has your country developed management practices for transboundary protected areas?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent (please give details below)	x
c) yes - significant extent (please give details below)	x
d) not relevant	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

<p>11 a) Signed Agreement for cooperation for protection and sustainable use of Ohrid Lake and its watershed, between the Macedonian Government and the Council of the Ministers of The Republic of Albania. Implemented bilateral Project for protection of Ohrid Lake, financed by GEF through WB.</p> <p>11 b) On going Project activities for Protection of Prespa Lakes, financed by GEF, KfW, Swiss Government.</p> <p>11 c) Existing trilateral Declaration of prime ministers for protection of Prespa Park. Signing of the trilateral Memorandum is on going process</p> <p>12 b) Dojran Lake and Vardar River</p>
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12 c) Ohrid Lake and Prespa Lake

**Article 6 General measures for conservation and sustainable use**

14. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?

a) High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?

a) Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Limiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d) Severely limiting	<input type="checkbox"/>
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16. What is the status of your national biodiversity strategy (6a)?

a) none

b) early stages of development

c) advanced stages of development

d) completed<sub>1</sub>

e) completed and adopted<sub>2</sub>

f) reports on implementation available

17. What is the status of your national biodiversity action plan (6a)?

a) none

b) early stages of development

c) advanced stages of development

d) completed<sub>1</sub>

e) completed and adopted<sub>2</sub>

f) reports on implementation available

18. Do your national strategies and action plans cover all articles of the Convention (6a)?

a) some articles only

b) most articles

b) all articles

19. Do your national strategies and action plans cover integration of other sectoral activities (6b)?

a) no

b) some sectors

c) all major sectors

d) all sectors

1/ Please provide information requested at the end of these guidelines.

**Decision II/7 and Decision III/9 Consideration of Articles 6 and 8**

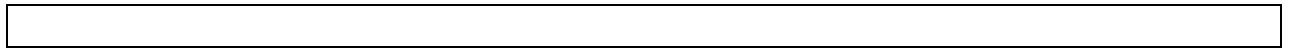
20. Is action being taken to exchange information and share experience on the national action planning process with other Contracting Parties?	
a) little or no action	
b) sharing of strategies, plans and/or case-studies	x
c) regional meetings	x
21. Do all of your country's strategies and action plans include an international cooperation component?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
22. Are your country's strategies and action plans coordinated with those of neighbouring countries?	
a) no	
b) bilateral/multilateral discussions under way	
c) coordinated in some areas/themes	x
d) fully coordinated	
e) not applicable	
23. Has your country set measurable targets within its strategies and action plans?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) programme in place	x
e) reports on implementation available	
<b>If a developing country Party or a Party with economy in transition -</b>	
24. Has your country received support from the financial mechanism for the preparation of its national strategy and action plan?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
If yes, which was the Implementing Agency (UNDP/UNEP/World Bank)?	WB

**Decisions III/21. Relationship of the Convention with the CSD and biodiversity-related conventions**

25. Are the national focal points for the CBD and the competent authorities of the Ramsar Convention, Bonn Convention and CITES cooperating in the implementation of these conventions to avoid duplication?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	x

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 7 Identification and monitoring**

26. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?							
a) High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Low	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?							
a) Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Limiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	d) Severely limiting	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Does your country have an ongoing inventory programme at species level (7a)?							
a) minimal activity					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (only scientific institutions)		
b) for key groups (such as threatened or endemic species) or indicators					<input type="checkbox"/>		
c) for a range of major groups					<input type="checkbox"/>		
d) for a comprehensive range of species					<input type="checkbox"/>		
29. Does your country have an ongoing inventory programme at ecosystem level (7a)?							
a) minimal activity					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (only scientific institutions)		
b) for ecosystems of particular interest only					<input type="checkbox"/>		
c) for major ecosystems					<input type="checkbox"/>		
d) for a comprehensive range of ecosystems					<input type="checkbox"/>		
30. Does your country have an ongoing inventory programme at genetic level (7a)?							
a) minimal activity					<input type="checkbox"/>		
b) minor programme in some sectors					<input type="checkbox"/>		
c) major programme in some sectors					<input type="checkbox"/>		
d) major programme in all relevant sectors					<input type="checkbox"/>		
31. Does your country have ongoing monitoring programmes at species level (7a)?							
a) minimal activity					<input type="checkbox"/>		
b) for key groups (such as threatened or endemic species) or indicators					<input type="checkbox"/>		
c) for a range of major groups					<input type="checkbox"/>		
d) for a comprehensive range of species					<input type="checkbox"/>		
32. Does your country have ongoing monitoring programmes at ecosystem level (7b)?							
a) minimal activity					<input type="checkbox"/>		
b) for ecosystems of particular interest only					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (in a frame of some projects activities)		

c) for major ecosystems	
d) for a comprehensive range of ecosystems	
33. Does your country have ongoing monitoring programmes at genetic level (7b)?	
a) minimal activity	
b) minor programme in some sectors	
c) major programme in some sectors	
d) major programme in all relevant sectors	
34. Has your country identified activities with adverse affects on biodiversity (7c)?	
a) limited understanding	
b) threats well known in some areas, not in others	
c) most threats known, some gaps in knowledge	
d) comprehensive understanding	x
e) reports available	
35. Is your country monitoring these activities and their effects (7c)?	
a) no	x
b) early stages of programme development	
c) advanced stages of programme development	
d) programme in place	
e) reports on implementation available	
36. Does your country coordinate information collection and management at the national level (7d)?	
a) no	
b) early stages of programme development	x
c) advanced stages of programme development	
d) programme in place	
e) reports on implementation available	

**Decision III/10 Identification, monitoring and assessment**

37. Has your country identified national indicators of biodiversity?	
a) no	x
b) assessment of potential indicators underway	
c) indicators identified (if so, please describe below)	
38. Is your country using rapid assessment and remote sensing techniques?	
a) no	x
b) assessing opportunities	
c) yes, to a limited extent	
d) yes, to a major extent	

e) reports on implementation available	
39. Has your country adopted a "step-by-step" approach to implementing Article 7 with initial emphasis on identification of biodiversity components (7a) and activities having adverse effects on them (7c)?	
a) no	x
b) not appropriate to national circumstances	
c) yes	
40. Is your country cooperating with other Contracting Parties on pilot projects to demonstrate the use of assessment and indicator methodologies?	
a) no	x
b) yes (if so give details below)	
41. Has your country prepared any reports of experience with application of assessment methodologies and made these available to other Contracting Parties?	
a) no	x
b) yes	
42. Is your country seeking to make taxonomic information held in its collections more widely available?	
a) no relevant collections	
b) no action	
c) yes (if so, please give details below)	

**Decision IV/1 Report and recommendations of the third meeting of SBSTTA [part]**

43. Has your country carried out a national taxonomic needs assessment, and/or held workshops to determine national taxonomic priorities?	
a) no	
b) early stages of assessment	x
c) advanced stages of assessment	
d) assessment completed	
44. Has your country developed a national taxonomic action plan?	
a) no	x
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) action plan in place	
e) reports on implementation available	
45. Is your country making available appropriate resources to enhance the availability of taxonomic information?	
a) no	
b) yes, but this does not cover all known needs adequately	x
c) yes, covering all known needs	
46. Is your country encouraging bilateral and multilateral training and employment opportunities for taxonomists, particularly those dealing with poorly known organisms?	

a) no	
b) some opportunities	x
c) significant opportunities	
47. Is your country investing on a long-term basis in the development of appropriate infrastructure for your national taxonomic collections?	
a) no	
b) some investment	x
c) significant investment	
48. Is your country encouraging partnerships between taxonomic institutions in developed and developing countries?	
a) no	
b) yes - stated policy	
c) yes - systematic national programme	
49. Has your country adopted any international agreed levels of collection housing?	
a) no	
b) under review	
c) being implemented by some collections	
d) being implemented by all major collections	
50. Has your country provided training programmes in taxonomy?	
a) no	
b) some	x
c) many	
51. Has your country reported on measures adopted to strengthen national capacity in taxonomy, to designate national reference centres, and to make information housed in collections available to countries of origin?	
a) no	x
b) yes - in the previous national report	
c) yes - via the clearing-house mechanism	
d) yes - other means (please give details below)	
52. Has your country taken steps to ensure that institutions responsible for biological diversity inventories and taxonomic activities are financially and administratively stable?	
a) no	
b) under review	
c) yes for some institutions	
d) yes for all major institutions	x (but not sufficient)
53. Has your country assisted taxonomic institutions to establish consortia to conduct regional projects?	
a) no	x

b) under review	
c) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	
54. Has your country given special attention to international funding of fellowships for specialist training abroad or for attracting international experts to national or regional courses?	
a) no	
b) under review	
c) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
55. Has your country provided programmes for re-training of qualified professionals moving into taxonomy-related fields?	
a) no	
b) some	
c) many	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

42 c)

**Article 8 In situ conservation [excluding Articles 8h and 8j]**

56. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High	x	b) Medium		c) Low	
57. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x
58. Has your country established a system of protected areas which aims to conserve biological diversity (8a)?					
a) system under development					
b) national review of protected areas coverage available					
c) national protected area systems plan in place					x (but under the new Low on Nature protection, the process of revalorisation and recategorisation according to IUCN categorisation is an obligation)

d) relatively complete system in place	
59. Are there nationally adopted guidelines for the selection, establishment and management of protected areas (8b)?	
a) no	x
b) no, under development	
c) yes	
d) yes, undergoing review and extension	
60. Does your country regulate or manage biological resources important for the conservation of biological diversity with a view to ensuring their conservation and sustainable use (8c)?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	x
c) advanced stages of development	
d) programme or policy in place	
e) reports on implementation available	
61. Has your country undertaken measures that promote the protection of ecosystems, natural habitats and the maintenance of viable populations of species in natural surroundings (8d)?	
a) no measures	x
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) reasonably comprehensive measures in place	
62. Has your country undertaken measures that promote environmentally sound and sustainable development in areas adjacent to protected areas (8e)?	
a) no measures	x
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) reasonably comprehensive measures in place	
63. Has your country undertaken measures to rehabilitate and restore degraded ecosystems (8f)?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
64. Has your country undertaken measures to promote the recovery of threatened species (8f)?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	x
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	

65. Has your country undertaken measures to regulate, manage or control the risks associated with the use and release of living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology (8g)?	
a) no measures	x
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
66. Has your country made attempts to provide the conditions needed for compatibility between present uses and the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components (8i)?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) programme or policy in place	x (without real implementation, due to the overlapping of responsibilities between the institutions in the Country and limited financial resource)
e) reports on implementation available	
67. Has your country developed and maintained the necessary legislation and/or other regulatory provisions for the protection of threatened species and populations (8k)?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) legislation or other measures in place	x (on going process is drafting of sub laws regulations)
68. Does your country regulate or manage processes and categories of activities identified under Article 7 as having significant adverse effects on biological diversity (8l)?	
a) no	
b) under review	
c) yes, to a limited extent	x
d) yes, to a significant extent	

**If a developed country Party -**

69. Does your country cooperate in providing financial and other support for *in-situ* conservation particularly to developing countries (8m)?

**If a developing country Party or Party with economy in transition -**

70. Does your country receive financial and other support for *in situ* conservation (8m)?

a) no	
b) yes (if so, please give details below)	x

**Decision II/7 Consideration of Articles 6 and 8 of the Convention**

71. Is action being taken to share information and experience on implementation of this Article with other Contracting Parties?

a) little or no action	
b) sharing of written materials and/or case-studies	
c) regional meetings	x

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

70. The World Bank/GEF Project for Integral Protection on Lake Ohrid.  
GEF/UNDP-KfW-Swiss support in protection of Prespa Lakes-Trilateral project  
Swiss support-Pelister Maunatin Conservation Project  
Italian support for protection of Radika River(a part of National Park-Mavrovo)

**Article 8h Alien species**

72. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?

a) High		b) Medium	x	c) Low	
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73. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?

a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x	d) Severely limiting	
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74. Has your country identified alien species introduced?

a) no	
b) only major species of concern	x
c) only new or recent introductions	
d) a comprehensive system tracks new introductions	
e) a comprehensive system tracks all known introductions	

75. Has your country assessed the risks posed to ecosystems, habitats or species by the introduction of these alien species?

a) no	
b) only some alien species of concern have been assessed	x
c) most alien species have been assessed	



76. Has your country undertaken measures to prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species?

a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	

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77. Is your country collaborating in the development of projects at national, regional, sub-regional and international levels to address the issue of alien species?	
a) little or no action	
b) discussion on potential projects under way	x
c) active development of new projects	
78. Does your national strategy and action plan address the issue of alien species?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 8j Traditional knowledge and related provisions**

79. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?			
a) High		b) Medium	x
80. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?			
a) Good		b) Adequate	
		c) Limiting	x
		d) Severely limiting	

81. Has your country undertaken measures to ensure that the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity are respected, preserved and maintained?	
a) no measures	x
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
82. Is your country working to encourage the equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of such knowledge, innovations and practices?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	x
c) advanced stages of development	
d) programme or policy in place	

**Decision III/4 and Decision IV/9. Implementation of Article 8(j)**

83. Has your country developed national legislation and corresponding strategies for the implementation of Article 8(j)?	
a) no	x
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) legislation or other measures in place	
84. Has your country supplied information on the implementation of Article 8(j) to other Contracting Parties through media such as the national report?	
a) no	x
b) yes - previous national report	
c) yes - CHM	
d) yes - other means (please give details below)	
85. Has your country submitted case-studies to the Executive Secretary on measures taken to develop and implement the Convention's provisions relating to indigenous and local communities?	
a) no	x
b) yes	
86. Is your country participating in appropriate working groups and meetings?	
a) none	
b) some	x
c) all	
87. Is your country facilitating the active participation of representatives of indigenous and local communities in these working groups and meetings?	
a) no	
b) yes	x

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 9 Ex situ conservation**

88. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?							
a) High		b) Medium	x	c) Low			
89. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?							
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x	d) Severely limiting	

90. Has your country adopted measures for the <u>ex situ</u> conservation of components of biological diversity <i>native</i> to your country (9a)?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	x
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
91. Has your country adopted measures for the <u>ex situ</u> conservation of components of biological diversity <i>originating outside</i> your country (9a)?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
92. If the answer to the previous question was yes, is this being done in active collaboration with organizations in the other countries (9a)?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
93. Has your country established and maintained facilities for the <u>ex situ</u> conservation of and research on plants, animals and micro-organisms that represent genetic resources <i>native</i> to your country (9b)?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
94. Has your country established and maintained facilities for the <u>ex situ</u> conservation of and research on plants, animals and micro-organisms that represent genetic resources <i>originating elsewhere</i> (9b)?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	
95. If the answer to the previous question was yes, is this being done in active collaboration with organizations in the other countries (9a)?	
a) no	
b) yes	
96. Has your country adopted measures for the reintroduction of threatened species into their natural habitats under appropriate conditions (9c)?	

a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	x
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
97. Has your country taken measures to regulate and manage the collection of biological resources from natural habitats for <u>ex situ</u> conservation purposes so as not to threaten ecosystems and <u>in situ</u> populations of species (9d)?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	x
d) comprehensive measures in place	
<b><i>If a developed country Party -</i></b>	
98. Has your country cooperated in providing financial and other support for <u>ex situ</u> conservation and in the establishment and maintenance of <u>ex situ</u> conservation facilities in developing countries (9e)?	
<b><i>If a developing country Party or Party with economy in transition -</i></b>	
99. Has your country received financial and other support for ex situ conservation and in the establishment and maintenance of ex situ conservation facilities (9e)?	
a) no	
b) yes	

***Further comments on implementation of this Article***

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**Article 10 Sustainable use of components of biological diversity**

100. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High	x	b) Medium		c) Low	
101. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x
102. Has your country integrated consideration of the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources into national decision making (10a)?					
a) no					
b) early stages of development					
c) advanced stages of development					x
d) programme or policy in place					
e) review of implementation available					
103. Has your country adopted measures relating to the use of biological resources that avoid or minimize adverse impacts on biological diversity (10b)?					
a) no measures					
b) some measures in place					
c) potential measures under review					x
d) comprehensive measures in place					
104. Has your country put in place measures that protect and encourage customary use of biological resources that is compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements (10c)?					
a) no measures					
b) some measures in place					
c) potential measures under review					x
d) comprehensive measures in place					
105. Has your country put in place measures that help local populations develop and implement remedial action in degraded areas where biological diversity has been reduced (10d)?					
a) no measures					
b) some measures in place					
c) potential measures under review					x
d) comprehensive measures in place					
106. Does your country actively encourage cooperation between government authorities and the private sector in developing methods for sustainable use of biological diversity (10e)?					
a) no					
b) early stages of development					
c) advanced stages of development					x
d) programme or policy in place					
e) review of implementation available					

**Decisions IV/15. Relationship of the Convention with the Commission on Sustainable Development and biodiversity-related conventions**

107. Has your country submitted to the Secretariat information on tourism and its impacts on biological diversity, and efforts to effectively plan and manage tourism?	
a) no	
b) yes - previous national report	x
c) yes - case-studies	
d) yes - other means (please give details below)	
108. Has your country submitted to the Secretariat information on biodiversity-related activities of the CSD (such as SIDS, oceans, seas and freshwater resources, consumption and production patterns)?	
a) no	
b) yes - previous national report	x
c) yes - correspondence	
d) yes - other means (please give details below)	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 11 Incentive measures**

109. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High		b) Medium	x	c) Low	
110. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x
111. Are programmes in place to identify and ensure the adoption of economically and socially sound measures that act as incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of components of biological diversity?					
a) no					x
b) early stages of development					
c) advanced stages of development					
d) programmes in place					
e) review of implementation available					

**Decision III/18. Incentive measures**

112. Has your country reviewed legislation and economic policies to identify and promote incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of components of biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) reviews in progress	
c) some reviews complete	x

d) as far as practically possible	
113. Has your country ensured the development of mechanisms or approaches to ensure adequate incorporation of both market and non-market values of biological diversity into plans, policies and programmes and other relevant areas, <i>inter alia</i> , national accounting systems and investment strategies?	
a) no	x
b) early stages of identifying mechanisms	
c) advanced stages of identifying mechanisms	
d) mechanisms in place	
e) review of impact of mechanisms available	
114. Has your country developed training and capacity building programmes to implement incentive measures and promote private-sector initiatives?	
a) no	x
b) planned	
c) some	
d) many	
115. Has your country incorporated biological diversity considerations into impact assessments as a step in the design and implementation of incentive measures?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
116. Has your country shared experience on incentive measures with other Contracting Parties, including making relevant case-studies available to the Secretariat?	
a) no	
b) yes - previous national report	x
c) yes - case-studies	
d) yes - other means (please give details below)	

**Decision IV/10. Measures for implementing the Convention [part]**

117. Is your country actively designing and implementing incentive measures?	
a) no	x
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) measures in place	
e) review of implementation available	
118. Has your country identified threats to biological diversity and underlying causes of biodiversity loss, including the relevant actors, as a stage in designing incentive measures?	
a) no	
b) partially reviewed	x
c) thoroughly reviewed	



d) measures designed based on the reviews	
e) review of implementation available	
119. Do the existing incentive measures take account of economic, social, cultural and ethical valuation of biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	x
120. Has your country developed legal and policy frameworks for the design and implementation of incentive measures?	
a) no	x
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) frameworks in place	
e) review of implementation available	
121. Does your country carry out consultative processes to define clear target-oriented incentive measures to address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss?	
a) no	
b) processes being identified	
c) processes identified but not implemented	x
d) processes in place	
122. Has your country identified and considered neutralizing perverse incentives?	
a) no	x
b) identification programme under way	
c) identified but not all neutralized	
d) identified and neutralized	

***Further comments on implementation of this Article***

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**Article 12 Research and training**

123. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High		b) Medium	x	c) Low	
124. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x
125. Has your country established programmes for scientific and technical education and training in measures for the identification, conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and its components (12a)?					
a) no					
b) early stages of development					x
c) advanced stages of development					
d) programmes in place					
126. Has your country provided support to other Parties for education and training in measures for the identification, conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and its components (12a)?					
a) no					x
b) yes					
127. Does your country promote and encourage research which contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (12b)?					
a) no					
b) yes - limited extent					x
c) yes - significant extent					
128. Does your country promote and cooperate in the use of scientific advances in biological diversity research in developing methods for conservation and sustainable use of biological resources (12c)?					
a) no					
b) yes - limited extent					x
c) yes - significant extent					
<b>If a developed country Party -</b>					
129. Does your country's implementation of the above activities take into account the special needs of developing countries?					
a) no					
b) yes, where relevant					

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 13 Public education and awareness**

130. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?							
a) High	x	b) Medium		c) Low			
131. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?							
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x	d) Severely limiting	
132. Does your country promote and encourage understanding of the importance of, and the measures required for, the conservation of biodiversity (13a) through media?							
a) no							
b) yes - limited extent							
c) yes - significant extent						x (during the last two years)	
133. Does your country promote and encourage understanding of the importance of, and the measures required for, the conservation of biodiversity (13a) through the inclusion of this topic in education programmes?							
a) no							
b) yes - limited extent						x	
c) yes - significant extent							
134. Does your country cooperate with other States and international organizations in developing relevant educational and public awareness programmes (13b)?							
a) no							
b) yes - limited extent						x	
c) yes - significant extent							

**Decision IV/10. Measures for implementing the Convention [part]**

135. Are public education and awareness needs covered in the national strategy and action plan?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	x
136. Has your country allocated appropriate resources for the strategic use of education and communication instruments at each phase of policy formulation, implementation and evaluation?	
a) limited resources	x
b) significant but not adequate resources	
c) adequate resources	
137. Does your country support initiatives by major groups that foster stakeholder participation and that integrate biological diversity conservation matters in their practice and education programmes?	
a) no	
b) yes	x

138. Has your country integrated biodiversity concerns into education strategies?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	x
c) advanced stages of development	
d) yes	
139. Has your country made available any case-studies on public education and awareness and public participation, or otherwise sought to share experiences?	
a) no	
b) yes	
140. Has your country illustrated and translated the provisions of the Convention into any local languages to promote public education and awareness raising of relevant sectors?	
a) not relevant	
b) still to be done	
c) under development	
d) yes	x (but not sufficient)
141. Is your country supporting local, national, sub-regional and regional education and awareness programmes?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
<b><i>If a developing country Party or Party with economy in transition -</i></b>	
142. When requesting assistance through the GEF, has your country proposed projects that promote measures for implementing Article 13 of the Convention?	
a) no	
b) yes	x

***Further comments on implementation of this Article***

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**Article 14 Impact assessment and minimizing adverse impacts**

143. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
144. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	b) Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) Limiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Severely limiting	<input type="checkbox"/>				
145. Is legislation in place requiring an environmental impact assessment of proposed projects likely to have adverse effects on biological diversity (14 (1a))?					
a) no					<input type="checkbox"/>
b) early stages of development					<input type="checkbox"/>
c) advanced stages of development					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (adoption of the new Law on Environment is in parliamentary procedure. the adoption is expected in the end of June 2005)
d) legislation in place					<input type="checkbox"/>
e) review of implementation available					<input type="checkbox"/>
146. Do such environmental impact assessment procedures allow for public participation (14(1a))?					
a) no					<input type="checkbox"/>
b) yes - limited extent					<input type="checkbox"/>
c) yes - significant extent					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
147. Does your country have mechanisms in place to ensure that the environmental consequences of national programmes and policies that are likely to have significant adverse impacts on biological diversity are duly taken into account (14(1b))?					
a) no					<input type="checkbox"/>
b) early stages of development					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) advanced stages of development					<input type="checkbox"/>
d) fully compliant with current scientific knowledge					<input type="checkbox"/>
148. Is your country involved in bilateral, regional and/or multilateral discussion on activities likely to significantly affect biological diversity outside your country's jurisdiction (14(1c))?					
a) no					<input type="checkbox"/>
b) yes - limited extent					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) yes - significant extent					<input type="checkbox"/>

149. Is your country implementing bilateral, regional and/or multilateral agreements on activities likely to significantly affect biological diversity outside your country's jurisdiction (14(1c))?	
a) no	x
b) no, assessment of options in progress	
c) some completed, others in progress	
b) yes	
150. Has your country mechanisms in place to notify other States of cases of imminent or grave danger or damage to biological diversity originating in your country and potentially affecting those States (14(1d))?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) mechanisms in place	x (Low for ratification on Espoo Convention)
e) no need identified	
151. Has your country mechanisms in place to prevent or minimize danger or damage originating in your State to biological diversity in other States or in areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (14(1d))?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) fully compliant with current scientific knowledge	
e) no need identified	
152. Has your country national mechanisms in place for emergency response to activities or events which present a grave and imminent danger to biological diversity (14(1e))?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) mechanisms in place	
153. Has your country encouraged international cooperation to establish joint contingency plans for emergency responses to activities or events which present a grave and imminent danger to biological diversity (14(1e))?	
a) no	x
b) yes	
c) no need identified	

**Decision IV/10. Measures for implementing the Convention [part]**

154. Has your country exchanged with other Contracting Parties information and experience relating to environmental impact assessment and resulting mitigating measures and incentive schemes?	
a) no	x
b) information provided to the Secretariat	
c) information provided to other Parties	
d) information provided on the national CHM	
155. Has your country exchanged with other Contracting Parties information on measures and agreements on liability and redress applicable to damage to biological diversity?	
a) no	x
b) information provided to the Secretariat	
c) information provided to other Parties	
d) information provided on the national CHM	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 15 Access to genetic resources**

156. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High		b) Medium		c) Low	x
157. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x
158. Has your country endeavoured to create conditions to facilitate access to genetic resources for environmentally sound uses by other Contracting Parties (15(2))?					
a) no					
b) yes - limited extent					
c) yes - significant extent					
159. Is there any mutual understanding or agreement in place between different interest groups and the State on access to genetic resources (15(4))?					
a) no					
b) yes - limited extent					
c) yes - significant extent					
160. Has your country an open participation planning process, or any other process in place, to ensure that access to resources is subject to prior informed consent (15(5))?					
a) no					
b) early stages of development					
c) advanced stages of development					

d) processes in place	
161. Has your country taken measures to ensure that any scientific research based on genetic resources provided by other Contracting Parties is developed and carried out with the full participation of such Contracting Parties (15(6))?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
162. Has your country taken measures to ensure the fair and equitable sharing of the results of research and development and the benefits arising from the commercial and other use of genetic resources with any Contracting Party providing such resources (15(7))?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
If so, are these measures	
a) Legislation	
b) Statutory policy or subsidiary legislation	
c) Policy and administrative measures	

**Decision II/11 and Decision III/15. Access to genetic resources**

163. Has your country provided the secretariat with information on relevant legislation, administrative and policy measures, participatory processes and research programmes?	
a) no	
b) yes, within the previous national report	
c) yes, through case-studies	
d) yes, through other means (please give details below)	
164. Has your country implemented capacity-building programmes to promote successful development and implementation of legislative, administrative and policy measures and guidelines on access, including scientific, technical, business, legal and management skills and capacities?	
a) no	
b) some programmes covering some needs	
c) many programmes covering some needs	
d) programmes cover all perceived needs	
e) no perceived need	
165. Has your country analysed experiences of legislative, administrative and policy measures and guidelines on access, including regional efforts and initiatives, for use in further development and implementation of measures and guidelines?	
a) no	
b) analysis in progress	
c) analysis completed	



166. Is your country collaborating with all relevant stakeholders to explore, develop and implement guidelines and practices that ensure mutual benefits to providers and users of access measures?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	
167. Has your country identified national authorities responsible for granting access to genetic resources?	
a) no	
b) yes	
168. Is your country taking an active role in negotiations associated with the adaptation of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture?	
a) no	
b) yes	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 16 Access to and transfer of technology**

169. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?			
a) High		b) Medium	x
170. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?			
a) Good		b) Adequate	x
171. Has your country taken measures to provide or facilitate access for and transfer to other Contracting Parties of technologies that are relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity or make use of genetic resources and do not cause significant damage to the environment (16(1))?			
a) no measures			x
b) some measures in place			
c) potential measures under review			
d) comprehensive measures in place			
172. Is your country aware of any initiatives under which relevant technology is transferred to your country on concessional or preferential terms (16(2))?			
a) no			x
b) yes (please give brief details below)			
173. Has your country taken measures so that Contracting Parties which provide genetic resources are provided access to and transfer of technology which make use of those resources, on mutually agreed terms (16(3))?			
a) not relevant			x

b) relevant, but no measures	
c) some measures in place	
d) potential measures under review	
e) comprehensive measures in place	
If so, are these measures	
a) Legislation	
b) Statutory policy or subsidiary legislation	
c) Policy and administrative arrangements	
174. Has your country taken measures so that the private sector facilitates access to joint development and transfer of relevant technology for the benefit of government institutions and the private sector of developing countries (16(4))?	
a) no measures	x
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
If so, are these measures	
a) Legislation?	
b) Statutory policy and subsidiary legislation?	
c) Policy and administrative arrangements?	
175. Does your country have a national system for intellectual property right protection (16(5))?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
176. If yes, does it cover biological resources (for example, plant species) in any way?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	

**Decision III/17. Intellectual property rights**

177. Has your country conducted and provided to the secretariat case-studies of the impacts of intellectual property rights on the achievement of the Conventions objectives?	
a) no	x
b) some	
c) many	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 17 Exchange of information**

178. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?							
a) High		b) Medium	x	c) Low			
179. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?							
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x	d) Severely limiting	

180. Has your country taken measures to facilitate the exchange of information from publicly available sources (17(1))?	
a) no measures	
b) restricted by lack of resources	
c) some measures in place	x
d) potential measures under review	
e) comprehensive measures in place	
<b>If a developed country Party -</b>	
181. Do these measures take into account the special needs of developing countries (17(1))?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	
182. If so, do these measures include all the categories of information listed in Article 17(2), including technical, scientific and socio-economic research, training and surveying programmes, specialized knowledge, repatriation of information and so on?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	

**Article 18 Technical and scientific cooperation**

183. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?							
a) High		b) Medium	x	c) Low			
184. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?							
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x	d) Severely limiting	

185. Has your country taken measures to promote international technical and scientific cooperation in the field of conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (18(1))?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	x
c) potential measures under review	

d) comprehensive measures in place	
186. Do the measures taken to promote cooperation with other Contracting Parties in the implementation of the Convention pay special attention to the development and strengthening of national capabilities by means of human resources development and institution building (18(2))?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
187. Has your country encouraged and developed methods of cooperation for the development and use of technologies, including indigenous and traditional technologies, in pursuance of the objectives of this Convention (18(4))?	
a) no	x
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) methods in place	
188. Does such cooperation include the training of personnel and exchange of experts (18(4))?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	
189. Has your country promoted the establishment of joint research programmes and joint ventures for the development of technologies relevant to the objectives of the Convention (18(5))?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	

**Decision II/3, Decision III/4 and Decision IV/2. Clearing House Mechanism**

190. Is your country cooperating in the development and operation of the Clearing House Mechanism?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
191. Is your country helping to develop national capabilities through exchanging and disseminating information on experiences and lessons learned in implementing the Convention?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
192. Has your country designated a national focal point for the Clearing-House Mechanism?	
a) no	
b) yes	x

193. Is your country providing resources for the development and implementation of the Clearing-House Mechanism?	
a) no	
b) yes, at the national level	x (through the Project for enabling activities)
c) yes, at national and international levels	
194. Is your country facilitating and participating in workshops and other expert meetings to further the development of the CHM at international levels?	
a) no	x
b) participation only	
c) supporting some meetings and participating	
195. Is your CHM operational	
a) no	
b) under development	
c) yes (please give details below)	x
196. Is your CHM linked to the Internet	
a) no	
b) yes	x
197. Has your country established a multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary CHM steering committee or working group at the national level?	
a) no	x
b) yes	

***Further comments on implementation of this Article***

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**Article 19 Handling of biotechnology and distribution of its benefits**

198. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High		b) Medium		c) Low	x
199. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x
				d) Severely limiting	

200. Has your country taken measures to provide for the effective participation in biotechnological research activities by those Contracting Parties which provide the genetic resources for such research (19(1))?	
a) no measures	x
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	
If so, are these measures:	
a) Legislation	
b) Statutory policy and subsidiary legislation	
c) Policy and administrative measures	
201. Has your country taken all practicable measures to promote and advance priority access on a fair and equitable basis by Contracting Parties to the results and benefits arising from biotechnologies based upon genetic resources provided by those Contracting Parties (19(2))?	
a) no measures	
b) some measures in place	
c) potential measures under review	
d) comprehensive measures in place	

**Decision IV/3. Issues related to biosafety**

202. Is your country a Contracting Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety?	
a) not a signatory	
b) signed, ratification in progress	x
b) instrument of ratification deposited	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

Ref: Item 202: With regard to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (signed on 26/07/2000), the Republic of Macedonia initiated UNEP/GEF supported project "Development of national frames for biosafety" in May 2003. This Project should enable the country for entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The procedure for the ratification of the Protocol is under way

**Article 20 Financial resources**

203. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High	x	b) Medium		c) Low	
204. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	x
				d) Severely limiting	

205. Has your country provided financial support and incentives in respect of those national activities which are intended to achieve the objectives of the Convention (20(1))?	
a) no	
b) yes - incentives only	
c) yes - financial support only	
d) yes - financial support and incentives	
<b><i>If a developed country Party -</i></b>	
206. Has your country provided new and additional financial resources to enable developing country Parties to meet the agreed incremental costs to them of implementing measures which fulfil the obligations of the Convention, as agreed between you and the interim financial mechanism (20(2))?	
a) no	
b) yes	
<b><i>If a developing country Party or Party with economy in transition -</i></b>	
207. Has your country received new and additional financial resources to enable you to meet the agreed full incremental costs of implementing measures which fulfil the obligations of the Convention (20(2))?	
a) no	x
b) yes	

***If a developed country Party -***

208. Has your country provided financial resources related to implementation of the Convention through bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels (20(3))?

***If a developing country Party or Party with economy in transition -***

209. Has your country used financial resources related to implementation of the Convention from bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels (20(3))?

a) no	
b) yes	x

***Decision III/6. Additional financial resources***

210. Is your country working to ensure that all funding institutions (including bilateral assistance agencies) are striving to make their activities more supportive of the Convention?

a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	x

211. Is your country cooperating in any efforts to develop standardized information on financial support for the objectives of the Convention?

a) no	
b) yes (please attach information)	x



*Further comments on implementation of this Article*

**Article 21 Financial mechanism**

212. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?

a) High		b) Medium		c) Low	
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213. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?

a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting		d) Severely limiting	
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214. Has your country worked to strengthen existing financial institutions to provide financial resources for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?

a) no	
b) yes	

**Decision III/7. Guidelines for the review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism**

215. Has your country provided information on experiences gained through activities funded by the financial mechanism?

a) no activities	
b) no, although there are activities	
c) yes, within the previous national report	
d) yes, through case-studies	
e) yes, through other means (please give details below)	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

**Article 23 Conference of the Parties**

216. How many people from your country participated in each of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties?	
a) COP 1 (Nassau)	
b) COP 2 (Jakarta)	
c) COP 3 (Buenos Aires)	
d) COP 4 (Bratislava)	
e) COP 5 (Nairobi)	2
f) COP 6 (Hague)	1

**Decision I/6, Decision II/10, Decision III/24 and Decision IV/17.  
Finance and budget**

217. Has your country paid all of its contributions to the Trust Fund?	
a) no	
b) yes	x

**Decision IV/16 (part) Preparation for meetings of the Conference of the Parties**

218. Has your country participated in regional meetings focused on discussing implementation of the Convention before any meetings of the Conference of the Parties?	
a) no	
b) yes (please specify which)	x
<b>If a developed country Party -</b>	
219. Has your country funded regional and sub-regional meetings to prepare for the COP, and facilitated the participation of developing countries in such meetings?	
a) no	
b) yes (please provide details below)	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

218.b) CBD/RME 1, Riga and CBD/RME 2, Budapest, 2002.

**Article 24 Secretariat**

220. Has your country provided direct support to the Secretariat in terms of seconded staff, financial contribution for Secretariat activities, etc?	
a) no	x
b) yes	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

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**Article 25 Subsidiary body on scientific, technical and technological advice**

221. How many people from your country participated in each of the meetings of SBSTTA?	
a) SBSTTA I (Paris)	
b) SBSTTA II (Montreal)	
b) SBSTTA III (Montreal)	
b) SBSTTA IV (Montreal)	
b) SBSTTA V (Montreal)	

**Further comments on implementation of this Article**

221. The Republic of Macedonia did not receive invitations from the Executive Secretary of the CBD for our experts' participation in the meetings of SBTTA.
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**Decision IV/4. Status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and options for conservation and sustainable use**

225. Has your country included information on biological diversity in wetlands when providing information and reports to the CSD, and considered including inland water biological diversity issues at meetings to further the recommendations of the CSD?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
226. Has your country included inland water biological diversity considerations in its work with organizations, institutions and conventions affecting or working with inland water?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
<b><i>If a developing country Party or Party with economy in transition -</i></b>	
227. When requesting support for projects relating to inland water ecosystems from the GEF, has your country given priority to identifying important areas for conservation, preparing and implementing integrated watershed, catchment and river basin management plans, and investigating processes contributing to biodiversity loss?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
228. Has your country reviewed the programme of work specified in annex 1 to the decision, and identified priorities for national action in implementing the programme?	
a) no	
b) under review	x
c) yes	

**Decision III/21. Relationship of the Convention with the CSD and biodiversity-related conventions**

229. Is the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands, and of migratory species and their habitats, fully incorporated into your national strategies, plans and programmes for conserving biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes	x

**Further comments on implementation of these Decisions and the associated programme of work**

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**Decision II/10 and Decision IV/5. Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity /**

230. Does your national strategy and action plan promote the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	
c) yes - significant extent	
231. Has your country established and/or strengthened institutional, administrative and legislative arrangements for the development of integrated management of marine and coastal ecosystems?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	
c) advanced stages of development	
d) arrangements in place	
232. Has your country provided the Executive Secretary with advice and information on future options concerning the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes	
233. Has your country undertaken and/or exchanged information on demonstration projects as practical examples of integrated marine and coastal area management?	
a) no	
b) yes - previous national report	
c) yes - case-studies	
d) yes - other means (please give details below)	

234. Has your country programmes in place to enhance and improve knowledge on the genetic structure of local populations of marine species subjected to stock enhancement and/or sea-ranching activities?	
a) no	
b) programmes are being developed	
c) programmes are being implemented for some species	
d) programmes are being implemented for many species	
e) not a perceived problem	
235. Has your country reviewed the programme of work specified in an annex to the decision, and identified priorities for national action in implementing the programme?	
a) no	
b) under review	
c) yes	

***Further comments on implementation of these Decisions and the associated programme of work***

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**Decision III/11 and Decision IV/6. Conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity**

236. Has your country identified and assessed relevant ongoing activities and existing instruments at the national level?	
a) no	
b) early stages of review and assessment	
c) advanced stages of review and assessment	x
d) assessment completed	
237. Has your country identified issues and priorities that need to be addressed at the national level?	
a) no	
b) in progress	
c) yes	x
238. Is your country using any methods and indicators to monitor the impacts of agricultural development projects, including the intensification and extensification of production systems, on biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	x
c) advanced stages of development	
d) mechanisms in place	
239. Is your country taking steps to share experiences addressing the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes - case-studies	x
c) yes - other mechanisms (please specify)	
240. Has your country conducted case-studies on the issues identified by SBSTTA: i) pollinators, ii) soil biota, and iii) integrated landscape management and farming systems?	
a) no	x
b) yes - pollinators	
c) yes - soil biota	
d) yes - integrated landscape management and farming systems	
241. Is your country establishing or enhancing mechanisms for increasing public awareness and understanding of the importance of the sustainable use of agrobiodiversity components?	

a) no	
b) early stages of development	x
c) advanced stages of development	
d) mechanisms in place	
242. Does your country have national strategies, programmes and plans which ensure the development and successful implementation of policies and actions that lead to sustainable use of agrobiodiversity components?	
a) no	
b) early stages of development	x
c) advanced stages of development	
d) mechanisms in place	
243. Is your country promoting the transformation of unsustainable agricultural practices into sustainable production practices adapted to local biotic and abiotic conditions?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
244. Is your country promoting the use of farming practices that not only increase productivity, but also arrest degradation as well as reclaim, rehabilitate, restore and enhance biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
245. Is your country promoting mobilization of farming communities for the development, maintenance and use of their knowledge and practices in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
246. Is your country helping to implement the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources?	
a) no	
b) yes	
247. Is your country collaborating with other Contracting	

Parties to identify and promote sustainable agricultural practices and integrated landscape management?	
a) no	
b) yes	x

***Further comments on implementation of these Decisions and the associated programme of work***

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***Decision II/9 and Decision IV/7. Forest biological diversity***

248. Has your country included expertise on forest biodiversity in its delegations to the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
c) not relevant	
249. Has your country reviewed the programme of work annexed to the decision and identified how you can collaborate in its implementation?	
a) no	
b) under review	
c) yes	
250. Has your country integrated forest biological diversity considerations in its participation and collaboration with organizations, institutions and conventions affecting or working with forest biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes - limited extent	x
c) yes - significant extent	
251. Does your country give high priority to allocation of resources to activities that advance the objectives of the Convention in respect of forest biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes	x
<b><i>For developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition -</i></b>	
252. When requesting assistance through the GEF, Is your country proposing projects which promote the implementation of the programme of work?	

a) no	
b) yes	x

*Further comments on implementation of these Decisions and the associated programme of work*

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***Please use this box to identify what specific activities your country has carried out as a DIRECT RESULT of becoming a Contracting Party to the Convention, referring back to previous questions as appropriate:***

The progress of the implementation of the provisions of the Convention is constantly increasing. It has made direct contribution to the improved national legislation in this area and to the establishment of capacities at system, institutional and individual levels aimed at sustainable use of bio-resources and development of biological diversity.

***Please use this box to identify joint initiatives with other Parties, referring back to previous questions as appropriate:***

Cooperation has been established with the Ministries of Environment from the countries - members of the Balkan sub-region (Albania, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia), as well as with those from the region of central and eastern Europe (Austria, Germany, Czech Republic)

***Please use this box to provide any further comments on matters related to national implementation of the Convention or on these guidelines:***

Specific projects for integrated protection of biodiversity have been implemented with Greece and Albania, with regard to the preservation of the transboundary Park "Prespa", including aquatic, swampy, grass, forest and mountaneous ecosystems; the Project for integrated conservation of Ohrid Lake implemented together with Albania' project for integrated protection and sustainable development of biodiversity in Vardar-Axios River, together with Greece; the project for the protection of the population of Brown Bear on the Balkans (Albania, Bulgaria, Greece and Macedonia), etc.

Financial support for the mentioned projects has been provided by international foundations, as well as by Swiss, German, French and Dutch Governments.

The Project for developing Study on the status of biodiversity in Dojran Lake has been financially supported by UNESCO. The Project for development of National Strategy for Biological Diversity Conservation and Action Plan has been financed by GEF, through the World Bank, as an implementing agency. In the framework of the process for development of National Strategy for Biological Diversity Conservation and Action Plan, a Study on the status of biological diversity in the Republic of Macedonia was developed as well.

The Strategy and the Action Plan are adopted by the Macedonian Government.

***If your country has completed its national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP), please give the following information:***

Date of completion:	<b><i>Maj,2005</i></b>
If the NBSAP has been adopted by the Government - under procedure	
By which authority?	<b><i>Government of the Republic of Macedonia</i></b>
On what date?	<b><i>January,2004</i></b>
If the NBSAP has been published please give	
Title:	<b><i>Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan of the Republic of Macedonia</i></b>
Name and address of publisher:	<b><i>Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning Drezdenska 52 MK-1000 Skopje</i></b>
ISBN:	<b><i>9989-110-16-6</i></b>
Price (if applicable):	
Other information on ordering:	
If the NBSAP has not been published - publication is underway	
Please give full details of how copies can be obtained:	
If the NBSAP has been posted on a national website - in progress	
Please give full URL:	<b><i><a href="http://www.moe.gov.mk/chm/default.asp">www.moe.gov.mk/chm/default.asp</a></i></b>
If the NBSAP has been lodged with an Implementing Agency of the GEF	
Please indicate which agency:	<b><i>World Bank</i></b>

***Please provide similar details if you have completed a Biodiversity Country Study or another report or action plan relevant to the objectives of this Convention***

The Study on the Status of Biological Diversity in the Republic of Macedonia has been completed and published in July 2003. *Strategy for Protection of Biological Diversity and Action Plan in the Republic of Macedonia* has been completed in December 2003 and is adopted by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia in January, 2004.

***Please provide details of any national body (e.g. national audit office) that has or will review the implementation of the Convention in your country***

*The National Committee for implementation and monitoring is established by the Government. The president of the Committee is the Minister for Environment and the members are: the deputy ministers from all involved ministries, the 3 representatives by the National Committee for the implementation of CBD, Director of the Office for Environment in the Ministry of Environment and PP, The president of the Steering committee of the Project for the preparation of Strategy for BD and 1 representative by NGO.*