



## INTER-AMERICAN BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION NETWORK (IABIN)

### SIXTH COUNCIL MEETING

#### Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach

Bayahibe, La Romana, Dominican Republic

#### AGENDA

14-17 July 2009

Participants arrive Monday July 13 and depart Friday July 17 or Saturday, July 18, 2009

**Place:** Hotel Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach, la Romana, Dominican Republic

**Chair:** Gladys Cotter

#### MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Evaluation and Lessons learned in 4.5 years of implementing the IABIN-GEF Project
- IABIN 2010-2015 – What will IABIN be?
- Define IABIN's Niche in the Global Bioinformatics Community
- Define IABIN's mission and workplan for 2010-2015
- Funding to implement main lines of work to achieve objectives.
- Review of current Stakeholders Roles and transition to their future roles
- Review and strengthen plans for GEF 2 follow up project

#### MEETING EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

- **Lessons Learned**
- **IABIN's Niche, Mission and Objectives**
- **Outline of Implementation Plan 2010-2015 Including funding and sustainability**
- **Assignment of responsibilities to develop detailed work plans for each objective,** including work plan for the IEC for the following months
  - Recommend adjustments to IABIN-GEF project to reflect progress, challenges from last four years of project implementation
  - Discussion and decisions on technical development and sustainability of the Thematic Networks;
  - Work plan for Component 4 Sustainability
  - Follow-up GEF 2 profile and workplan;

Monday July 13 AM – PM	IABIN Council Participants Arrive / Registration	Organizing Committee – <b>Marina Hernandez P.</b> Tel. Celular (809) 850 2106 Oficina (809) 472 4354 <a href="mailto:recursos.geneticos@medioambiente.gov.do">recursos.geneticos@medioambiente.gov.do</a> Skype: marina.hernandez.padron
<b>Tuesday, July 14</b>		
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration	
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Opening of the meeting	Head of Ministry of Environment and RRNN, Dominican Republic Gladys Cotter, Chair of IABIN OAS Res. Representative
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of meeting objectives</li> <li>• Reiterate IABIN objectives as a network and those of the IABIN-GEF project</li> <li>• Adopt agenda</li> <li>• Introduction of Attendees</li> </ul>	G Cotter M Hernandez R Huber
9:00 – 9:30 AM	IEC Nominating committee (NC) report	IEC Nominating Committee
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Overall Summary of Progress on the “Building IABIN” project and IABIN as a Network	TBD
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Reports of Thematic Networks (TNs) by the Coordinating Institutions (CIs) and presentation of Semester Reports.	I3N Invasives TN (C Fournier)
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Reports of Thematic Networks (TNs) by the Coordinating Institutions (CIs) and presentation of Semester Reports.	Protected Areas TN (H Pavese)
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Reports of Thematic Networks (TNs) by the Coordinating Institutions (CIs) and presentation of Semester Reports.	Pollinators TN (L Adams)
11:00– 11:15 AM	Reports of Thematic Networks (TNs) by the Coordinating Institutions (CIs) and presentation of Semester Reports.	Ecosystem TN (V Abreu)
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Reports of Thematic Networks (TNs) by the Coordinating Institutions (CIs) and presentation of Semester Reports.	Species Specimens TN (E Mata)
11:30 – 11:45AM	IABIN Catalog presentation/feedback	M Frame/Secretariat
11:45 – 12:30 PM	Plenary Discussion of Thematic Networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select Discussion Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Questions on development of TNs</li> <li>○ Sustainability, fundraising plans</li> <li>○ Interoperability between networks, data types</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	G Cotter, IABIN Council
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch; Ancillary presentations (non-IABIN projects): open to participants, first-come-first-served; must pre-register	Open to participants
1:30 – 3:30 PM	Demonstration of software, tools developed by TNs during IABIN-GEF Project  Focal Points, other participants form small groups, view presentations by Coordinating Institutions on laptops regarding tool, software development completed during IABIN Project.	All TNs, Catalog
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Coffee break	
3:30 – 4:15PM	IABIN tools and software feedback and questions	G Cotter, IABIN Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select discussion topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use of tools in IABIN countries</li> <li>○ Outreach strategy for tools, software</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4:15 – 5:30PM	Comp 2: discussion of Data Content Grants financed to date and proposed, and training activities undertaken	CIs, Secretariat/L Neira/O Morales
5:30 – 6:00 PM	General Assessment of TNs development, Data Content Grants, and Training (questions and answer)	CIs of the TNs Council
6:00--7:00 PM	Setup for Poster Session, software demonstrations (tables will be provided for those wanting to demonstrate software or websites)	All participants free to bring posters or software packages to display.
7:00 PM on	Welcoming cocktail and poster session	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
	Dinner	Open: at participants leisure
<b>Wednesday July 15</b>		
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Report on network architecture and standards; proposal for adoption of these and endorsement by Council Network technological architecture and interoperability	IT TWG / Mike Frame/B. Wheeler/Secretariat
9:30 – 11:30 AM	Comp 3: value-added tools – presentations by project leaders or designates, followed by discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">“Modeling System for Development of Action Scenarios for Possible Threats to Biodiversity.”</a> Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad (INBio) – Costa Rica</li> <li>• <a href="#">“System for Making Decisions Based on Categories of Conservation and Use of Biodiversity.”</a> Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad – Costa Rica</li> <li>• <a href="#">“Internet-Based GIS Ecosystem Assessment and Reporting Tool for Conservation Decision-Making.”</a> The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>• <a href="#">“Advancing joint roles as Coordinating Institutions for the Inter-American Biodiversity Information network (IABIN) – Ecosystems Thematic Network (ETN).”</a> NatureServe.</li> </ul>	R Huber OAS/DSD E Mata, INBio S Schill, TNC V Abreu, ETN Council (discussion)
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Coffee Break	
11:45 – 12:30 AM	Monitoring and Evaluation -- Performance indicators (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Methodology (15 min)</li> <li>• Indicators monitoring report by TNs (10 min each)</li> </ul>	Secretariat TNs Representatives
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch; Discussion of Caribbean Focal Points	D Newell, R Huber
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Comp 5: administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-financing: tracking and update</li> <li>• Administrative and Financial Report 2009</li> <li>• GPP 2009</li> <li>• Operational Manual</li> </ul>	L Neira, R Huber
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Reports on IABIN projects not funded by GEF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IABIN DGF, Geospatial Network, GeoSur, AAPAD, JRS, Biodiversity Guidelines, REEFfix, WHMSI, EcoHealth Project</li> </ul>	R Huber, V Abreu, B Ramirez, B Wheeler
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Coffee break	
3:15 – 5:30 PM	Discussion and Adoption of Mid-Term Review of IABIN-GEF Project	J Waugh G Cotter/OAS/ World Bank/IABIN Council
5:30—6:00 PM	IEC Elections	IEC Nominating Committee
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Dinner	At participants leisure

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IEC Meeting including newly elected members</li> </ul>	IEC
<b>Thursday July 16</b>		
9:00 – 11:00 AM	<p>Component 4: Sustainability of IABIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Discussion of IABIN Vision Document</li> <li>• World Bank presentation on sustainability options for IABIN in post-GEF period</li> <li>• OAS presentation on sustainability options for IABIN in post-GEF period</li> <li>• Secretariat Presentation on sustainability options for IABIN</li> <li>• IABIN Council Discussion; questions to address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IABIN 2010-2015 – What will IABIN be?</li> <li>○ Define IABIN’s Niche in the Global Bioinformatics Community</li> <li>○ Define IABIN’s mission and workplan for 2010-2015</li> <li>○ Funding to implement main lines of work to achieve objectives.</li> <li>○ Review of current Stakeholders Roles and transition to their future roles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>J Waugh G Morgan</p> <p>R Huber Secretariat</p> <p>G Cotter IABIN Council</p>
11-11:15 AM	Coffee Break	
11:15 AM—1:00 PM	<p>Component 4: Sustainability of IABIN (Cont.)</p> <p>Continued discussion on IABIN Sustainability, fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline of Implementation Plan 2010-2015 Including funding and sustainability</li> <li>• Recommend adjustments to IABIN-GEF project to reflect progress, challenges from last four years of project implementation</li> <li>• Discussion and decisions on technical development and sustainability of the Thematic Networks;</li> <li>• Council Work plan for actions in year 5 of GEF project, future of IABIN</li> <li>• Follow-up GEF 2 profile and workplan, briefings to GEF Focal Points, Secretariat on IABIN</li> <li>• Coordination with CBD/CHM, other international environmental accords, bodies</li> </ul>	<p>J Waugh (facilitator) G Cotter IABIN Council</p>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch; Ancillary presentations (non-IABIN projects): open to participants, first-come-first-served; must pre-register	Open to participants
2:00 – 3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of morning discussions</li> <li>• Creation, adoption of workplan for Council actions for successful completion of GEF project, .</li> </ul>	<p>J Waugh (facilitator) G Cotter IABIN Council</p>
3:30--3:45 PM	Coffee Break	
3:45—5:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalization of workplan for Council actions in year 5 of GEF project, future of IABIN, follow-up GEF 2 actions</li> <li>• Additional business as needed</li> </ul>	
5:30--6:00 PM	Meeting Closure	IABIN Council
<b>Friday July 17</b>		
AM – PM	Participants depart	OAS
7:00 – 1:00 PM	Field trip to Parque Nacional Del Este and presentation of IABIN REEFfix Data	<p>Marina Hernandez Enrique Pogibet</p>