



A Word from the BES-Net Team

Dear Members of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network,

The team is just back from the fifth meeting of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-5), where a new capacity building rolling plan was adopted by the platform. UNDP/BES-Net is looking forward to contributing to the rolling plan as the key UN Partner for capacity building in IPBES.

The need to support the uptake of the IPBES assessments was also highlighted by many governments during IPBES-5. In this context, we are looking forward to the first BES-Net Regional Trialogue – funded by the German IKI and to be hosted this year in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to support the uptake of the IPBES assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production.

Lastly, would like to warmly welcome and introduce our new BES-Net partners, BSPIN and Oppla. BSPIN is an initiative of a group of young scientists dealing with issues of biodiversity-related science-policy interfaces, whereas Oppla is a knowledge marketplace where the latest thinking on ecosystem services, natural capital and nature-based solutions is brought together.

The BES- Net Team



About BES-Net

BES-Net is a capacity building “network of networks” that promotes dialogue among science, policy and practice for more effective management of biodiversity and ecosystems, contributing to long-term human well-being and sustainable development. Find out more [here](#).

Did you know?

New publication by the Ecosystem Marketplace found out that “in just two years, the total private capital committed to conservation investments jumped by 62%, to a total committed private capital of \$8.2 billion tracked from 2004 to 2015.” Additionally, the report reveals that “public sector investment in conservation remained at a much larger scale than private sector investment, with a reported \$31.7B tracked across the years 2009-2015.” Source: [State of Private Investment in Conservation 2016](#).

In Focus

- Click [here](#) to view upcoming events in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.
- Click [here](#) for current jobs and internships in the field of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.



BES-Net Partners

The Network now counts [84 organizations](#) that play a key role in the field of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Contact us at info@besnet.world should you want to join.

Highlights from BES-Net Partners

Join the Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators



Pollinators play a key role in the conservation of biological diversity, ecosystems, food production and the global economy. The effects of current human activities hamper animal pollination. Join [Promote Pollinators, the Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators](#), for the conservation of pollinators and their habitats.

The coalition believes that country-led politics can foster policy measures and innovative action on protecting pollinators. National pollinator strategies are an important tool for the conservation of pollinators. The coalition is reaching out to new partners with the aim of continuously expanding our common efforts and of sharing knowledge and innovations. Main ambitions are to improve current conditions for pollinators and maintain pollination, to transform agricultural landscapes and to transform society's relationship with nature. The partners of the coalition want to put the key findings of the IPBES report into execution.

Please visit <http://www.promotepollinators.org> for more information and contact the coalition at info@promotepollinators.org.

Survey on EbA-relevant Valuation Methods



The BMUB-IKI funded global project 'Mainstreaming EbA', implemented by GIZ, is carrying out a short online survey which seeks to collect information about applied methods for assessing and measuring EbA benefits delivered by ecosystem services.

The survey aims to identify best practices which can support decision-makers to mainstream EbA into policy and planning processes. To participate in the survey, please click [here](#).

IPBES Scenarios Survey



The intent of this survey is to collect input for the short and long-term work on scenarios and models by the IPBES Expert Group on Scenarios and Models and the wider scientific community. The survey asks respondents to identify a variety of policy and management options that can promote biodiversity and nature's contributions to people and human well-being. You can participate [here](#).

The Biodiversity Convention Launches the Bio-Bridge Web Platform for Technical and Scientific Cooperation



The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity has launched a Bio-Bridge Web Platform to further promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer for the effective implementation of Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing. The platform is accessible at <http://www.cbd.int/biobridge/platform>.

Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders interested are invited to use the web platform to submit, as appropriate, requests for technical assistance, express interest to offer such assistance, or announce opportunities for technical and scientific cooperation. The platform will also facilitate access to a wide range of knowledge assets and curated resources and support knowledge sharing through online discussion forums.

For more information, please visit the Bio-Bridge website at <http://www.cbd.int/biobridge> or send an e-mail to biobridge@cbd.int.

The CBD Secretariat Launches an E-Learning Platform for Biodiversity



The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity has launched a Biodiversity e-Learning Platform, accessible at <http://scbd.unssc.org>. This platform was developed in response to request from Parties to promote the use of advanced technologies to further enhance capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer.

The platform provides a one-stop-access to e-learning modules and courses on topics related to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing. The modules are developed by the Secretariat in collaboration with partner organizations.

Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and the public are encouraged to visit the platform and complete relevant e-learning modules available. Participants will be able to download certificates for each module they complete.

For more information please contact the Secretariat at e-learning@cbd.int.

GBIF Opens Final BID Call for Proposals from Sub-Saharan Africa



GBIF invites the submission of concept notes for project funding from sub-Saharan Africa through Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) programme. This call seeks to support those projects from Sub-Saharan Africa which focus on the following areas: 1) Mobilizing biodiversity data, 2) Use and extend best practices for digitizing natural history collections, 3) Apply biodiversity data in support of decision-making and research, or 4) Develop lasting national, regional or thematic networks to support ongoing data sharing and reuse. The submission deadline is 9th April 2017. More details on the application procedure [here](#).

UNDP Releases a Photo-Essay on the Implementation of Sustainable Ecosystem Management in Cuba



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The photo-essay presents the results achieved by the Government of Cuba, in cooperation with UNDP and Global Environmental Facility GEF, in implementing a sustainable management of the Sabana-Camagüey Ecosystem. This project laid the ground for Cuba, partnering with UNDP and GEF, to build its current portfolio of interconnected environmental projects; from sustainable land management to ridge-to-reef approaches to ecosystem conservation, protection of mountain watersheds, management of invasive alien species, and ecosystem based approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The photo essay is available [online](#).

MedPAN Publishes the Main Findings on the Status of the Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean



MedPAN and RAC/SPA conducted an assessment on the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) on Mediterranean. Based on the report, the coverage of MPA's on Mediterranean is increasing year by year, accounting currently to approximately 7% of the sea's surface. The full report will be published in the first quarter of 2017, but the main findings are already available online [here](#).

Conservation International Launches New Fellowship Initiative for Dedicated Conservationists



Conservation International (CI) announced a new fellowship initiative called “Lui-Walton Innovators Fellowship Program”. It will offer a full-time paid position and travel up to two years for scientists and conservationists dedicated to saving nature and building healthier planet. The selected fellows will have an access to resources, professional development, participation to CI programs as well as a change to work with CI and its partners to tackle critical conservation issues. Read more about the fellowship [here](#).

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Tip of the Month on the BES-Net Web Portal

Did you know you can customize the frequency of BES-Net mail notifications to your preference?

To do so, you just need to access your dashboard, click on “EDIT PROFILE” and adjust the “frequency of notifications” field.

Enjoy!

Jobs and Internships

Programme Officer on Livelihoods and Environmental Crime at UNODC (31 March 2017 – Vienna, Austria)

This position focuses in the planning, organization, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the UNODC sustainable livelihoods, alternative development, environmental crime and conservation strategies, policies and programs. Detailed description of the position is available [here](#).

Forest Social Science Intern at WWF (15 April 2017 – Washington D.C., US)

WWF is looking for a motivated intern to assist in the development of methods and instruments which will be used to strengthen their community forest monitoring program. The position requires strong data management and statistical analysis skills, with demonstrated experience on handling forest inventory and household survey datasets. More information and application details are available [here](#).

Environmental Officer at UNHCR (30 June 2017 – Geneva, Switzerland)

UNHCR is hiring an Environmental Officer to assist the UNHCR emergency team in mainstreaming environmental factors into the refugee-hosting arrangements as well as to enhance the implementation of environmental interventions as soon as possible during the emergency phase of a response. Find out more and apply [here](#).

Other Job Opportunities

The BES-Net web portal provides access to a [list of jobs and internships](#) available in the field of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

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