

OVERVIEW OF THE CBD

MEAs TECHNICAL WORKSHOP
ORGANIZED BY CCCD PROJECT

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CBD/FOCAL POINT

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BIRTH OF THE CBD

- The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is one of the three conventions that make up the Rio Conventions.
- It was signed on June 5, 1992
- It came into force December 1993

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVENTION

- CONVENTION OF BIODIVERSITY RESOURCES;
- SUSTAINABLE USE OF ITS COMPONENTS;
- UTILIZATION OF GENETIC RESOURCES AND ITS ASSOCIATED KNOWLEDGE;

LIBERIA SIGNED AND RATIFIED

- NOVEMBER 8,2000
- ISSUED ITS FIRST SPECIALIZED STUDY REPORT ON PROTECTED AREA IN 2001;

NBSAP & NATIONAL REPORTS

- PRODUCED FIRST NBSAP 2004- UNDER FIRST STRATEGIC PLAN 2001-2010;
- SECOND NBSAP 2017- SECOND STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2020 KNOWN AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS;

KEY FINDINGS

- LIBERIA'S BIODIVERSITY RESOURCES DEPLETING AT AN ALARMING RATE;
- FALLS AMONG THE 14 BIODIVERSITY IN THE WORLD;
- INTER OF COVER, LIBERIA PROVIDES CLIMATIC STABILITY FOR HUMID WEST AFRICA THUS INCREASING THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF LIBERIA'S BIODIVERSITY RESOURCES REGIONALLY, CONTINENTALLY AND GLOBALLY

DRIVER OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS IN LIBERIA-NBSAP2017

- Shifting Cultivation or subsistence farming;
- Unsustainable logging practices;
- Mining is causing serious loss of biodiversity;
- Plantation Agriculture (rubber, Oil etc.);
- Inadequate land use planning;
- Limited appreciation of traditional related traditional natural resource management practices and codes;
- Inadequate national energy policy;

Most threatening ecosystems in Liberia

- Forest ecosystem;
- Coastal and marine ecosystem;
- Agriculture biodiversity;

NATIONAL REPORTS

- LIBERIA HAS PRODUCED ALL SIX NATIONAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY THE CONVENTIONS;
- THE MOST RECENT IS THE SIXTH NATIONAL REPORT;
- THE NATIONAL REPORT IS THE MONITORING TOOL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NBSAP;

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Liberia has met her reporting requirements under the convention by producing all six National reports consistent with Article 26 of the convention;
- Liberia met her obligation relating to NBSAP as required by Article 13 of the convention;
- Liberia did poverty study around protected areas to inform decision on readiness issues;

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- Liberia undertook readiness study for the implementation of the convention. The Project did not complete due to the failure of the partner contracted to complete their task;
- TEEB study conducted;
- Results of TEEB called for coastal and marine policy action plan to inform NCA of natural resources into the National Budget;

REVISED NBSAP 2017 NATIONAL TARGETS

- NATIONAL TARGET 1: by 2020 at least 60% of Liberians will learn something about the need and importance of biodiversity resources in Liberia and the World;
- NATIONAL TARGET II: By 2020, biodiversity values and prioritized ecosystems services will be quantified, monitored, and mainstreamed support national, sectoral planning, budgeting and decision-making ;

Key challenges

- No budget to implement Revised NBSAP;
- GEF 5,6,7,8 portfolio for biodiversity worth more than 11 million dollars; but non has been spent to support the implementation of the Revised NBSAP;
- We have no official information on what has happened to the support from GEF; only leadership of MEAs and the office of the ED can answer said question.

Thanks so much for listening