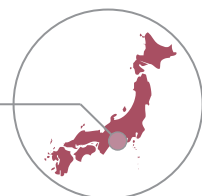


In April 2002, the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) committed themselves to achieve a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on Earth by 2010. As a result the year 2010 has been designated as the International Year of Biodiversity by the United Nations.

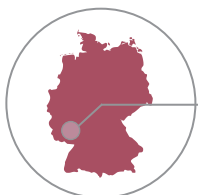
Preparation of a Pacific Strategy leading up to CBD COP 10, October 2010

COP 10

Nagoya, Japan | COP 10 CBD



The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will be held in the City of Nagoya, Aichi prefecture, Japan, in this milestone year. COP10 is expected to provide opportunities for evaluating the status of achievement and discussing the framework for the next milestone targets.



Bonn, Germany | COP 9 CBD

Recently at COP 9 CBD in Bonn Germany, the Pacific came together to brainstorm ideas to develop a strategy to mark this special occasion. The discussion centered largely on preparing for and celebrating achievements at COP 10.



The Pacific Strategy will be prepared by SPREP, countries and partners over the coming months and financial assistance will be sought for its implementation.

The Pacific discussion in Bonn identified points to include in the strategy

- Identify and concentrate on 4-5 priority CBD issues for our region
- Identify regional people to follow the issues
- Decide on a focal point for these issues
- Support new Asia-Pacific COP Bureau representative – Tania Temata of the Cook Islands.
- Include other organisations to assist and support COP 10 preparations e.g CROP agencies, NGOs etc
- Undertake negotiations training and identify opportunities to highlight Pacific positions. (for example, relevant CBD related meetings that the Pacific should engage e.g AHTEGs Working Groups, Expert Groups.)
- Showcase and highlight Pacific achievements. Choose high profile topics and connect with commemorating "2010 International Year of Biodiversity".
- Liaise with Pacific Tourism Offices based in Japan.
- Have creative displays depicting Pacific achievements at COP 10.
- Approach the Government of Japan for assistance in planning Pacific interaction with COP 10.
- Continue to work closely with our Small Islands Developing states colleagues to progress our issues.

We welcome your ideas and input into the development and implementation of the Strategy.

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