

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

### B. PRIORITY SETTING, TARGETS AND OBSTACLES

#### Box I.

Please provide an overview of the status and trends of various components of biological diversity in your country based on the information and data available.

A comprehensive description of the status and trends of biological diversity in Belgium can be found in the following publications, annexed to this report:

- Peeters, M., Franklin, A. & Van Goethem, J.L. (eds), 2003. Biodiversity in Belgium. Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels: 416 pp.
- Dumortier, M., De Bruyn, L., Peymen, J., Schneiders, A., Van Daele, T., Weyembergh, G., van Straaten, D. & Kuijken, E., 2003. Toestand van de natuur in Vlaanderen: cijfers voor het beleid. Mededeling van het Instituut voor Natuurbehoud, Brussel, nr 21: 352 pp.
- Dumortier, M., De Bruyn, L., Hens, M., Peymen, J., Schneiders, A., Van Daele, T., Van Reeth, W., Weyembergh, G. & Kuijken, E. (red.), 2005. Natuurrapport 2005. Toestand van de natuur in Vlaanderen: cijfers voor het beleid. Mededeling van het Instituut voor Natuurbehoud, Brussel, nr 24: 496 pp.
- Cellule Etat de l'Environnement Wallon, 2003. Tableau de bord de l'environnement wallon 2003. MRW, DGRNE, Namur: 144 pp.
- Gryseels, M., 2003. Biodiversity in the Brussels Capital Region. *In*: Peeters, M., Franklin, A. & Van Goethem, J. (eds), Biodiversity in Belgium. Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences: 259-291.

A summarised overview of the status and trends of biological diversity in Belgium can be found in the following publications, also annexed to this report:

- Peeters, M., Van Goethem, J., Franklin, A., Schlessen, M. & de Koeijer, H., 2004. Biodiversiteit in België: een overzicht. Koninklijk Belgisch Instituut voor Natuurwetenschappen, Brussel: 20 pp.
- Peeters, M., Schlessen, M., Réveillon, A., Franklin, A., Collin, C. & Van Goethem, J., 2004. La biodiversité en Belgique: un aperçu. Institut royal des Sciences naturelles de Belgique, Bruxelles: 20 pp.
- Dumortier, M., De Bruyn, L., Peymen, J., Schneiders, A., Van Daele, T., Weyembergh, G., van Straaten, D. & Kuijken, E., 2003. Natuurrapport 2003. Toestand van de natuur in Vlaanderen: cijfers voor het beleid. Samenvatting / English summary. Instituut voor Natuurbehoud, Brussel: 43 pp.
- Dumortier, M., De Bruyn, L., Hens, M., Peymen, J., Schneiders, A., Van Daele, T., Van Reeth, W., Weyembergh, G. & Kuijken, E. (red.), 2005. Toestand van de natuur in Vlaanderen. Natuurrapport 2005 in vogelvlucht. Instituut voor Natuurbehoud, Brussel: 36 pp.
- Heirman, J.-P. (ed.), 2002. The Flemish Environmental Policy Plan 2003-2007 - Summary. AMINAL, Brussels: 111 pp.
- Cellule Etat de l'environnement wallon, 2004. Scoreboard of the Walloon Environment 2004 – Summary. MRW, DGRNE, Namur: 36 pp.

#### Priority Setting

1. Please indicate, by marking an "X" in the appropriate column below, the level of priority your country accords to the implementation of various articles, provisions and relevant programmes of the work of the Convention.

Article/Provision/Programme of Work	Level of Priority		
	High	Medium	Low
a) Article 5 – Cooperation		X	
b) Article 6 - General measures for conservation and sustainable use	X		

c) Article 7 - Identification and monitoring	X		
d) Article 8 – <i>In-situ</i> conservation	X		
e) Article 8(h) - Alien species		X	
f) Article 8(j) - Traditional knowledge and related provisions			X
g) Article 9 – <i>Ex-situ</i> conservation		X	
h) Article 10 – Sustainable use of components of biological diversity		X	
i) Article 11 - Incentive measures		X	
j) Article 12 - Research and training	X		
k) Article 13 - Public education and awareness		X	
l) Article 14 - Impact assessment and minimising adverse impacts	X		
m) Article 15 - Access to genetic resources		X	
n) Article 16 - Access to and transfer of technology			X
o) Article 17 - Exchange of information		X	
p) Article 18 – Scientific and technical cooperation		X	
q) Article 19 - Handling of biotechnology and distribution of its benefits			X
r) Article 20 - Financial resources		X	
s) Article 21 - Financial mechanism		X	
t) Agricultural biodiversity			X
u) Forest biodiversity		X	
v) Inland water biodiversity		X	X
w) Marine and coastal biodiversity		X	
x) Dryland and subhumid land biodiversity			X
y) Mountain biodiversity			X

## Challenges and Obstacles to Implementation

2. Please use the scale indicated below to reflect the level of challenges faced by your country in implementing the provisions of the Articles of the Convention (5, 6, 7, 8, 8h, 8j, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20)

3 = High Challenge

1 = Low Challenge

2 = Medium Challenge

0 = Challenge has been successfully overcome

NA = Not applicable

Challenges	Articles																	
	5	6	7	8	8h	8j	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
a) Lack of political will and support	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
b) Limited public participation and stakeholder involvement	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
c) Lack of mainstreaming and integration of biodiversity issues into other sectors	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1
d) Lack of precautionary and proactive measures	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
e) Inadequate capacity to act, caused by institutional weakness	0	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1
f) Lack of transfer of technology and expertise	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
g) Loss of traditional knowledge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
h) Lack of adequate scientific research capacities to support all the objectives	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
i) Lack of accessible knowledge and information	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1
j) Lack of public education and awareness at	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2

all levels																		
k) Existing scientific and traditional knowledge not fully utilised	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1
l) Loss of biodiversity and the corresponding goods and services it provides not properly understood and documented	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
m) Lack of financial, human, technical resources	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
n) Lack of economic incentive measures	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	1
o) Lack of benefit-sharing	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	3	1
p) Lack of synergies at national and international levels	1	1	3	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
q) Lack of horizontal cooperation among stakeholders	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
r) Lack of effective partnerships	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
s) Lack of engagement of scientific community	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1
t) Lack of appropriate policies and laws	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
u) Poverty	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
v) Population pressure	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
w) Unsustainable consumption and production patterns	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
x) Lack of capacities for local communities	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1

