

The consultative process towards
an
**International Mechanism of
Scientific Expertise on
Biodiversity**

Summary of development since February 2006

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CONSULTATIVE PROCESS TOWARDS AN IMoSEB

Background



The Conference of Paris “Biodiversity: Science and Governance” (Jan. 2005)

A call for the launch of an international consultation to assess the need, scope and form of an international mechanism made by French President Jacques Chirac

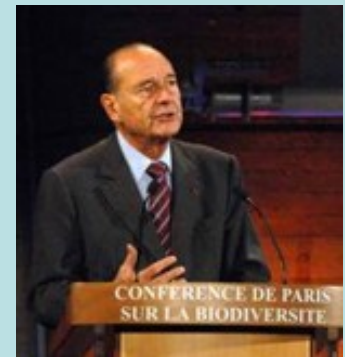


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Warm-ups : 2005

- Constitution of an Interim Steering Committee (Jun. 2005)
- Inception of an Executive Secretariat (Nov. 2005)
- Presentation of the initiative at several events (SBSTTA 10 & 11, WGRI- CBD, DIVERSITAS OSC, ...)
- Establishment of the International Steering Committee of the consultative process towards an IMoSEB (Feb. 2006)



ISC recommendations (Feb 2006)



Current biodiversity management should be improved at multiple levels: local, national, regional, and global.

The consultation should :

- define the needs
- assess accomplishments in terms of delivery of scientific expertise to decision makers
- evaluate the effectiveness of existing bodies of scientific knowledge for decision-making.

Based on the consultation, the ISC will provide a set of recommendations for action

The Executive Committee

- Appointment of the Executive Committee (14 members)



Co-chairs: **Alfred Oteng-Yeboah / Michel Loreau**

Members: **Ivar Baste, Martha Chouchena-Rojas, Christine Dawson, Horst Korn, Keping Ma, Georgina Mace, Martha Mapangou, Charles Perrings, Peter Raven, José Sarukhan, Robert Watson, Jacques Weber.**

- Definition of the plan of action and agenda of the consultation

Plan of Action Step 1, March- November 2006

A limited set of case studies

Objectives :

- to identify the gaps between science and decision in some various cases of expertise
- to retain some lessons and options for an eventual mechanism.

- **Map out the decision-making landscape affecting biodiversity** (D. Raffaelli), with indigenous and local knowledges incorporated by K. Bannister

- **Studies on the mobilisation and use of expertise**
 - The Mexican Case (J. Sarukhan)
 - The avian flu (P. Daszak)

- **Analyse existing models delivering scientific expertise**
 - Lessons from the IPCC, GBA and MA (I. Noble / B. Watson)
 - Lessons from invasive alien species management (Ph. Goulletquer)
 - Lessons from fisheries (M. Héral)
 - Use of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment for decision-making (D.Raffaelli)

Plan of Action Step 1, March - December 2006

A consultative process more and more well-knowned

Presentation / discussion at different events

- CDB Cop 8, March 2006, Curitiba (Brazil)
- EU Green week, June 2006, Brussels (Belgium)
- Conservation International Africa / Team Seminar, June 2006, (Madagascar)
- Meeting of EU Environment Ministers, July 2006, (Finland)
- European Congress on Conservation Biology, Aug. 2006, Eger (Hungary)
- IUCN Conference “Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation”, Sept. 2006, Paris
- Design of science policy interfaces workshop, Oct. 2006 Leipzig (Germany)
- IGFA annual meeting, Nov. 2006, Montréal (Canada)
- Earth Science System Partnership, Nov. 2006, Peking (China)
- Workshop of senior experts on the Implementation of the CBD, Dec. 2006, Postdam (Germany)

A media coverage increasing

Nature Article “Diversity without representation” (July 2006)

A website with an open electronic forum

www.imoseb.net

Plan of action Step 2, December 2006 - June 2007

- **Second Executive committee meeting, Paris, 5-6 Dec 2006**
 - Analyse of the results of the first step,
 - First options for a possible IMoSEB
 - Definition of a strategic plan for the worldwide consultation
- **Wider consultation with regional consultation, Jan-June 2007**
 - North-America (Canada, end of January, Montréal)
 - Africa (Cameroon February-March, Yaoundé)
 - South-America ?
 - Europe ?
 - Asia ?
 - Pacific (New-Caledonia ?)
- **Meeting of the International Steering Committee, June 2007**
Final recommendations and proposals by the ISC

Possible Agenda for plan of action Step 3, July 2007 - Cop 9 May 2008

- **Presentation of the recommendations and proposal during the CBD-SBSTTA July 2007 (at Unesco - Paris)**
- **Regional / National initiatives for Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity** (AfriSEB, FreMSEB, ...)
- **Debate at the Trondheim conference on Biodiversity, Norway (Oct - Nov 2007)**
- ...
- **Recommendation / action / decision at CoP 9 ?**
- ...

How to get involved in the consultation

- **Organise an event where scientific expertise on biodiversity and the IMoSEB consultative process will be discussed**
For example : Workshop “Design of science policy interfaces for global biodiversity governance” (Leipzig, October 2006)
- **Contribute to the discussions held on the forums**
<http://www.imoseb.net/forums>
- **Present the consultative process at meetings you are attending**
http://www.imoseb.net/information_center
- **Give any studies or articles related to the consultation**
http://www.imoseb.net/voluntary_contributions