The role of biodiversity and wetlands in the global water cycle (2013-15/43)

Lead: STRP, with CBD Secretariat

Summary

Establish an expert group on maintaining the ability of biodiversity to continue to support the water cycle (as requested by CBD COP10 Decision X/28 and approved by SC42), and communicate with Parties so that they can provide scientific inputs through their own experts.

Ongoing, initiated in 2009-2012

Outcomes/outputs:

i) technical review of the contribution of biodiversity to sustaining the water cycle, and current and potential changes occurring in this relationship (RTR/CBD Technical Series report);
ii) key policy-relevant messages for decision-makers.
Ramsar, water and wetlands: review and development of strategy for engaging in the global water debate (2013-15/44)

Lead: STRP & Secretariat

Summary

Develop a strategy for Ramsar to engage fully in the global water debate, focusing on the role of wetlands as natural water infrastructure. This includes specifying aims, mechanisms for engagement, and products needed to support the engagement. [Note. The Secretariat’s 2011 development of a “Vision 40+” for the Convention contributes to this strategy.]

Carried over from 2009-2012 (task 7.7.a)

Outcomes/outputs:

Ramsar engagement strategy and possible refinements to 2013-2015 work programme (for Parties, Secretariat, and STRP) in the global water debate.
Environmental water allocation for wetlands – guidance (2013-15/45)

Lead: STRP, Mexico and WWF

Summary

Work with Mexico and WWF to share approaches and experiences and to develop further guidance or tools for management and allocation of water for maintaining the ecological functions of wetlands.

Outcomes/outputs:

Initially a Briefing Note prepared with Mexico to share their approaches and experiences. Consider whether to develop additional guidance on this topic for COP12.
Cuencas hidrológicas
Objetivo ambiental

*Cuencas en blanco pendiente de realizar análisis de criterios para obtener su objetivo ambiental
**Objetivos ambientales conforme a la información analizada para la poligonal de los acuíferos presentes