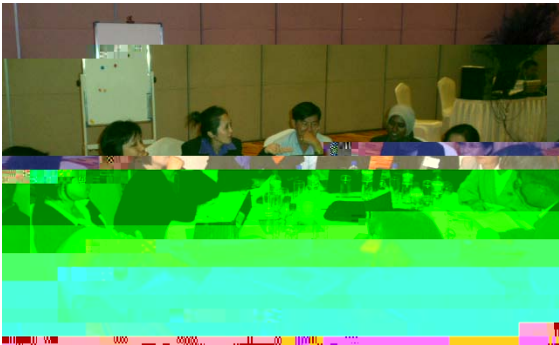




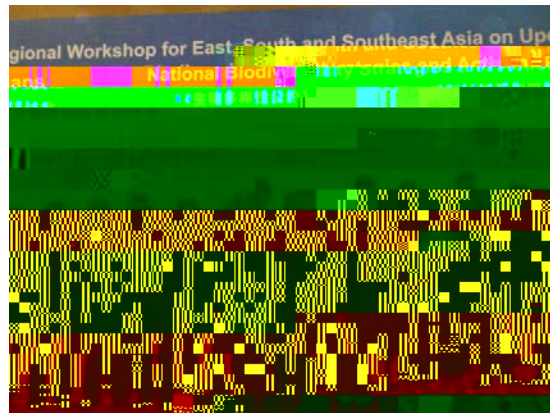
IUCN, the CBD and Mercuria Energy Group strengthen capacity for economic approaches to biodiversity conservation in developing countries.

Report of a regional workshop in China.



Increased awareness and capacity in the use of economic tools, notably valuation of biodiversity benefits, will increase the appropriate use of economic incentives to encourage conservation and sustainable use of biological resources. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has urged Parties and other Governments to develop national and regional targets, and to review and update

have been organized for the Southern Africa Development and Educational Centre in Kasane, Botswana, from 14 to 20 March 2011; for European countries on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 15 to 19 April 2011; and in Beirut, Lebanon, from 2 to 7 May 2011, for members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.



The East, South, and Southeast Asia Workshop on Updating the NBSAPs, took place from 9-16 May 2011 in Xi'an, China. The workshop was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China, Shaanxi Province, the City of Xi'an and the Executive Committee for the 2011 Xi'an International Horticultural Expo, the Government of Japan, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and Mercuria Energy Group.

The IUCN Mercuria partnership helped create a strong economic influence at the East, South, and Southeast Asia Workshop, by facilitating the active participation of IUCN's Economics team and by providing support to the more than 70 delegates from 21 countries in attendance. Ms. Nathalie Olsen, IUCN Environmental Economist, and Mr. Andrew Seidl, Head, IUCN Global Economics and Environment Programme, together with Mr. Markus Lehmann, the Economist of the CBD Secretariat, led two days of interactive sessions

focusing on the economics of ecosystems and biodiversity (TEEB) with particular emphasis on Targets 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan.



The workshop was attended by government officials responsible