

# Introduction to RBINS, BIOPOLS, CEBioS

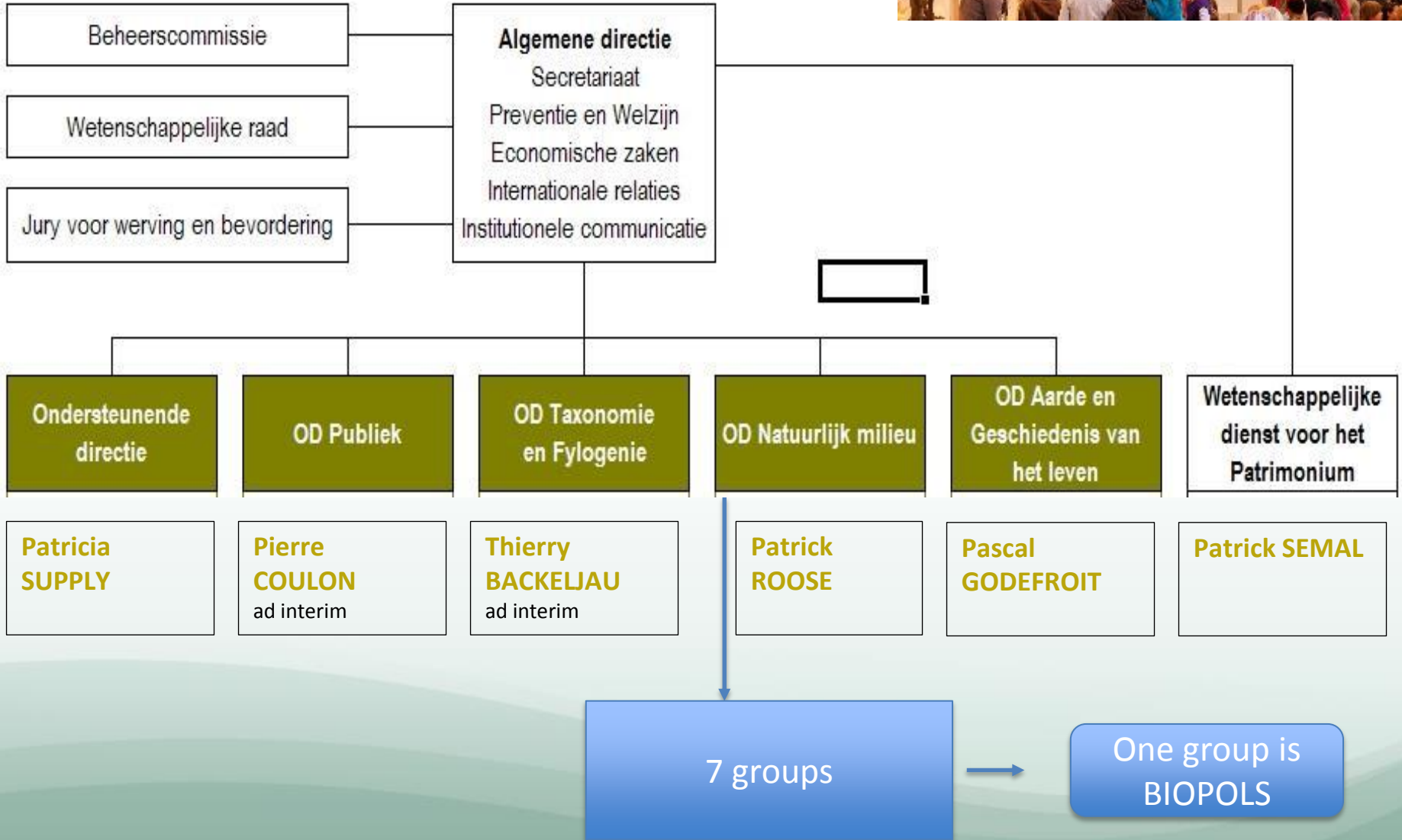


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# RBINS-OD Nature Organigram



# BioPOLS Science – Policy



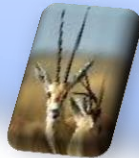
**Biodiversity Platform**



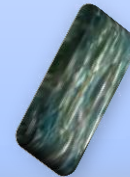
**CEBioS  
Capacity Building  
in developing countries**



**National Focal Point  
Science-Policy**



**CONSBIOLOG  
Conservation  
Biology**

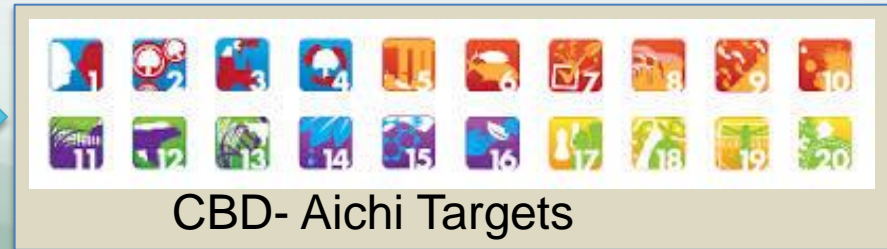


**MARECO - MUMM  
Marine policy**



Science

Policy



**CBD- Aichi Targets**

**CEBioS** 

Capacity development in developing countries

Study, manage, protect biodiversity - Share information - Raise awareness

## Multilateral, European and National framework:

Convention on the Biological Diversity (Rio: biodiversity, desertification, climate change)

CBD strategic plan for biodiversity 2011-2020, including 20 Aichi biodiversity targets

Nagoya protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)

EU 2010-2020 Biodiversity strategy

Belgian National Biodiversity Strategy 2006-2016

## Facts and figures about CEBioS

- ✓ Core funding by DGD, D2.4., 1,2 M Euro /yr
- ✓ External projects with BELSPO, VLIR-UOS
- ✓ Staff: 3 administrative, 8 scientists on pay roll, many more contribute!
- ✓ Results based management
- ✓ Core task : support to developing countries for biodiversity by means of capacity building interventions
- ✓ Main partner countries: Bénin, RD Congo, Burundi and Vietnam

# The CEBioS staff

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# The **CEBioS** programme

6 strategic objectives (2013-2023)

OS6 : Strengthening awareness and capacities concerning the **Protocol of Nagoya** in Belgium and in the partner countries

OS5 : Strengthening knowledge about **measuring, reporting and monitoring** of political choices and interventions



OS 1 : Strengthening the **scientific and technical knowledge** base in development countries

OS 2 : Strengthening the **exchange and the use of information** in a.o. governance

OS 3 : Contribution to **public awareness in development cooperation**

OS4 : **Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services** in the political sectors linked to development cooperation

# How does **CEBioS** function?

## Eligibility criteria

Relevance to development, poverty alleviation, track record, partner country, scientific level, relevance to biodiversity

## Interventions

1. Calls for grants for training, research
  - Open under the eligibility criteria
  - Competitive
  - 1 call/year: for scientists of RBINS → South
  - 1 call/year: from Southern scientists → Belgium
2. Calls for in situ projects
  - Long-term commitment through multi-annual projects
  - Open under the eligibility criteria
  - Competitive
  - 1 call/year for CHM reinforcement
  - 1 call/year for awareness raising
3. Calls for Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)
  - Based on AICHI targets in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans
  - open under eligibility criteria
  - Competitive
  - 1 call/year
4. Institutional partnerships
5. Publications
6. Setting-up of national web sites
7. Workshops in South or in North

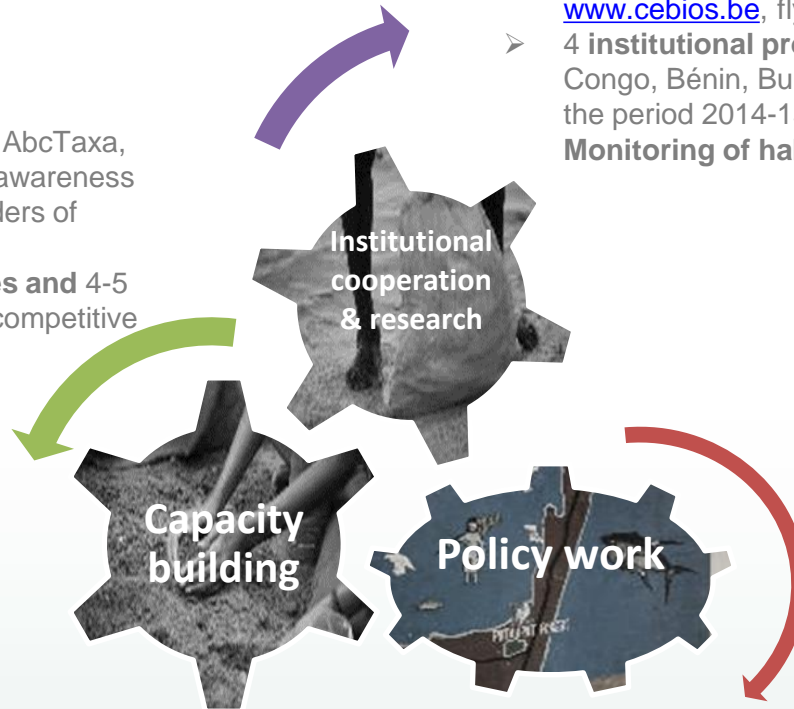
# Interventions of CEBioS<sup>o</sup>



- **Extension work:** volumes of AbcTaxa, lexica on habitat monitoring, awareness booklet in Bénin, posters, folders of partners
- Annually 15-20 **GTI stagiaires** and 4-5 **workshops** on the basis of competitive calls



- Annually 2 **collective workshops at RBINS on CHM** and several **national and regional CHM workshops** in Africa
- Calls for projects on **CHM/information sharing strengthening and awareness**
- **Calls on Monitoring, reporting, verification (MRV)** projects in Africa



- **Policy advise/ document reviews** for DGD (mixed commissions, environment strategy etc...), EU, BELSPO, OECD-DAC (scoping paper), CBD (Chennai 2013)
- Participation to **SBSSTA, COP** and active involvement in **IPBES** (regional paper, capacity building round table in India)
- Active involvement in **global CHM policies of CBD**
- Various **congresses** on capacity building, e-learning
- Training about **Protocol of Nagoya** at RBINS, MRAC, Meise

- **Visibility** through web site [www.cebios.be](http://www.cebios.be), flyer and stand
- 4 **institutional programmes** in RD Congo, Bénin, Burundi and Vietnam for the period 2014-15 till 2017-18:  
**Monitoring of habitats**

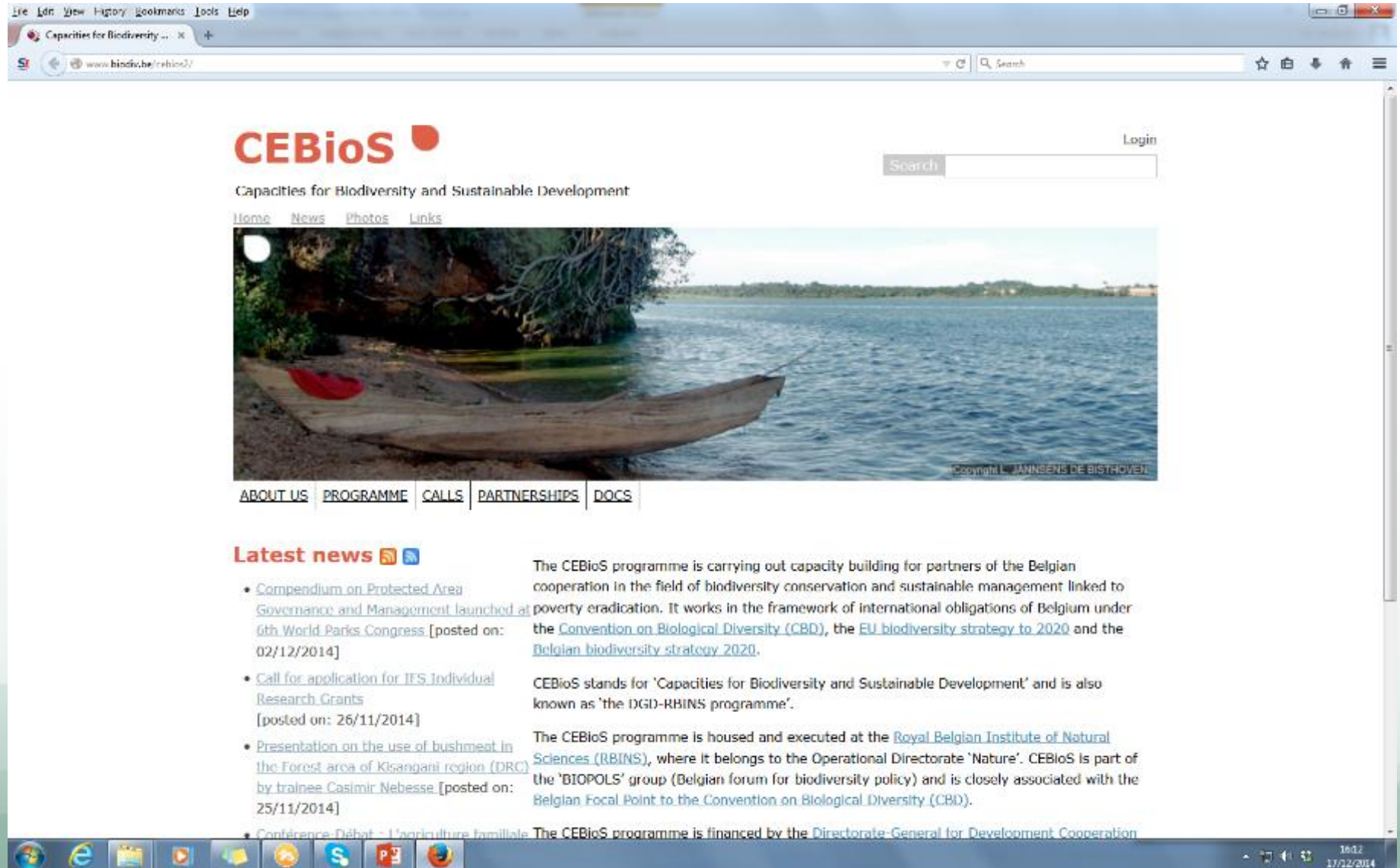




# CEBioS' interventions in RD Congo

- **Institutional partnerships** in RD Congo, with WWF, ERAIFT, ICCN, Botanic Garden Meise and RMCA on national parks and protected areas in cooperation with universities (UNILU, Goma, Bukavu, UNIKIN):
  - Parc National de Virunga (mushrooms, “réseau des mycologues”...)
  - Itombwe, Luswishi, Parc Marin des Mangroves
  - Uvira, fisheries, Ruzizi
  - Training and capacity development at “Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité” (CSB/UNIKIS) (secondary CHM, research, MRV, scientific communication...)
- **Training & Lexica** about habitats and conservation:
  - Parc National de Kahuzi-Biega
  - Bombo Lumene
- **Digitalisation** of the archives of the “Institut des Parcs Nationaux du Congo-Belge”
- **CHM partnership**: hosting of national CHM, training of CHM contributors
- **Awareness projects**, e.g. cooperation with VVOB in pilot schools





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The CEBioS programme is carrying out capacity building for partners of the Belgian cooperation in the field of biodiversity conservation and sustainable management linked to poverty eradication. It works in the framework of international obligations of Belgium under the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#), the [EU biodiversity strategy to 2020](#) and the [Belgian biodiversity strategy 2020](#).

CEBioS stands for 'Capacities for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development' and is also known as 'the DGD-RBINS programme'.

The CEBioS programme is housed and executed at the [Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences \(RBINS\)](#), where it belongs to the Operational Directorate 'Nature'. CEBioS is part of the 'BIOPOLS' group (Belgian forum for biodiversity policy) and is closely associated with the [Belgian Focal Point to the Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#).

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