SUPPORTING COUNTRIES IN PAN EUROPE TO IMPLEMENT NBSAPS AND SDGS THROUGH STRENGTHENED INFORMATION SYSTEMS (BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS)

Objectives:

- Improve processes for implementing and reporting on key biodiversity-related Conventions through the development of information systems and use of the best available information on species, ecosystems and ecosystem services in Belarus, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

Other Objectives:

- To develop indicators for 6th National Reports to the CBD and for SDG reporting on the subject of protected areas
- To improve the institutional capacity and arrangements for producing this information on an ongoing basis.

Contribution towards the Sustainable Development Goals

- This project supports the production of information for the implementation of NBSAPs and SDGs, specifically:

- SDG 14.2 : Provision of information necessary for the sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems.

- SDG 15. 1 : Provision of adequate information to ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland ecosystems and their services.

Contribution towards Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Aichi Targets:

- Target 19   – Biodiversity Knowledge

- Target 11   – Protected Areas
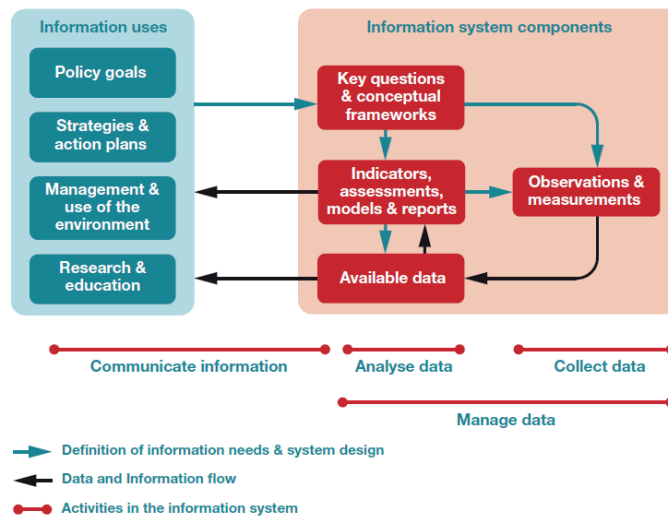
Implementation of UNEA decisions:

- 2/16 on mainstreaming of biodiversity,

- 2/17 on cooperation, collaboration and synergies among biodiversity-related conventions

Implementation of the CBD COP-13 Decisions

- XIII/27   on national reporting,

- XIII/28   on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

- The project has developed a tool for efficiently identifying what is needed to have an effective biodiversity information system thus addressing the lack of information and indicators.

- The Biodiversity Information System Assessment Tool gives a system picture of the required elements for effective biodiversity information.

- The tool is an interactive pdf that can be used individually or in workshops to produce graphics and reports of the strengths and weaknesses in the information system for any biodiversity topic.

- The tool has been tested with government biodiversity information agencies in Georgia, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan, and is available in English and Russian.

Information System Framework. Source: UNEP-WCMC

The project is guided by a generic framework for an information system produced by the first phase of this project.
The framework and guidance on its use is available in English and Russian in the report "Indicator and Information Systems for Biodiversity and Development – Guidance from the Pan Europe Region", at: https://www.unep-wcmc.org/resources-and-data/indicators-and-information-systems-for-biodiversity-and-development

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