



## **SIDE EVENT ON THE GEO BON INITIATIVE CBD SBSTTA 15, Montreal, Canada**

### **Assessment of observation capabilities for 2020 targets**

**When:** Wednesday 9 November, 13:15-14:45 (**lunch provided**)

**Where:** Room 7A, Level 3

This side event will feature presentations by scientists and organisations involved in the development of various components of the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON).

The Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network – GEO BON – coordinates activities relating to the Societal Benefit Area (SBA) on Biodiversity of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). Some 100 governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations are collaborating through GEO BON to organize and improve terrestrial, freshwater and marine biodiversity observations globally and make their biodiversity data, information and forecasts more readily accessible to policymakers, managers, experts and other users. Moreover, GEO BON has been recognized by the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

### **PROGRAMME**

Overall presentation of GEO BON (10' + 5')

**A Larigauderie**, DIVERSITAS, Paris, France

Towards the global monitoring of biodiversity: assessing existing observation capabilities and identifying essential biodiversity variables (15' + 5')

**H Pereira**, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Data Standards, Infrastructure and Interoperability for GEO BON (15' + 5')

**N King**, GBIF, Copenhagen, Denmark

From data to indicators: aligning GEO-BON and the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (15' + 5')

**M Walpole**, UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge, UK

Discussion

Side event organised by **GEO Secretariat**: <http://earthobservations.org/geobon.shtml>

Co-organisers: **DIVERSITAS, GBIF, IUCN, NASA, UNEP-WCMC**

