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...UNEP staff member Jacob Duer conducts a simulation exercise for MEA negotiators in the Federated States of Micronesia...

Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) address the world's most serious environmental challenges and focus on specific environmental issues. Achieving national implementation of MEAs requires significant efforts on both the national and international level. Governments have repeatedly expressed the need for tools to help them streamline the implementation of the multitude of obligations coming from different regional and global MEAs.





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...migratory Sea turtles are essential to the balance of marine life and are excellent indicators of the health of our oceans...



In assisting the harmonized implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions, UNEP—in cooperation with the World Conservation Union (IUCN)—has developed Issue Based Modules for the Coherent Implementation of the Global Biodiversity-related MEAs. These include the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the World Heritage Convention (WHC), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).





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...UNEP staff members test issue based modules in preparation of national workshops in pilot countries...

Each module provides a structured overview of how a certain topic is treated across the biodiversity-related MEAs. The modules can be used to help Parties develop national legislation and provide a reference platform for the national coordination unit dealing with international environmental policy. In addition, they assist MEA Secretariats in improving coherence with previous decisions and identifying common areas of interest.

