Acting for biodiversity at the landscape level

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In December 2022 the long-awaited "Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" (GBF) was adopted by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The GBF is a framework upon which Parties (national governments and the European Union) are expected to base their updated national biodiversity strategy and action plans (NBSAPs). Due to a two-year delay in the adoption of the framework following the COVID outbreak, most countries also delayed the updating of their NBSAPs. Many are now hurrying to complete them before the next meeting of the COP in October 2024.

Three of the four goals of the GBF are reiterations of the original objectives of the CBD: the conservation of biodiversity, its sustainable use, and the equitable sharing of its benefits. For decades it has become increasingly clear that these goals/objectives can be achieved and sustained only by acknowledging and involving all stewards of the landscape. This principle is captured in the concept of "landscape approaches", in which land and sea are managed in the context of *multiples uses*, and *multiple users*. Addressing a variety of land use and land users requires managing trade-offs between their competing goals. It is extremely challenging, but arguably essential as a means of ensuring long-term buy-in from the range of stakeholders. Landscape approaches are already explicit in some of the 23 targets within the GBF but are implicit and less obvious in many more.

The purpose of this webinar is to present and discuss ways of managing, restoring and conserving biodiversity at the landscape level, with a focus on national biodiversity strategy and action planning. Short presentations by each of the participants will be followed by a conversational question & answer session. Panelists will present tools for managing biodiversity at the landscape level and case studies on managing biodiversity at the landscape level.

Registration link: https://iges-jp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W4rpfAvySgeOnpcqLVp_tg

Date: Wednesday, 8 May

Time: 20:00 – 21:30 (Tokyo) 19:00 – 20:30 (Manila) 14:00 – 15:30 (Nairobi) 07:00 – 08:30 (New York)

Duration: 90 minutes (~30 minutes of presentation and ~60 minutes of discussion)

Modality: Online

Programme (in Tokyo time)

Moderator: Andre Mader, Programme Director for Biodiversity & Forests, IGES

- **20:00**: Introduction to the topic and webinar format (Suneetha Subramanian, Research Fellow, UNU-IAS)
- 20:05: Using Landscape Approaches in National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Planning (Andre Mader, IGES)
- **20:10**: Coordinating mechanism to support implementation of Kenya's NBSAP (Catherine Mungai, Senior Programme Officer, IUCN Regional Office for Eastern & Southern Africa)
- **20:15**: Regional planning and financing at the landscape scale in San Martín, Perú (Juan Ramos, Senior Manager of integrated finance and policy, EcoAgriculture Partners)
- **20:20**: A regional biodiversity strategy and action plan in the ASEAN (Carlo Carlos, Strategy and Planning Division Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity)
- 20:25: Questions and discussion
- 21:30: End

Audience: General public

Language: English