Status of the Revision of the Seychelles National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

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Current status of NBSAP revision process

- Early December 2012- Recruitment of the Lead Consultant for our NBSAP Review Process
- December 18th 2013- First National Stakeholder workshop which served as the inception workshop for both the NBSAP 2.0 Project as well as for the GEF-UNDP EA Project
- Completion of the Setting up of National Targets and Priorities / Outline Document
- March 2013 recruitment of experts/consultants for the main thematic areas of our NBSAP namely:
  - Climate Change
  - Capacity needs assessment
  - Environmental Economics
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- May 09th 2013- National Stakeholder Consultative workshop (An NBSAP draft was presented to the participants to stimulate thoughts/discussions)
- Goals/objectives/projects under four main thematic areas- covering an array of cross-sectorial issues set out
- Compilation of comments
- Drafting ongoing
Progress made on integration with development planning processes

- Alignment with the themes of the National Development Plan- Seychelles Sustainable Development Strategy (SSDS) 2012-2020 (NBSAP as an implementation tools of the NBSAP)
- Alignment of the Physical Planning Bill and the Environment Protection Bill (both in final review stages)
Progress made with mobilising resources for NBSAP implementation

The NBSAP team is also working on a proposed implementation plan for the NBSAP which includes:

- An assessment of the current funding mechanism and how sustainable they are
- Review of institutional arrangements
- Preparation (PIF) of the ‘Seychelles Conservation Finance Project (under GEF-5- Biodiversity Focal Area)
Road Map

- Recruitment of New Project Manager to be finalized (contracts mid July 2013)
- First Draft of NBSAP document completed End of August 2013 and submitted to Steering Committee
- Internal Review and other comments
- Validation Workshop October 02\(^{nd}\) 2013
- December 2013 submission of final draft to Cabinet of Ministers for endorsement