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# Fourth Intergovernmental Conference Biodiversity in Europe

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Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia

22-24 February 2006

## Conference Programme

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**Wednesday, 22 February 2006**

Morning 09.00 – 10.30

**10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of the PEBLDS (Part 1)**

- Opening of the meeting by the Chair and adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the Joint MCPFE/PEBLDS Statement on SFM and Ecosystem Approach
- Briefing on the status of the European Biodiversity Resourcing Initiative

Morning 11.00 – 12.30

**Fourth Intergovernmental Biodiversity in Europe Conference**

*Opening of the Conference  
Election of the Chair and other officials  
Adoption of the Agenda  
Keynote Adresses and opening statements*

- Mr. Božo Biškupić, Minister of Culture, Republic of Croatia (Host Country)
- Mr. Aleksandar Popović, Minister of Science and Environmental Protection, Serbia and Montenegro
- Mr. Jan Szyszko, Minister for the Environment, Poland
- Dr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister, Republic of Croatia

Lunch 12.30 – 13.30

Afternoon 13.30 – 15.30

- Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Stalzer, Director General, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria (*EU Presidency*)
- Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary, *CBD Secretariat*
- Mr. Ladislav Miko, Director, *Protecting the Natural Environment* – DG Environment

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Lunch 13.00 – 15.00

**Side-Events**

- 13.00-14.00**      **Financial mechanisms for the 10 new EU countries (*Norway*)**
- 13.30-14.30**      **Invasive green algae *Caulerpa* in the Adriatic Sea (*Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Croatia*);**
- Pastureland rehabilitation and invasive species management with endangered autochthonous breeds (*Lonjsko Polje Nature Park*)**

Afternoon 15.00 – 17.30

*Cross-cutting issues  
(CBD COP-8 agenda items V.27.1 and V.27.3)*

**PROTECTED AREAS AND ECOLOGICAL NETWORKS**

**Co-Chairs:**      Nicola Breier, Federal Ministry of Environment of Germany and Stela Drucioc, Moldova

**Panel:** Jan-Willem Sneep, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the Pan European Ecological Network; Rob Wolters (European Centre for Nature Conservation)

**INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES**

**Chair:**              Piero Genovesi, Italy

Late Afternoon 17.30 – 18.30

**Consideration and adoption of the Chair's conclusions by the Conference and the PEBLDS Council**

**Closure of the Conference**



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### Side-Events

- 18.30-19.00 EU Habitats and Birds Directive for new habitats and new species proposals in the Dinaric Alps (*Royal Dutch Society for Nature Conservation*)
- 18.30-19.00 The Green Belt Initiative (*IUCN*)

## Friday, 24 February 2006

Morning 10.00 – 13.00

*Other substantive issues arising from decisions of the Conference of the Parties (CBD COP-8 agenda item V.)*

*Thematic programmes of work (CBD COP-8 agenda items V.26.1 and V.26.4):*

### FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY

**Co-Chairs:** Prof. Jerzy Szwagrzyk, Poland and Gabriele Obermayr, Austria

**Panel:** PEBLDS Joint Secretariat and MCPFE Liaison Unit Warsaw

### AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY

**Chair:** Ladislav Miko, European Commission

**Panel:** Ybele Hoogeveen (EEA); Maria Luisa Paracchini (JRC-Ispra); Sonja Karglan Todorovic (Ecologica); Gwyn Jones (European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism), Goran Gugić (NP–Lonjsko polje), Michael Baltzer (WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme)

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- Dr. Jeffrey McNeely, Chief Scientist, IUCN – The World Conservation
- Mr. Bulat Yessekin, Director, Regional Environment Centre, Central Asia
- Ms. Marie Belling, European Landowners Organisation on behalf of the Secretary General, Mr. Thierry de l'Escaille
- Mr. Alex Kirby, Journalist

**Exhibition by Konstantin Kostov «TrashArt» (15.30 – 16.00)**

Late Afternoon 16.00 – 18.30

### 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of the PEBLDS (Part 2)

- Review of the role and place of the PEBLDS and its support structure in furthering the implementation of the Kyiv targets
- Budget of the PEBLDS
- Other business
- Closure of the 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

Evening 19.00

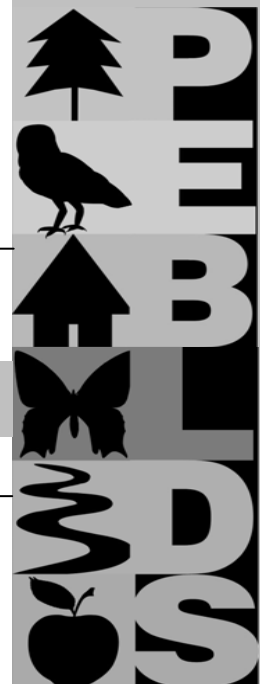
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## Thursday, 23 February 2006

Morning 10.00 – 13.00 and Afternoon 15.00 – 16.00

*Preparations for the 8th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity*

*Issues for in depth consideration (CBD COP-8 agenda items III.14, III.16 and III.19)*





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### ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

**Chair:** Dr. Goran Susic, Croatia

### GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

**Co-Chairs:** Fabio Stoch, Italy and  
Alexander Shestakov, Russian Federation

### COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (Article 13)

**Co-Chairs:** Sylvi Ofstad, Norway and Sandra Rientjes,  
European Centre for Nature Conservation

**Special Guest:** Feiko Prins, "Connecting nature and people"  
Vereniging Natuurmonumenten, EEB, ECNC,  
Europarc Federation and Eurosite

Lunch 13.00 – 15.00

## Side-Events

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| 13.15-14.00 | How to achieve the 2010-target?<br>A quantitative exploration of options at the<br>global and regional levels ( <i>Netherlands<br/>Environmental Assessment Agency –MNP</i> ) |
| 14.00-14.45 | Mountain biodiversity in the Alps,<br>Balkans and Carpathians<br>The Dinaric Arc Initiative - DAI<br>( <i>UNEP, UNESCO and FAO</i> )  |
| 14.00-14.45 | RDBMS web enabled GIS designed to<br>manage biodiversity data (Natura 2000),<br>EEA state of the environment indicators<br>( <i>OIKON- Institute for Applied Ecology</i> )    |

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Afternoon 16.00 – 18.30

*Strategic Issues for Evaluating Progress or  
Supporting Implementation  
(CBD COP-8 agenda item IV.)*

*Progress towards implementation of the  
Convention and its Strategic Plan including the  
2010 target and the Convention's contribution to  
relevant Millenium Development Goals: CBD  
Implementation in the pan-European region  
and the 2010 biodiversity targets –Achievements,  
obstacles to implementation and needs*

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KYIV BIODIVERSITY RESOLUTION

**Chair:** Sebastian Winkler,  
Countdown 2010 Secretariat

*Monitoring progress and reporting progress  
(CBD COP-8 agenda item IV.23):*

### STREAMLINING EUROPEAN 2010 BIODIVERSITY INDICATORS

**Co-Chairs:** Jan Plesník, Czech Republic and  
Robertina Brajanoska, Former Yugoslav  
Republic of Macedonia

**Panel:** Gordon McInnes, EEA; Anne Teller, European  
Commission; Myriam Dumortier, Belgium

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