Indicators

UPDATE AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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Traditional knowledge

Article 8 (j) of the CBD

- Parties to respect, maintain, preserve traditional knowledge of I&LC
- Promote wider application of TK with approval, involvement of holders
- Encourage equitable sharing of benefits

Article 10 (c)

- Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources
Traditional knowledge

COP decision IX/13 - Implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions

• Indicators
Indicators for assessing progress towards 2010 target: status of traditional knowledge

Currently Adopted Indicator (Decision VII/30 annex I):

- Status and trends of linguistic diversity and numbers of speakers of indigenous languages
Traditional knowledge

Background

Possible additional indicators discussed by the Advisory Group to 8(j) and Related Provisions in 2004 and WG8(j) at its 4th meeting (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/4/10):

- Land-based Indicators
- People-based Indicators
- Programme and Policy-based Indicators
- Culture-based Indicators
Additional indicators proposed by the IIFB after extensive regional consultation include feeding into 5th WG 8(j):

- Status and trends in the practice of traditional occupations
- Status and trends in land-use patterns in the traditional territories of indigenous peoples and local communities
- Demographic trends (i.e. Urbanization)
- Number of governments legally recognizing customary law, institutions and practices
- Number of parties with national legislation, policies and measures to protect traditional knowledge, and recognize land rights and customary sustainable use

(UNEP/CBD/WG8J/5/8 Annex 1)
Decision IX/13 on article 8(j) and Related Provisions:

- **Notes** the importance of both qualitative and quantitative indicators
- **Welcomes** the work of the IIFB to identify a limited number of meaningful, practical and measurable indicators on the status of traditional knowledge,
- **Recommends** that a maximum of two additional indicators on the status of traditional knowledge be adopted,
- **Requests** the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its sixth meeting (Malaysia November 2009) to continue its work on the identification of a limited number of meaningful, practical and measurable indicators on the status of traditional knowledge,
- **Requests** the Executive Secretary of the CBD to maintain coordination with the UNPFII and the Inter-Agency Support Group and relevant agencies.
Outlook

Working Group on Article 8(j)
- 6th meeting: November 2009, Malaysia, (back to back with 8th WG ABS)

COP 10
- Nagoya Japan, October 2009
- Post 2010 targets
Thank you for your attention!