



National Biodiversity Indicators Portal

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Supporting biodiversity indicators for regional and national use

The 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership is not just about improving global-scale indicators, but is equally a two-way process supporting national and regional development of indicators, which in turn enrich the global indicators.

Since its establishment the 2010 BIP has been actively involved in supporting regions and nations in biodiversity indicator development, running a series of regional capacity building workshops across the globe.

In order to share the Partnership's extensive knowledge and experience in regional and national indicator development the 2010 BIP has created the **National Biodiversity Indicators Portal**. This portal, a companion website to the main 2010 BIP site (www.twentyten.net), is the only online resource for countries and regions looking to develop and use biodiversity indicators. As well as providing guidance and support through both online materials and resources for download, the Portal allows nations to share their experiences and lessons learnt from indicator development.

Website sections include:

Indicator Uses

This section of the Portal contains information on why nations and regions would look to develop biodiversity indicators. How biodiversity indicators can benefit national/regional decision making and fit within national policies and targets. Information is provided on the various international indicator frameworks in existence and how development of national indicators can feed into and enhance global indicators.

Indicator Development

In this section users are guided through the '*Biodiversity Indicator Development Framework*'. This framework developed and tested by the 2010 BIP over multiple workshops around the world provides a

step by step account of the different stages involved in regional and national indicator selection and development. This interactive facility enables users to navigate their way through the framework, obtaining information on each essential stage.

Indicator Initiatives

There are already a number of regional and national indicator initiatives in existence. Users can use this online directory to search for initiatives by geographic regions. The information available on each initiative delves deeper than the chosen indicators themselves, covering useful subjects for potential indicator developers such as why the initiative was started, how the indicators were selected, how they are communicated and how the work will be taken forward in to the future. There are also interviews with initiative focal points in which they share their experiences and give advice to regions/nations looking to develop their own biodiversity indicators.

Workshops and Projects

This section provides comprehensive information on the many capacity building projects and workshops conducted by the 2010 BIP. These workshops have been essential for developing the Partnership's experience in national biodiversity indicator development and use. This section enables potential indicator developers to gain essential information and share in the experience of nations already on the way to developing biodiversity indicators.

Knowledge Library

A one stop shop for national and regional indicator information, this facility provides an assortment of materials and resources for download. Specific resources include a series of guidance documents produced by the 2010 BIP to help with the selection and development of biodiversity indicators for national and regional use. These guidance documents are a complimentary resource to the National Biodiversity Indicators Portal.

Accessing the National Biodiversity Indicators Portal

The website can be viewed directly by using the url, www.bipnational.net. The portal can also be accessed via the main 2010 BIP website (www.twentyten.net) by clicking on the 'Go to BIP National' icon in the top right hand corner of the site.

Comments and Feedback

The National Biodiversity Indicators Portal has been designed to be a dynamic site, incorporating experiences and lessons learnt over time. If you have any comments or suggestions on the Portal for additional support to regional and national indicator developer needs please contact the 2010 BIP Communications Focal Point, Anna Chenery (anna.chenery@unep-wcmc.org).
