

# Towards a new CBD Strategy 2021 – 2030 - Horizon Scanning exercise

## Background and motivation

The international discussion on a new strategy of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) for the decade 2021-2030 started in mid-2017 with consultations on the process toward a new CBD strategic framework. In 2020, the 15th Conference of the Parties to the CBD in China is expected to decide about this new strategy. WWF Germany is carrying out a project preparing a contribution to this discussion of the new CBD strategy in consultation with experts from different disciplines.

The discussion paper WWF Germany is developing is meant as a concrete input to the deliberations and aims to provide ideas and proposals relevant for the positioning of different actors, such as Parties to the CBD or various non-governmental organizations and stakeholders.

The project will run until the end of 2018 and intermediate results will be presented on the side lines of SBSTTA-21 in 2017, SBSTTA-22 and SBI-2 in mid-2018. The final discussion paper will be presented at the 14th Conference of the Parties in Egypt end of 2018.

## Aim of the Horizon Scanning exercise

In order to prepare the discussion paper an exercise will be carried out inspired by the Horizon Scanning methodology<sup>1</sup> to look into future themes via two online questionnaires. The aim of this exercise is:

- To identify important thematic topics, which are likely to be of high relevance for the decade 2021-2030 paving the way to CBD's 2050 vision<sup>2</sup>; these will be considered for the inclusion in the discussion paper,
- To capture the views of experts who know about the current situation and the challenges biodiversity is facing, but are not deeply involved in the deliberations of CBD meetings and discussions of the new CBD post 2020 strategy; the aim is to engage experts with varied expertise and professions, age and sex, and from different geographical regions.

## Implementation of the exercise

WWF Germany commissioned the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ – in Leipzig / Germany to conduct the exercise in early 2018. UFZ's Science-Policy Ex-

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<sup>1</sup> Generally horizon scanning exploring what the future might look like to better understand uncertainties, see also Sutherland et al. (2011): *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* 2/3: 238-247

<sup>2</sup> "Living in harmony with nature" where by 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people.

pert Group at the Department of Conservation Biology will develop the two online questionnaires and reach out to biodiversity experts with diverse professional backgrounds.

Online survey 1 is circulated to at least 50 experts and collects relevant future topics for the decade 2021-2030. These topics will be clustered into thematic areas by the project team.

Online survey 2 is circulated to a set of ca. 150 experts and serves to inform the prioritization of thematic areas identified and clustered as a result of the first survey.

The survey will have a global scope. Participation in the surveys is on personal invitation only.

## Processing of the data and results

Participants' responses will be anonymized in any published format or report, only project partners (WWF Germany, Institute for Biodiversity – ibn, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research) will have access to this information.

We request that participants state their name and affiliation so we are able to get back to them for questions or follow-up inquiries as well as inform them about the results.

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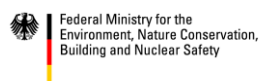
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