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 02nd 2013
- December 2013 submission of final draft to Cabinet of Ministers for endorsement