

Article 5 Cooperation

11. What is the relative priority afforded to implementation of this Article and the associated decisions by your country?					
a) High		b) Medium	X	c) Low	
12. To what extent are the resources available adequate for meeting the obligations and recommendations made?					
a) Good		b) Adequate		X	d) Severely limiting
Further comments on relative priority and on availability of resources					
11. Egypt welcomes cooperation with other countries and is taking an active role in regional and international initiatives.					
12. Resources are very limited for out of state activities, however many local activities fulfill regional and international objectives in this respect. Most available resources are from donors rather than local funds.					
13. Is your country actively cooperating with other Parties in respect of areas beyond national jurisdiction for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity?					
a) bilateral cooperation (please give details below)					
b) international programmes (please give details below)					X
c) international agreements (please give details below)					X

Decision IV/4. Status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and options for conservation and sustainable use

14. Has your country developed effective cooperation for the sustainable management of transboundary watersheds, catchments, river basins and migratory species through bilateral and multilateral agreements?
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a) no	
b) yes - limited extent (please give details below)	X
c) yes - significant extent (please give details below)	
d) not applicable	

Decision IV/15. The relationship of the CBD with the CSD and biodiversity-related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes or relevance

15. Has your country developed management practices for transboundary protected areas?	
a) no	X
b) yes - limited extent (please give details below)	
c) yes - significant extent (please give details below)	
d) not relevant	

Decision V/21. Co-operation with other bodies

16. Has your country collaborated with the International Biodiversity Observation Year of DIVERSITAS, and ensured complementarity with the initiative foreseen to be undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to increase scientific knowledge and public awareness of the crucial role of biodiversity for sustainable development?	
a) no	X
b) to a limited extent	
c) to a significant extent	

Decision V/27. Contribution of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the ten-year review of progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

17. Is your country planning to highlight and emphasize biological diversity considerations in its contribution to the ten-year review of progress since the Earth Summit?	
a) no	
b) yes	X

Further comments on implementation of this Article

<p>13. There are no bilateral co-operation in third party countries. There are several international cooperation schemes including the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), PERSECA, METAP, MedWet, RAC/SPA. Egypt is also a signatory party of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA).</p> <p>14. Management of trans-boundary watersheds, particularly the Nile River Basin, receives great importance at the highest political levels in Egypt. Egypt is participating in the Nile River Basin Initiative. Due to the arid nature of the region there is little trans boundary flow of water other than through the Nile River.</p>
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15. The concept of trans-boundary PAs is being considered with regard to two PAs: Elba PA and Wadi Allaqi PA along the borders with Sudan. Practical steps have not been taken however.

17. Biodiversity was highlighted in the National Report to the WSSD in Johannesburg 2002, with the country's achievements in biodiversity conservation taking centre stage. Egypt celebrated the achievements of two decades by holding the first Egyptian - International Conference on Protected Areas and sustainable Development in Sharm El Sheikh in October 2002.