

Mainstreaming Biodiversity: Tourism and fisheries management

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- **Communication:** all presenters and panelists will be invited to broadcast the event on their twitter streams, blogs and other communication channels. The outcomes will be summarized in a report by ENB and published online on the Rio Conventions Pavilion website.

Description:

Tourism and fisheries are often the primary economic drivers on islands. Islands are also microcosms for the world: like other areas, but in special ways, problems in islands are interconnected and require multi-sector solutions. For instance, poor water quality can cause health problems, discourage tourism, and contribute to the decline of coral reefs. Disappearing reefs harm fisheries and also impact tourism. On the other hand, integrated application of SDGs and sustainable development of fisheries and tourism can go hand in hand, with coordinated approaches to tourism's food supply chain benefiting sustainable fisheries and well-managed ecosystems providing benefits to both sectors.

This event contributes to the overall objective of the Rio Pavilion and the CBD COP 13 of mainstreaming biodiversity into development sectors by showcasing solutions from islands, and from other States, as tourism destinations and "biodiversity hotspots". The session will build on the experiences of the Global Island Partnership, a cooperation platform for island States and States with islands that supports implementation of the CBD's Programme of Work on Island Biodiversity, to showcase island solutions that are building resilience and driving implementation of the Aichi Targets, the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs. The sessions will share examples of how better to incorporate and integrate ecosystem services, ecosystem-based adaptation and resilience to climate change, and measures to reduce and stop the rate of biodiversity loss, into tourism planning, development and operations at a global scale. The second part of the day will focus on integrating sustainable fisheries management into wider sustainable development frameworks including tourism. While the sessions will focus on islands, other States will also share their views and discussions will not be limited to any group of Parties.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Discuss and highlight, with national and subnational governments, the private sector, international and UN agencies, NGOs and civil society, effective practices and approaches to mainstreaming biodiversity into tourism development
- 2) Identify links and synergies in destinations between biodiversity, sustainable tourism development, and sustainable fisheries' management

PROGRAMME

Time	Presentations	Organization
8.30 - 9.00	<i>Coffee</i>	
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening (Emcee – Kate Brown)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Braulio Dias, Executive Secretary, SCBD • Dr. Kedrick Pickering, Deputy Premier of the British Virgin Islands and co-Leader of the Global Island Partnership • Ms. Martina Otto, UNEP/DTIE 	<p>SCBD BVI / GLISPA UNEP/DTIE</p>
9:30 – 9:45	<p>Session 1: Tourism Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Tourism Development Thematic overview by Mr. Oliver Hillel, SCBD</p>	SCBD
9:45 – 11:00	<p>Discussion Panel 1: Tourism and Biodiversity Bright Spots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Teresa Solis, Ministry of Tourism, Mexico (TBC) • Dr. Kedrick Pickering, Deputy Premier of the British Virgin Islands and co-Leader of the Global Island Partnership • Mr. Sven Lindblad, Lindblad Expeditions • Fiji, Ecotourism Ramsar site (TBC) <p>Chair: Simon Stiell, Minister of State (with responsibility for Human Resource Development & The Environment): (TBC)</p>	<p>Government of Grenada Government of Mexico British Virgin Islands Hawaii Green Growth Imitative Lindblad Expeditions Government of Fiji</p>
11:00 – 12: 30	<p>Discussion Panel 2: Tourism and Financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of St Lucia Hotels Association • Mr. Geoffrey Bolan, Sustainable Tourism International • Caribbean Challenge Initiative - Windward Islands Marine Trail <p>Chair: Kate Brown, Executive Director at Global Island Partnership</p>	<p>St Lucia Hotels Association Sustainable Tourism International Caribbean Challenge Initiative</p>
12:30 – 13:00	Chair and Keynotes outline takeaways from morning session and take questions.	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Session 2: Tourism and Fisheries Presentation by Mr. Alain de Comarmond, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Change, Republic of Seychelles</p>	Government of the Seychelles
14:15 – 15:30	<p>Discussion Panel 1: Tourism and Fisheries - National Approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) and a local leader 	<p>Government of Palau Government of Indonesia</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism initiatives by the Government of Tonga • Jeju island (South Korea) – Ecotourism and fisheries • Italian Ministry of Environment – GLISPA and integrated support to SIDS <p>Chair: The Hon. F. Umiich Sengebau, Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, Republic of Palau and Global Island Partnership Leader</p>	<p><i>Government of Tonga</i> <i>Government of South Korea</i> <i>Government of Italy</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Discussion Panel 2: Tourism and Fisheries - Regional and Global Approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alberto Pacheco, UNEP ROLAC - perspectives for tourism and fisheries in a sub-regional Biodiversity Strategy • Ms. Therese Yarde, CARICOM – Sustainable tourism and fisheries in the Caribbean Community • Afrina Choudhury, WorldFish – Gender perspective on fisheries <p>Chair: Jamison Ervin, Manager at the Global Biodiversity Program, United Nations Development Program</p>	<p><i>UNDP</i></p> <p><i>UNEP ROLAC</i> <i>CARICOM</i> <i>Worldfish</i> <i>UNDP</i></p>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Wrap up by the chairs and keynote speakers, summarizing the session</p> <p>Q&A</p>	