

Report of the GPNM Partners Meeting	
Date and Venue	12 March 2014, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India
Partners/Members attended	Dr. Greg Crosby; Prof. Mark Sutton; Dr. Yuelai Lu; Dr. Terry Roberts; Dr. Amit Roy; Mr. Kaj Sanders; Mr. Patrick Heffer; Dr. N. Raghuram; Ms. Caterina Batello; Mr. David Osborn; Ms. Isabelle Vanderbeck; Dr. Anjan Datta (through video conferencing); Mr. Albert Bleeker; Dr. A. K. Pattnaik; Dr. Mindy Selman; Ms. Adelina C. Santos-Borja; Prof. Gil Jacinto; Prof. Y.B. Abrol; Mr. S.M.D.P. Anura Jayatilake; Dr.T.K.Adhya; Dr. Gurdeep Rastogi; Dr. P Muduli; Dr. R.N. Samal and Mr. G. Rajesh
<i>Report from the Task Team Leaders</i>	• The nutrient challenge is maximizing the food and energy productions without affecting the environment. An integrative trans-disciplinary approach is required to translate research into practice, and provide informed decision making for policy, research, extension services etc. • In order to meet food security needs amidst the nutrient challenge, the GPNM, government and various NGOs aim to share information on best practice and effective policymaking. • The members discussed the information currently available with respect to nitrogen use efficiency, as a basis for what can be done with other nutrients. • Partnerships have been created to stimulate networking on the different aspects of nutrient management, promote discussion on policy management, project design and research and encourage the development of communication strategies. This will assist with regional and global efforts on dealing with nutrient management, and communicate good practices to a key audience. • Four Task Teams were formed to focus on Policy, Nutrient Use Efficiency (NUE), Best Management Practices (BMP) and Toolbox, and the Partnership. The Task Team on Policy • Partners agreed that nutrient management should be addressed in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals. The Task Team Chair informed that he is in touch with several member countries of the Open Working Group that will meet in July 2014 as part of a consensus building process before the official negotiations occur in 2015. • The chair requested the Task Team Members and all other Partners to maintain some contact with their government SDG delegations to continually reiterate the importance of nutrient management throughout the drafting process. • A good strategy for inclusion of the nutrient management issues is to find common ground and cross-cutting relationships with other issues and partnerships such as a climate smart agriculture, hunger and poverty eradication, sanitation, economic growth, and sustainable consumption and production. • The partners agreed to draft decision focusing on nutrient

management for the upcoming first UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) of June 2014 and reach agreement with a member country to table this draft decision at the UNEA and mobilize political support for its adoption.

The NUE Task Team

- The NUE task team is considering the varied complications of data (e.g. from crop to crop, soil to soil, country to country), IFA and IPNI recommend the use of a “partial nutrient balance model”, which would calculate the data available from most countries for several important crops. The baselines will be ranges, rather than figures, for each nutrient, subject to conditions of nutrient use, irrigation and cropping etc. A useful development to the model would be to add performance indicators similar to that of the Chilika report card.
- The GPNM task forces can build on the learning from the first GEF project to develop definitions, parameters, reporting formats, units and definitions that are most suitable for the objectives of GPNM.

Task Team on BMP and Toolbox

- The Toolbox Task Team is focused on the compilation of BMPs and policies that are organized in such a way as to lend themselves to decision makers through a web-based presence. The toolbox information is currently only in Excel format and there is little vision on the target audience. The BMP database is currently unsearchable and therefore needs to be revisited. Furthermore, an improvement would be to harvest the two case studies to enrich the toolbox and provide at least two complete case studies.
- The task team needs to extract policy messages from best practices and analyze where these policy messages could be applied. The target group for decision making tools have not been clearly defined (e.g. policy makers or end users), and therefore a further discussion with the relevant project partners is recommended.
- This project will provide policy tools hence it needs to be anchored properly in GPA. Furthermore, the roles and limitations of the steering committee were discussed, including whether the steering committee should support the project or the GPNM, and who the members and partners are.
- Component C of the current UNEP/GEF Global Nutrient Cycle project and the team members engaged in this component may need more help and possibly more funds, considering the importance of this project component for the future of GPNM.

Task Team on Partnership

- The current state of the structure and governance of GPNM has been discussed throughout. It was agreed that the GPNM partners meeting report of May 2013 held in Washington DC should be reviewed further to address the governance issue as needed, without making it rigid or restrictive for the growth of GPNM.
- In order to improve the project, it was recommended that national nutrient use efficiency policy workshops are to be organized to assist with sharing of skills and information. Furthermore, an additional

	recommendation was to create a newsletter to communicate updates on the project's goals, targets, ongoing discussions and developments.
<i>The new GEF PIF update</i>	• The Project consists of the following components: ○ Tools to apply methods to understanding global N cycle and targeted research; ○ Global regional quantification of N use, flows and impacts; ○ Demonstration and verification of management tools at the local/national level (including areas of excess/insufficient Nr); ○ Awareness and knowledge sharing. • Key pieces of project information as follows: ○ Council approval expected by 20 March 2014; ○ The project preparation grant is 150,000 USD; ○ Full project to be approved by CEO within the first 18 months, after which the project will run for up to four years (The GEF-6 itself is for four years from 2014-2018); ○ This is under GEF-5 which ends in June 2014. However, since the grants are committed even at the PPF stage, it will continue until the end. ○ There will be two PPG workshop events, one for kickoff and the final for validation; ○ The Project Consultants will need to compile and write a CEO endorsement package.
<i>AoB</i>	1. Global TraPs • Global TraPs purpose has come to an end and therefore a transition mechanism is required, and possibly to put the contents under GPNM. • Global TraPs is a brand that shows a trans-disciplinary process for engaging practitioners, industry members, science experts and the NGO community. • Although the mandate and objects of Global TraPs as project are nearly achieved, the mechanisms used are still valid. Global TraPs is a time bound project of five years to show that a trans-disciplinary approach is required for handling such complex issues. • The Steering Committee approved the notion of transitioning the work of Global Traps into an international platform in association with GPNM and the Chairs recommendation to form a three person team to write a 2-page white paper on the transition with representation from industry, government, and academia. Kaj Sanders (NL) was recommended to chair, but given changes in his work situation, Arnoud Passenier of the Netherlands, who is also the Chair of the European Phosphorous Platform will assume the position of chair, with assistance from Dr. Terry Roberts, IPNI and Dr. Tom Sims, University of Delaware, USA. A teleconference call will move this agenda forward.

2. Events

- GPO April 2014 in The Hague.
- UNEP Environment Assembly. David Osborn said there are emerging opportunities to explore the link between food security on land and the sea, in relation to The Hague meeting and Environment Assembly;
- Law of Sea – Food Security and Sea Food Safety: to explore food security on land and in ocean hence might be useful to explore link with nutrients;
- INI – task force on reactive N within UNECE, will have its meeting in Madrid;
- SACEP will hold South Asia meeting with participation of senior government officials to validate the conclusions of the Nutrient Loading scoping study and formulate policy recommendations in Colombo, Sri Lanka in May 2014;
- FAO – 1M ha of Aquaculture in the Rice Fish Sector TCP: There will be opportunities to interact with this project which will have a series of events programmed. This could be an ideal opportunity for this project to gain partners, but a clear message must be constructed first, and how best to bring partners on board;
- US Secretary of State will be hosting an International Conference on Oceans in June 2014;
- International Year of SIDS meeting in Apia Samoa;
- UNFCCC COP21 in Paris;
- International Year of Soil in 2015;
- This year is International Year of Family Farming. A meeting is being held in mid-August in Shen Mai;

3. Publication/ Communication Announcements

- EU directive and EU reference documents on best practices in the poultry sector to be released.
- The publication of a communication strategy for GPNM is due to be released, which will discuss GPNM governance and the decision making process between partners.

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