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Mainstreaming Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity into Agricultural Production and Management to Minimize Dependency on Agrochemicals

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Background:

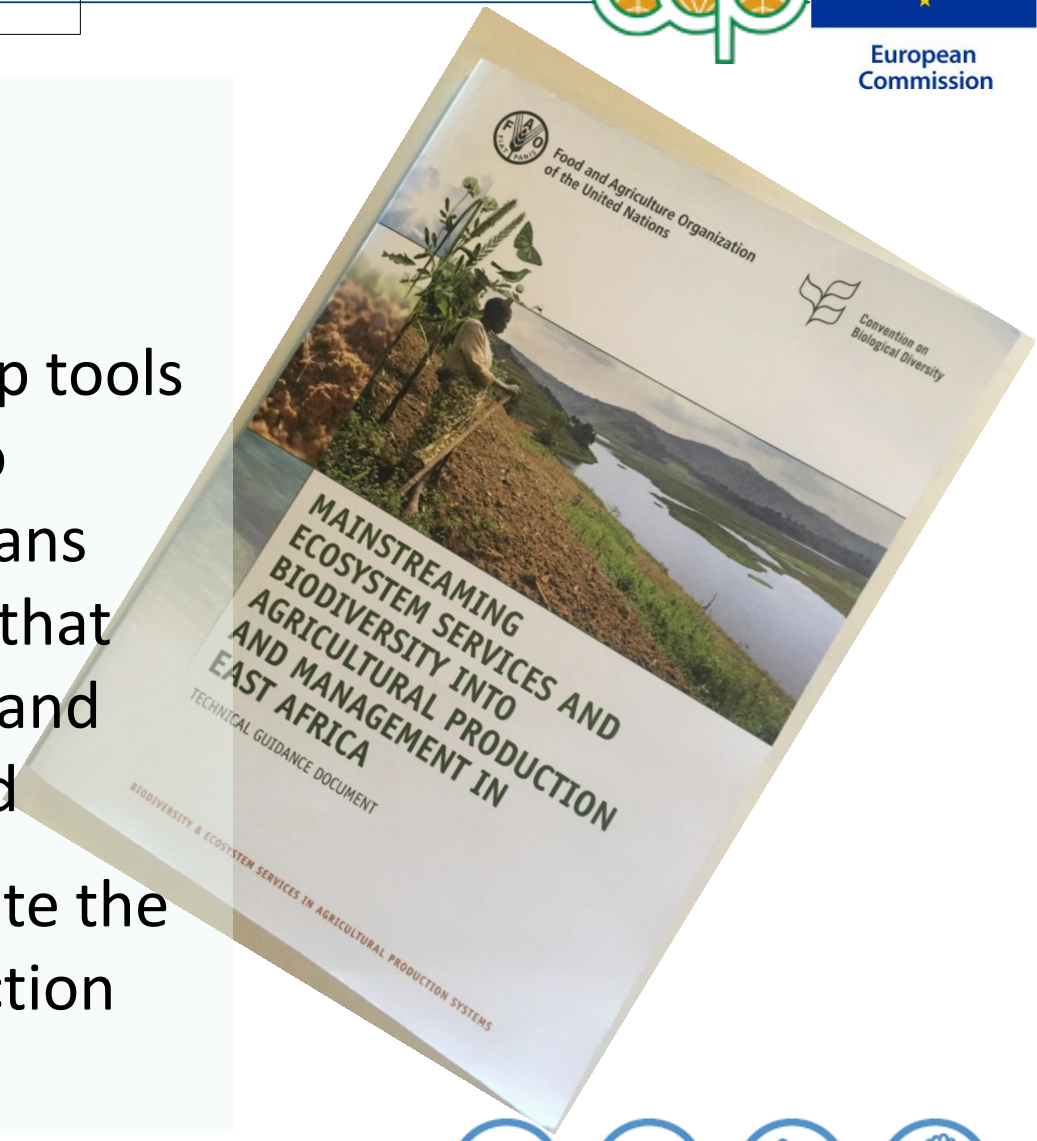
FAO, SPREP and SPC collaboration to implement "Capacity-Building Related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in ACP Countries-Phase 2 (MEAs 2)"

MEAs 2 Objective: to strengthen regional and national institutional capacity for the synergistic implementation of target MEA clusters (on chemicals/wastes and biodiversity).

MEAs 2 Project:

Enhance institutional capacity by:

- Working with the CBD Secretariat to develop tools and guidance on integrating agriculture into National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) (to address selected Aichi Targets that are integral to agriculture e.g. Targets 7, 13 and 14), for dissemination at national levels; and
- Building synergies with measures to eliminate the use of toxic chemicals in agricultural production systems.

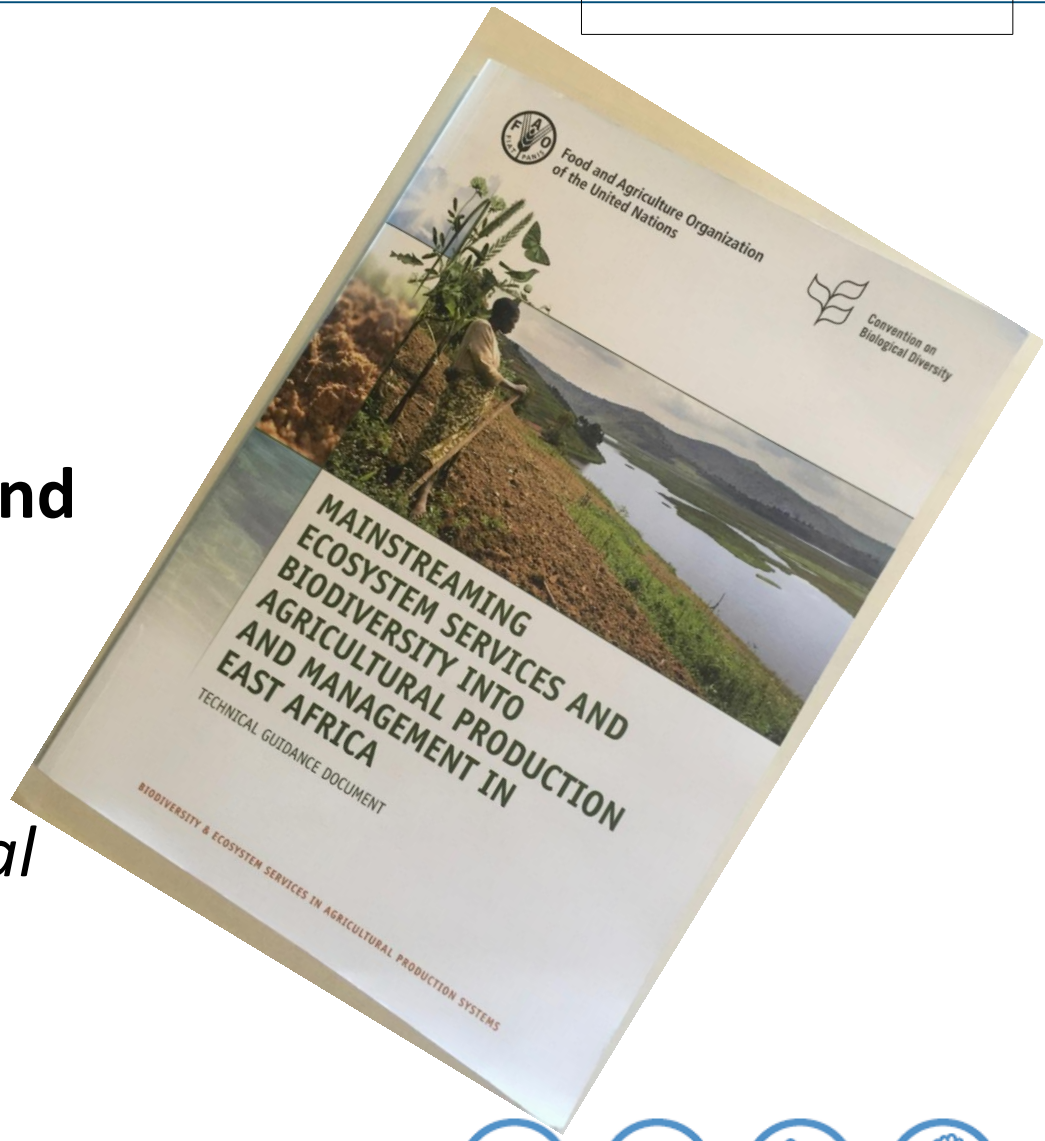


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A Key Output:

***Technical Guidance Document* –**
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Practical issues for consideration in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans in Pacific Island Countries



TGD Objective:

- Assist countries in finding synergies between two important realms of international agreements: sound chemicals management and biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

- To be used as countries are revising any of their strategies or policies related to these two realms, in particular is oriented toward country revision, or to assist implementation, of their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), to help them attain a number of relevant Aichi Targets.

TGD Outline:

Section I: Establishing the context

① Introduction
② Objectives of the Technical Guidance Document
③ The international context (linkages to CBD and Aichi Biodiversity Targets, NBSAPs)

TGD Outline:

Section II: Using ecosystem services and biodiversity to minimize the use of agrochemicals in agricultural production in the Pacific Islands

① Defining ecosystems and ES in the Pacific Islands
② ES and ecological Pest and Weed management
③ ES and Soil Fertility
④ ES and Organic Agriculture
⑤ ES and farmlands in margins of Protected Areas (PAs)
⑥ ES and Agriculture in Ecotourism
⑦ ES and Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

TGD Outline:

Section III: Policy Measures to Harness Synergies between Chemical Management and Biodiversity Conservation

① Economic assessment of ES in agriculture
② Policies to promote ES in agriculture

2016 Activities:

- Launch TGD at SPREP Meeting, September
- National trainings to bring Agriculture, NBSAP people together, plus stakeholders in eco-tourism, farmers, etc.



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