

# Third National Report of Belgium to the Convention on Biological Diversity

## Abbreviations and acronyms used throughout the report

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| ABC       | Access to Belgian Collections of interest for biodiversity   |
| ABIC      | African Biodiversity Information Centre  |
| ABS       | access and benefit-sharing   |
| ACONITE   | Association pour la Cartographie d'Organismes Naturels et les Inventaires Taxonomiques et Ecologiques (Association for Natural Organisms Cartography and Taxonomic and Ecological Inventories) |
| ADIE      | Association pour le Développement de l'Information Environnementale (Environmental Information Development Association)  |
| AEI       | agri-environmental indicator   |
| AEM       | agri-environmental measure   |
| AETFAT    | Association pour l'Etude Taxonomique de la Flore d'Afrique Tropicale (Association for the Taxonomic Study of the Flora of Tropical Africa)   |
| AEWA      | Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds   |
| AIR       | agriculture and agro-industry  |
| ALTER-Net | A Long-Term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network   |
| AMINAL    | Administratie Milieu-, Natuur-, Land- en Waterbeheer (Administration for Environment, Nature, Land and Water Management)   |
| AnGR      | animal genetic resources   |
| ANKONA    | Antwerpse Koepel voor Natuurstudie (Province of Antwerp Nature Study Umbrella)   |
| API       | African Plants Initiative  |
| ASCOBANS  | Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas  |
| BBCH      | Belgian Biosafety Clearing-House   |
| BBPF      | Belgian Biodiversity Platform  |
| BBS       | Belgian Biosafety Server   |
| BCCM      | Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Micro-organisms  |
| BCH       | Biosafety Clearing-House   |
| B CHM     | Belgian Clearing-House Mechanism   |
| Be-BIF    | Belgian Biodiversity Information Facility  |
| Belspo    | Belgian Science Policy Office  |
| BEM       | Biological Evaluation Map  |
| BEST      | Bureau d'Etudes Scientifiques et Techniques (Office for Scientific and Technical Research)   |
| BFIS      | Belgian Forum on Invasive Alien Species  |
| BIM       | Brussels Instituut voor Milieubeheer (Brussels Institute for the Management of the Environment)  |
| BIME      | Brussels Institute for the Management of the Environment   |
| BIO       | Belgian Investment Office  |
| BLEU      | Belgian-Luxemburg Economic Union   |
| BWK       | Biologische Waarderingskaart (Biological Evaluation Map)   |
| CAR       | Central African Republic   |
| CARI      | Centre Apicole de Recherche et d'Information (Beekeeping Research and Information Centre)  |
| CASTEX    | Common Approach for Scientific Touring Exhibition  |
| CAWA      | Contrat d'Avenir pour la Wallonie Actualisé (Actualised Walloon Contract for the Future)   |
| CBD       | Convention on Biological Diversity   |
| CCIEP     | Coordination Committee for International Environmental Policy  |
| CDM       | Clean Development Mechanism  |
| CDPA      | Centre de Dépaysement et de Plein Air (Centre for Open Air and Changes of Scenery)   |
| CE        | Commission européenne (European Commission)  |

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| CECODI   | Centre International d'Ecodéveloppement Intégré (International Centre for Integrated Ecodevelopment)  |
| CEDRE    | Centre d'Etudes du Droit de l'Environnement (Study Centre for Environmental Law)  |
| CEPA     | Communication, Education and Public Awareness   |
| CETAF    | Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities   |
| CGIAR    | Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research   |
| CGMS     | Crop Growth Monitoring System   |
| CHM      | Clearing-House Mechanism  |
| CIAT     | Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (International Center for Tropical Agriculture)  |
| CIFOR    | Center for International Forestry Research  |
| CIFS     | Centre d'Information Forêt de Soignes (Information Centre of the Sonian Forest)   |
| CIMMYT   | Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center)   |
| CIP      | Centro Internacional de la Papa (International Potato Center)   |
| CITES    | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora   |
| CIUF     | Conseil Interuniversitaire de la Communauté française de Belgique (Interuniversity Council of the French Community of Belgium)                          |
| CLO      | Centrum voor Landbouwkundig Onderzoek (Agricultural Research Centre)  |
| CMS      | Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals   |
| CNDRS    | Centre National de Documentation et de Recherche Scientifique (National Documentation and Scientific Research Centre)                                   |
| COMIFAC  | Commission des Ministres en charge des Forêts en Afrique Centrale (Commission of Ministers in charge of Central African Forests)                        |
| COP      | Conference of the Parties   |
| COST     | European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research   |
| CP       | commitment period   |
| CPDR     | Centre de Philosophie du Droit (Centre for Philosophy of Law)   |
| CPF      | Collaborative Partnership on Forests  |
| CRIE     | Centre Régional d'Initiation à l'Environnement (Regional Centre for Environmental Education)  |
| CRIS     | Current Research Information System   |
| CRNFB    | Centre de Recherche de la Nature, des Forêts et du Bois (Research Centre for Nature, Forests and Wood)  |
| CUD      | coopération universitaire au développement (University Development Cooperation)   |
| CWATUP   | Code wallon de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Urbanisme et du Patrimoine (Walloon Code of Town and Country Planning, Urban Development and Heritage) |
| DAC      | Development Aid Committee   |
| DG       | Directorate General   |
| DGDC     | Directorate-General for Development Cooperation   |
| DGRNE    | Direction générale des Ressources naturelles et de l'Environnement (Directorate General for Natural Resources and Environment)                          |
| DICE     | Digital Information Centre  |
| DNA      | deoxyribonucleic acid   |
| DR Congo | Democratic Republic of Congo  |
| EC       | European Commission   |
| ECE      | Economic Commission for Europe  |
| EDIT     | European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy  |
| EEA      | European Environment Agency   |
| EEC      | European Economic Community   |
| EIA      | environmental impact assessment   |
| EIONET   | European Environment Information and Observation Network  |
| ENBI     | European Network for Biodiversity Information   |
| ENHSIN   | European Natural History Specimen Information Network   |
| EPBRS    | European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy  |

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| EPIC          | European Platform for International Biological Resources Consolidation  |
| ERAIFT        | Ecole Régionale Post-Universitaire d'Aménagement et de Gestion Intégrée des Forêts Tropicales (Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests)                   |
| EU            | European Union  |
| EUFORGEN      | European Forest Genetic Resources Programme   |
| EUROBATS      | Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats   |
| FAIR          | Agriculture and Fisheries Programme   |
| FAO           | Food and Agriculture Organization   |
| FELNET        | Flanders Environmental Library Network  |
| FEN           | Flemish Ecological Network  |
| FLEGT         | Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade  |
| FNRS          | Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (National Scientific Research Fund)   |
| FP6           | Sixth Framework Programme   |
| FPSD          | Federal Plan for Sustainable Development  |
| FSC           | Forest Stewardship Council  |
| FUL           | Fondation Universitaire Luxembourgeoise (Luxembourg University Foundation) – now Département des Sciences et Gestion de l'Environnement (Sciences and Environmental Management Department of the ULg) |
| FUNDP         | Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix   |
| FUSAGx        | Faculté Universitaire des Sciences Agronomiques de Gembloux (Gembloux Agricultural University)  |
| GAWI          | Groupement d'Arboriculteurs pratiquant en Wallonie les techniques Intégrées (Organisation of Walloon Fruit growers who apply the Integrated Techniques)   |
| GBIF          | Global Biodiversity Information Facility  |
| GBP           | Gewestelijk Bestemmingsplan (Regional Land Use Plan)  |
| GEB           | Grensoverschrijdend Ecologisch Basisplan (Transboundary Ecological Plan)  |
| GEF           | Global Environment Facility   |
| GIS           | Geographic Information System   |
| GMO           | Genetically modified organism   |
| GSPC          | Global Strategy for Plant Conservation  |
| GTI           | Global Taxonomy Initiative  |
| GURTs         | Genetic Use Restriction Technologies  |
| HELCOM        | Helsinki Commission   |
| IACS          | Integrated Administration and Control System  |
| IAS           | invasive alien species  |
| IAUP          | International Association of University Presidents  |
| IBGE          | Institut bruxellois pour la Gestion de l'Environnement (Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment)   |
| IBW           | Instituut voor Bosbouw en Wildbeheer (Institute for Forestry and Game Management)   |
| ICCN          | Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation)  |
| ICE           | Inter-Ministerial Conference for Environment  |
| ICP (Forests) | International Co-operative Programme (on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests)   |
| ICRAF         | International Centre for Research in Agroforestry   |
| ICRISAT       | International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics  |
| ICZM          | integrated coastal zone management  |
| ICZO          | Informatiecentrum Zoniënwoud (Information Centre of the Sonian Forest)  |
| IGBP          | International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme   |
| IGEAT         | Institut de Gestion de l'Environnement et d'Aménagement du Territoire (Institute for Environmental Management and Physical Planning)  |
| IHEM          | Institute for Hygiene and Epidemiology, Mycology collection - now IPH: Scientific Institute of Public Health  |

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| IITA      | International Institute of Tropical Agriculture  |
| ILO       | International Labour Organization  |
| ILRI      | International Livestock Research Institute   |
| IMO       | International Maritime Organisation  |
| IN        | Instituut voor Natuurbehoud (Institute of Nature Conservation)   |
| INCO(-DC) | International Cooperation (with Developing Countries)  |
| INIBAP    | International Network for the Improvement of Banana and Plantain   |
| INTERREG  | Community initiative concerning border areas (INTERREG 1), concerning border development and cross-border cooperation (INTERREG 2), and concerning trans-European cooperation intended to encourage harmonious and balanced development of the European territory (INTERREG 3) |
| IPBO      | Instituut voor Plantenbiotechnologie voor Ontwikkelingslanden (Plant Biotechnology Institute for Developing Countries)   |
| IPEN      | International Plant Exchange Network   |
| IPGRI     | International Plant Genetic Resources Institute  |
| IPH       | Scientific Institute of Public Health (formerly IHE)   |
| IPR       | intellectual property rights   |
| IRPI      | Inter-Disciplinary Research for Poplar Improvement   |
| IRRI      | International Rice Research Institute  |
| ISB       | Inventaire et Surveillance de la Biodiversité (Inventory and Monitoring of Biodiversity)   |
| ISH       | Inventaire et Surveillance des Habitats (Inventory and Monitoring of Habitats)   |
| ITPGR     | International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources  |
| ITTO      | International Tropical Timber Organization   |
| IUCN      | International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources – The World Conservation Union  |
| JI        | joint implementation   |
| KULeuven  | Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven)   |
| LANDSCAPE | European Landscape Convention  |
| LIFE      | Financial Instrument for the Environment   |
| LMBP      | Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Plasmid collection ( <i>at UGent</i> )  |
| LMG       | Laboratory for Microbiology ( <i>at UGent</i> )  |
| LUC       | Limburgs Universitair Centrum (University Centre of Limburg) - now UHasselt: Universiteit Hasselt (Hasselt University)   |
| MAE       | mesure agri-environnementale (agri-environmental measure)  |
| MCPFE     | Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe  |
| MDG       | Millennium Development Goals   |
| MEA       | Millennium Ecosystem Assessment  |
| MEA       | multilateral environmental agreement   |
| METAFRO   | Metadata African Organisation  |
| MIKE      | Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants  |
| MINA      | Milieubeleids- en Natuurontwikkelingsplan voor Vlaanderen (Flanders Environment and Nature Policy Plan)  |
| MIRA      | Milieurapport Vlaanderen (Flanders Environmental Report)   |
| MMIS      | Milieu Management Informatiesysteem (Environmental Data Information System)  |
| MMM       | Marien Milieu Marin (Marine Environment)   |
| MOSAICC   | Micro-organisms, Sustainable Use and Access Regulation, International Code of Conduct  |
| MPA       | marine protected area  |
| MRW       | Ministère de la Région wallonne (Ministry of the Walloon Region)   |
| MTA       | Material Transfer Agreement  |
| MUCL      | Mycothèque de l'Université Catholique de Louvain (Mycological Collection of the Catholic University of Louvain)  |
| MUIENR    | Makerere University Institute of Environment and Natural Resources   |
| MUMM      | Management Unit of the North Sea Mathematical Models   |

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| NA         | not applicable  |
| NAP        | National Action Programme   |
| NARA       | Natuurrapport Vlaanderen (Flanders Nature Report)   |
| NBGB       | National Botanic Garden of Belgium  |
| NBSAP      | National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan  |
| NFP        | national focal point  |
| NGO        | non-governmental organisation   |
| NMK        | National Museums of Kenya   |
| NoE        | Network of Excellence   |
| NOP        | Nature Objective Plan   |
| OA         | Official Aid  |
| ODA        | Official Development Aid  |
| OECD       | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  |
| OFFH       | Observatoire de la Faune, de la Flore et des Habitats (Observatory of Fauna, Flora and Habitats)  |
| OSPAR      | Oslo and Paris Conventions for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic  |
| PBEPT      | Plan de Base Ecologique et Paysager Transfrontalier (Transboundary Ecological and Landscape Plan)   |
| PCDN       | Plan Communal de Développement de la Nature (Municipal Nature Development Plan)   |
| PEBLDS     | Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy  |
| PEFC       | Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification   |
| PIRENE     | Programme Intégré de Recherche Environnement-Eau (Environment-Water Integrated Research Programme)  |
| PoW        | Programme of Work   |
| PRAS       | Plan Régional d'Affectation du Sol (Regional Land Use Plan)   |
| PRSP       | Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper  |
| pSCI       | proposed Sites of Community Importance  |
| RBINS      | Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences   |
| RDP        | Rural Development Programme   |
| REIMP      | Regional Environmental Information Management Programme   |
| RMCA       | Royal Museum for Central Africa   |
| RTD        | Research and Technological Development  |
| RZSA       | Royal Zoological Society of Antwerp   |
| SAC        | Special Area of Conservation  |
| SACEP      | South Asian Co-operative Environment Programme  |
| SADC       | Southern African Development Community  |
| SAGRIWATEL | Suivi de l'Etat de l'Agriculture wallonne par Télédétection (Agriculture Monitoring by Remote Sensing in the Walloon Region)              |
| SBB        | Service of Biosafety and Biotechnology  |
| SBSTA      | Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (under UNFCCC)  |
| SBSTTA     | Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (under UNCBD)   |
| SCAR       | Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research  |
| SCBD       | Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity   |
| SEA        | Strategic Environmental Assessment  |
| SEP        | Structure Ecologique Principale (Major Ecological Structure)  |
| SFM        | sustainable forest management   |
| SGIB       | Sites de Grand Intérêt Biologique (Sites of Great Biological Interest)  |
| SHER       | Société pour l'Hydraulique, l'Environnement et la Réhabilitation (Hydraulics, Environment and Rehabilitation Society)                     |
| SIBW       | Système d'informations sur la Biodiversité en Wallonie (System of Information on Biodiversity in Wallonia)                                |
| SoW        | State of the World  |
| SPA        | Special Protection Area   |
| SURWAL     | Surveillance de l'environnement wallon par les bioindicateurs (Monitoring of the state of the Walloon environment through bio-indicators) |

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| SYGIAP      | Système de Gestion d'Information pour les Aires Protégées (Information Management System for Protected Areas) |
| SYNTHESESYS | Synthesis of Systematic Resources   |
| TAFIRI      | Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute   |
| UA          | Universiteit Antwerpen (University of Antwerp)  |
| UCL         | Université Catholique de Louvain (Catholic University of Louvain)   |
| UCT         | University of Cape Town   |
| UDC         | University Development Cooperation  |
| UE          | Union européenne (European Union)   |
| UGent       | Universiteit Gent (Ghent University)  |
| ULB         | University Libre de Bruxelles (Free University of Brussels)   |
| ULg         | Université de Liège (University of Liège)   |
| UMH         | Université de Mons-Hainaut (University of Mons-Hainaut)   |
| UN          | United Nations  |
| UNCBD       | United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity   |
| UNCCD       | United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification   |
| UNCLOS      | United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea   |
| UNDP        | United Nations Development Programme  |
| UNEP        | United Nations Environment Programme  |
| UNESCO      | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  |
| UNFCCC      | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change   |
| UNFF        | United Nations Forum on Forests   |
| UNHCR       | United Nations Refugee Agency   |
| UNIKIS      | Université de Kisangani (University of Kisangani)   |
| UNIN        | University of the North   |
| UNV         | United Nations Volunteers   |
| VIB         | Vlaams Interuniversitair Instituut voor Biotechnologie (Flanders Interuniversity Institute for Biotechnology) |
| VIS         | Vis Informatie Systeem (Fish Information System)  |
| VLIR        | Vlaamse Interuniversitaire Raad (Flemish Interuniversity Council)   |
| VLIZ        | Vlaams Instituut voor de Zee (Flanders Marine Institute)  |
| VUB         | Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels)  |
| WHC         | World Heritage Convention   |
| WIPO        | World Intellectual Property Organization  |
| WMU         | Wildlife Management Unit  |
| WWF         | Worldwide Fund for Nature   |

Abbreviated titles of research programmes are not listed.