

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

Strategic matters

Cooperation with other organizations

COOPERATION WITH OTHER BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG), and representatives of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) secretariat, met in Geneva in September 2013 to discuss how access to GEF funding could be facilitated by harnessing synergies among BLG members. The Secretary-General of CITES and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) co-chaired the meeting, which was attended by the executive heads of the Convention on Migratory Species and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, as well as representatives of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources and the World Heritage Convention. The report of the meeting can be found at <https://www.cbd.int/cooperation/doc/blg-2013-09-09-en.pdf>. Additional details on access to GEF funding can be found in document SC65 Doc. 17.
3. As a follow-up to the Geneva meeting, the CBD Secretariat prepared document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/5 on The Financial Mechanism (see paragraphs 14-16 of that document) for consideration at the 5th meeting of the CBD Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (Montreal, 16-20 June 2014).
4. As additional follow-up to the Geneva meeting, and to further encourage incorporation of the objectives of other biodiversity-related conventions into revised National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), the CBD Secretariat issued a Notification on 7 October 2013.
5. The next meeting of the BLG is tentatively scheduled for 16 August 2014 in Zurich, Switzerland.
6. Additional areas of cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions are addressed under various agenda items and related discussion documents for the present meeting.

Recommendation

7. The Standing Committee is invited to note this report.