

**COMMISSION ON ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT (CEM)**

- x Forest certification missions in Gabon and in Cameroon
- x Integrated coastal zone management in India, The Netherlands
- x Integrated rural development projects in Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, Mauritania
- x Training and managing of training institutes in Senegal, Cameroon, The Netherlands
- x Integrated conservation and development projects in Mongolia (Przewalski Horse), Guinea Bissau (Chimpanzees), Mauritania (Guelb-Er-Richatt), Cameroon (Sudan zone), Zambia (Kafue Flats), China (Middle-Yangtze wetlands), Tibet (Qomolangma Nature Preserve)
- x Policy making, national/provincial action plans in Mauretania, Chad, Mongolia, Senegal, Afghanistan

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### **Future priorities of the Commission**

CEM should continue the road it has taken during the actual intersessional period, which a/o means:

- x Further development of the Red List of Ecosystems under the inspirational leadership of Jon Paul Rodriguez
- x Consolidating the agenda-setting work on Ecosystem Based Adaptation to Climate Change, and of Karen Sudmeier on Disaster Risk Reduction
- x Facilitating influential networks on ecosystem management like the work of the Fisheries Expert Group
- x Strengthening CEM's work on ecosystem services and ecosystem-and community resilience
- x Addressing ecosystem management issues in societal sectors such as mining, food-production, the military, financial facilitators, and guiding the policy makers and decision takers of such sectors to better integration of ecosystem management considerations in their respective fields
- x Further development of ecosystem management instruments like ecosystem restoration and realization of ecosystem connectivity, management of nutrient flows and agricultural inputs (e.g. systemic insecticides)
- x Housing expert groups on specific ecosystems: steppes, Mediterranean ecosystems, mountains, islands, etc
- x Emerging and innovative issues, e.g. like during the actual intersessional period, the work done on the Mexican Gulf Oil Spill, the Oasis Expert Group and the Libyan Conference on Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development

### **Institutional support**

Syzygy will provide office space and limited secretarial support.