



# The Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB) forum

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# CSAB origins

- Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (2004) established *to to enhance coherence and cooperation in their implementation.*
- BLG-5 (Gland, October 2006) suggested chairs of the scientific and technical bodies or advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions together with representatives of the secretariats and from UNEP should meet.



## CSAB members

- CBD Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)
- CITES Animals and Plants Committees (AC and PC)
- CMS Scientific Council (ScC)
- ITPGRFA *Ad Hoc* Technical Committee
- Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP)
- WHC Scientific advisors on natural heritage - IUCN



# CSAB meetings

- CSAB-1, Paris, France. July 2007
- CSAB-2, Bonn, Germany, May 2008
- CSAB-3, Nairobi, Kenya, October 2009
- CSAB-4, Gland, Switzerland, February 2011
- CSAB-5, Dublin, Ireland, March 2012
- CSAB-6, Formia, Italy, October 2013
- CSAB-7, Montreal, Canada, June 2014



# CSAB: Ramsar participation

- **CSAB-1**,  
Heather MacKay (STRP Chair)  
Peter Bridgewater, Nick Davidson (Secretariat)
- **CSAB-2**  
Heather MacKay (STRP Chair)  
Nick Davidson (Secretariat)
- **CSAB-3**  
Heather MacKay (STRP Chair)
- **CSAB-4**  
Heather MacKay (STRP Chair)  
10 staff (Secretariat)
- **CSAB-5**  
Heather MacKay (STRP Chair)
- **CSAB-6**  
Nick Davidson (Secretariat)



# CSAB: subjects addressed

- Review of processes, structures and approaches of the conventions' scientific bodies in providing scientific advice
- Cross-mapping of of the strategic plans, priorities and targets/matrix of common themes, harmonization of guidance
- 2010 Biodiversity Target, Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, Aichi Targets, International Year of Biodiversity 2010, UN Decade for Biodiversity and Nagoya Protocol
- IPBES



# CSAB: technical themes discussed

- Climate change and biodiversity
- Ecosystem restoration
- Harmonization of species nomenclature
- Management of information and knowledge



# CSAB products

- Joint Statement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting to Determine Modalities and Institutional Arrangements for IPBES (Panama City, April 2012)





# Options for CSAB co-operation

- [CSAB-3] Themes that might lend themselves for the proactive design of joint projects/programmes:
  - (i) Guidance on ecosystem restoration;
  - (ii) Specific climate change - related questions;
  - (iii) Hunting and harvesting;
  - (iv) Tourism and ecotourism;
  - (v) Urbanization;
  - (vi) Invasive species
- [CSAB-6] agreed... to share.... information on the definition and activities on ecosystem connectivity from their respective Conventions



# CSAB

- Where next?



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