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GLISPA Steering Committee Meeting Report

The Report of the GLISPA Steering Committee Meeting held from 22 to 23 February 2011 in Washington DC is now available. This report provides a summary of the outcomes attained as well as meeting highlights. If you have any comments or queries, please direct them to Kate (kate.brown@iucn.org) or myself (jrobbins@mediainpact.org).

Final 2011 GLISPA Communications Strategy

Please find attached the revised version of the 2011 GLISPA Communications Strategy. Thank you to the comments and suggestions from Brian Thomson (IUCN) and the GLISPA Communications Working Group. This revised version now articulates the GLISPA Internal Audience. This will remain a living document and be updated as required.

Reminder Voluntary Reports for Island Biodiversity Programme of Work due 29 April 2011

The purpose of this notification is to invite Parties and relevant organizations to provide information for the in-depth review of implementation of the programme of work on island biodiversity by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its 16th meeting, tentatively scheduled for May 2012.

The review will measure progress in the implementation of the programme of work on island biodiversity (annex to decision VIII/1) and will focus on (i) the extent of implementation; (ii) status and trends of island biodiversity and drivers of change; (iii) constraints to implementation; (iv) activities and views of relevant organizations; and (v) key responses and suggestions to maximize the contribution of the programme of work to the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan of the Convention and its goals and targets.

The success of this process depends largely on the input of Parties and relevant organizations. To this end, **island Parties and Parties with islands** are invited to submit additional information to supplement and/or update the information in their national report.

Please see full notification: <http://www.cbd.int/island/idr%20notifications.shtml>

Further information on the in-depth review of the programme of work on island biological diversity can be found, as it becomes available, at <http://www.cbd.int/island/review.shtml>. Please do not hesitate to contact oliver.hillel@cbd.int for further assistance.

Closure of the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP)

GLISPA would like to acknowledge the closure of an important GLISPA partner, the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP) which closed on March 31st, 2011. Stas Burgiel was (and remains) a member of the GLISPA Steering Committee. GISP was instrumental in working with GLISPA and with the NZ Government in 2009-10 on the Helping Islands Adapt Workshop in New Zealand and in working to link the outcomes of that workshop with relevant global processes and policy. Thanks wholeheartedly for the efforts of Sarah Simon (GISP Executive Director) and Stas on one of the priority issues for islands.

Pacific Climate Change Roundtable Draft Outcomes

Please find attached the draft outcomes from the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable.

SIDS-L (<http://sids-liisd.org/>)

We encourage all members of this GLISPA-discuss list serve to also sign up to the SIDS-L service (if you haven't done so already). SIDS-L provides a useful weekly summary of news, event reporting on SIDS. We will not cross-post the SIDS-L summaries to the GLISPA-discuss list serve (unless to draw your attention or to action).

EARTH DAY NETWORK –Global Days of Conversation

On behalf of the Earth Day Network, we would like to call for your help to support the upcoming **GLOBAL DAYS OF CONVERSATION**. The Global Days of Conversation is a platform for leaders to promote community conversations on the challenges and opportunities related to sustainability. In 2011, the Global Day of Conversation will convene at least 500 local leaders around the world.

Following these events, Earth Day Network will compile success stories and best practices and disseminate a report to local governments worldwide. This provides a good opportunity to involve island leaders.

You can help by:

- Recommending local leads, organizations or other contacts that may be able to host a Day of Conversations
- Host an event in your country or donate <http://www.earthday.org/campaign/global-day-conversation>

Further information, please go to: <http://www.earthday.org/campaign/global-day-conversation> or contact John Maleri maleri@earthday.org.
