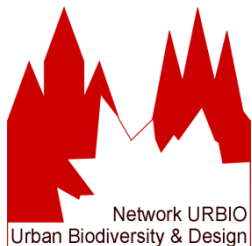


Opening of the workshop

Norbert Müller (URBIO) & Andre Mader (SCBD/ICLEI)



Background of the workshop

The CBD "Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2020" provided options for national governments and their partners in implementation for facing the challenges of biodiversity loss from the urban perspective (CBD 2010).

Ref: CBD – Convention on Biological Diversity (2010) UNEP/CBD/COP/DEC/X/22 "Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity", available at: www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-22-en.doc



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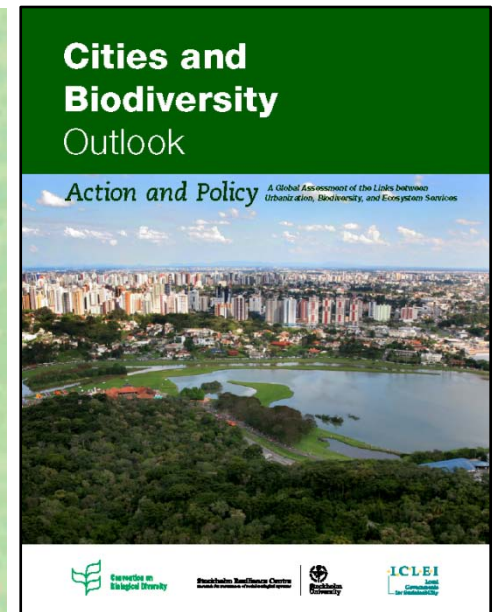
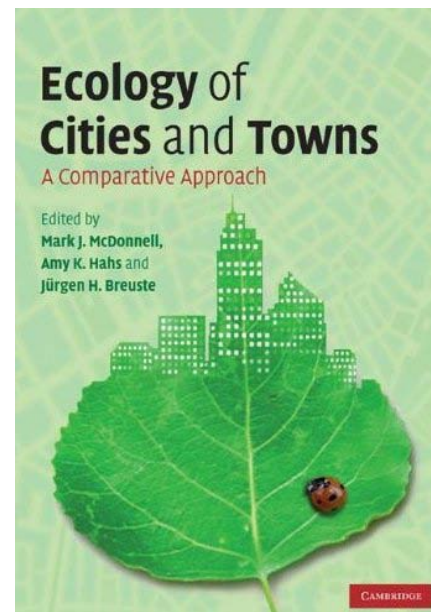
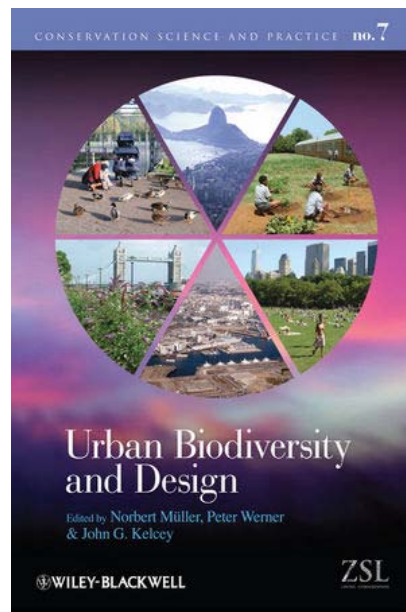
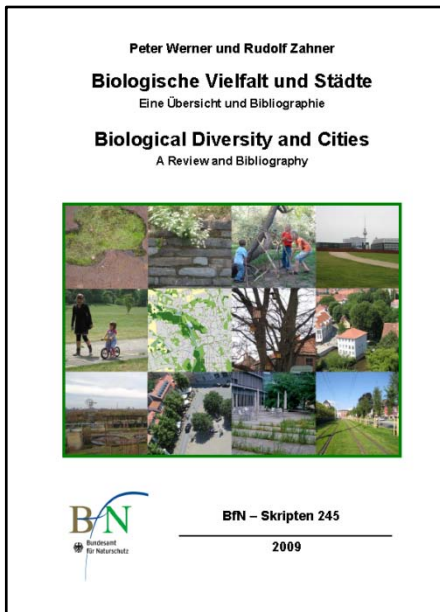
To support this “Plan of Action” the Secretariat of the CBD (SCBD) asked the International Network URBIO to develop a research agenda for the necessary scientific fields and skills needed by local governments.

The workshop was organized by URBIO, SCBD & ICLEI supported by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) with funds from the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (Germany).



Background of the workshop

The discussion is based on existing studies, the findings of the CBO and the needs of local governments



This workshop...

- To develop a research agenda on “urban biodiversity”
- Research experts: you; implementers: local governments
- Basis for presentation and continued discussion in Berlin and Pyeongyang.
- Main Questions:
 1. What information do decision makers and managers in governments and other sectors need to support biodiversity (from researchers and experts now)?
 2. What knowledge is currently available in the cities and what are critical knowledge gaps?
 3. What are our main research needs in urban biodiversity, ecosystem services and design?
 4. How can we communicate our knowledge to decision-makers?



Some context

- The recent history of organizational involvement in local government biodiversity policy
- Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) as a catalyst (2006) – ICLEI & IUCN.
- COP 9 → Decision IX/28
- COP 10 → Decision X/22 & the Plan of Action → increasing global attention on local and subnational governments
- Urban context a key component for various reasons
- Increasing number of projects initiated by national governments and through partnerships like CBD/ICLEI



Supporting the Plan of Action

- Identification of four groups to support the implementation of the Plan of Action
 - Local Governments
 - Subnational Governments
 - Organizations and UN agencies
 - Academia → *URBIO*
- CBD facilitating coordination



Roles

- CBD's role: to increase national government support
- ICLEI's role: to rally local governments
- URBIO's role: to connect academia with practitioners and policy-makers?
- Scope for partnerships (URBIO, ICLEI, IUCN, CBD)



Mechanisms

- Critical vehicle for partnerships and change: CBD COPs
- Two of the largest events associated with COP:
 - City Summit
 - URBIO Conferences
- History of collaboration but room for improvement? Ideas?...
- Messages from:
 - URBIO Conference to City Summit
 - City Summit to URBIO Conference
 - Both to the COP HLS
- Note: approaches towards input on Decisions at COP 12



Programme of the workshop

Monday, 22. July 2013

08:30-09:00 – **Norbert Müller and André Mader** – Opening of the workshop

Session 1 What local governments need and what we have Chairs **Chantal van Ham & Nam-choon Kim**

09:00-09:30 – André Mader – What do Local Governments Need?

09:30-10:00 – Norbert Müller – 40 years of applied urban biodiversity research in Germany and its relevance for the CBD
“Plan of Action”

10:00-10:30 – Sarel Cilliers – Urban biodiversity research in South Africa: status, policies, implementation and global relevance

10:30-11:00 – *Discussion & Coffee break*

Session 2 How can we communicate... Chairs **Mahito Kamada & Charles H. Nilon**

11:00-11:30 – Chantal van Ham – Aims of the project URBES (Urban Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services)

11:30-12:00 – Maria Ignatieva – How do we translate our scientific results on urban biodiversity to the needs of landscape architects?

12:00-12:30 – David Maddox – Let’s Create a Biophilic Urban Ethos at All Levels of Public Dialog

12:30-13:30 – *Discussion & Lunch*

Session 3 What we need... Chairs **Maria Ignatieva & Peter Werner**

13:30-14:00 – Mahito Kamada – Ecosystem services as the security against natural disaster – lessons from Japan?

14:00-14:30 – Haripriya Gundimeda – Urban Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Design: How to go forward in India?

14:30-15:00 – Nam-choon Kim – Adding and Connecting More Pieces of Urban Wildlife Habitats in South Korea

15:00-15:30 – *Discussion & Coffee break*



Programme of the workshop

Session 4 What we need... Chairs **Haripriya Gundimeda & Sarel Cilliers**

- 15:30-16:00 – Glenn Stewart – Research priorities and “gaps” in urban biodiversity and design
16:00-16:30 – Peter Werner – New Challenges for Biodiversity Strategies in Cities
16:30-17:00 – Mark McDonnell – The future of urban biodiversity research: Moving beyond the ‘low-hanging fruit’
17:00-17.30 Charles H. Nilon – URBIO: Linking Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management
17:30-18:00 – Discussion

18:00-21:00 – Barbecue at the Landscape Education Park of the University of Applied Sciences

Tuesday, 23. July 2013

- 08:30-09:00 – Allocation of working groups
09:00-11:00 – 3x parallel working groups preparing the research agenda: **David Maddox, Marc McDonnell, Glenn Stewart**
11:00-12:00 – Presentation of results by the working groups
12:00-13:00 – Lunch
- 13:00-15:00 – Drafting of the Final Statement (Declaration) and discussion of next steps – Chairs: **André Mader & Norbert Müller**
15:00-15:30 – Coffee break
- 15:30-17:00 – URBIO interims
1. Publication of the results of URBIO 2012 (Charles Nilon)
 2. Publication of URBIO 2013 (all)
 3. Progress of URBIO2014 (Nam-choon Kim)
 4. Cooperation URBIO and ICLEI (Norbert Müller & André Mader)
 5. Further development of URBIO (Norbert Müller)
 6. Other matters
- 19:00-22:00 – Farewell Dinner at the "Augustiner an der Krämerbrücke" in Erfurt

