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Obstacles to International Environmental Cooperation – the Perspective of Law

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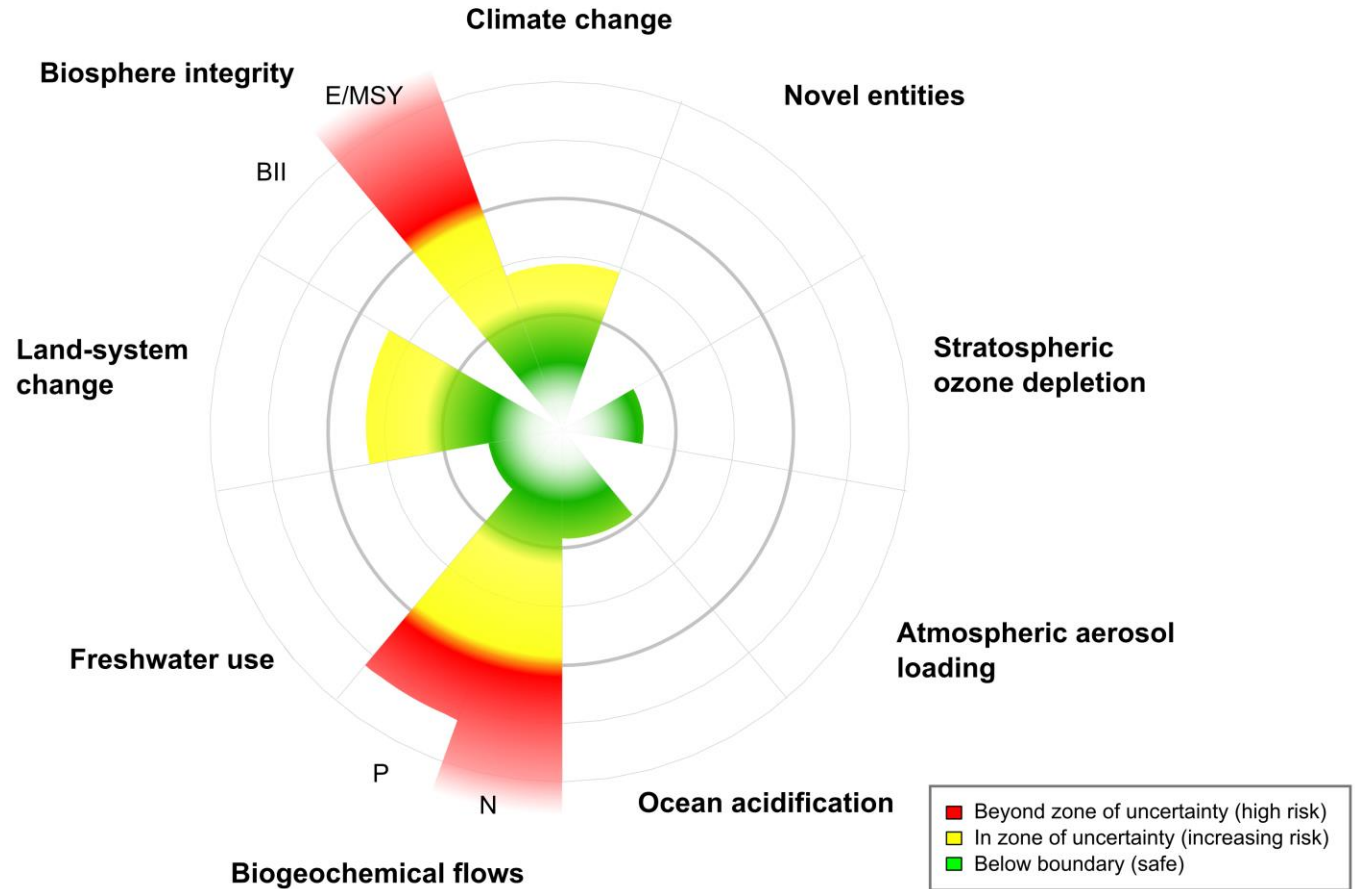
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My focus

- Obstacles
- Biodiversity
- Law



Should we be concerned?

Which are the success stories?

- The Ozone regime
- The UNECE air pollution treaties
- The Ramsar Convention
- The World Heritage Convention

Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve

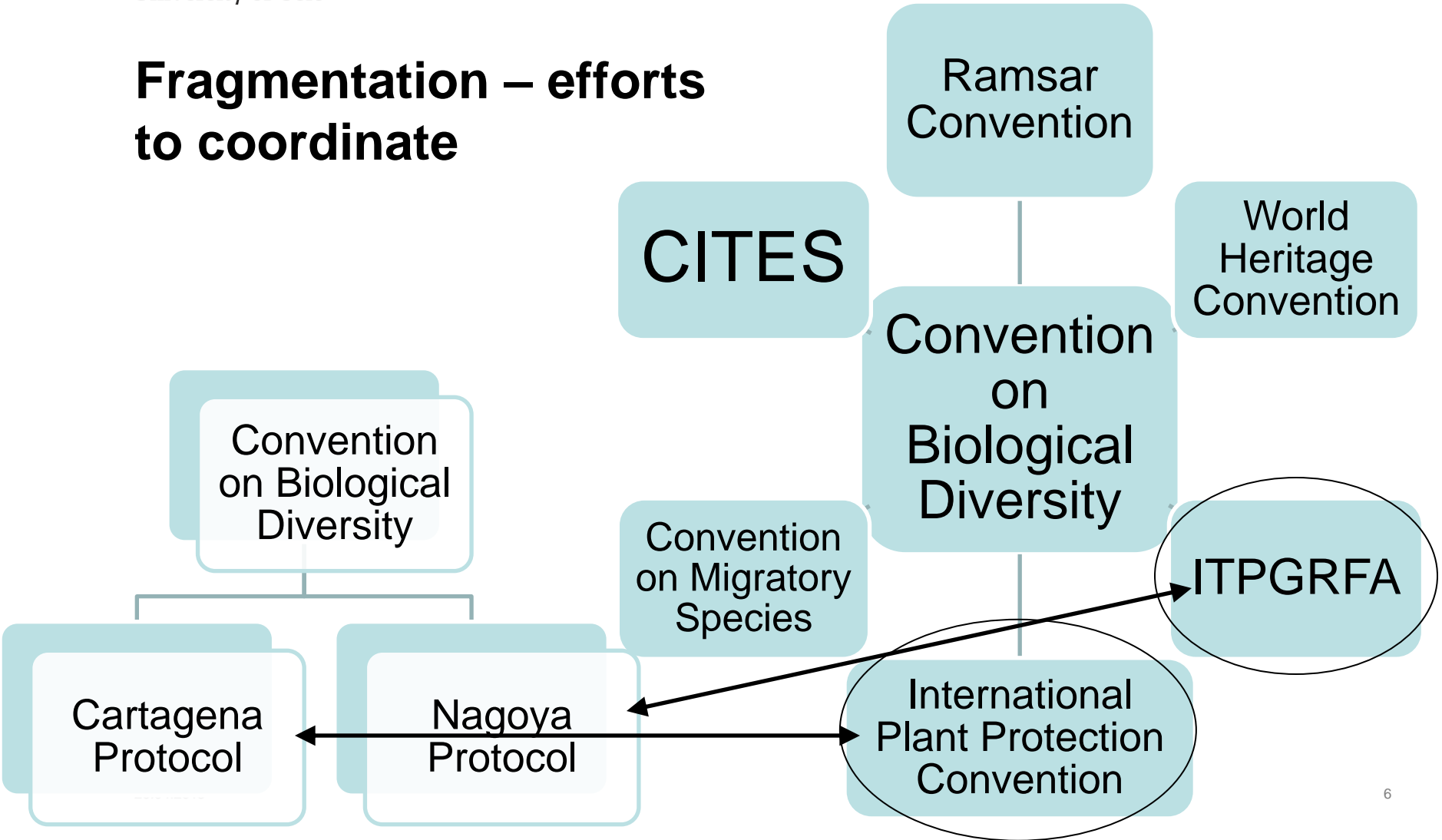


The weakness of International Environmental Governance – problem solved?

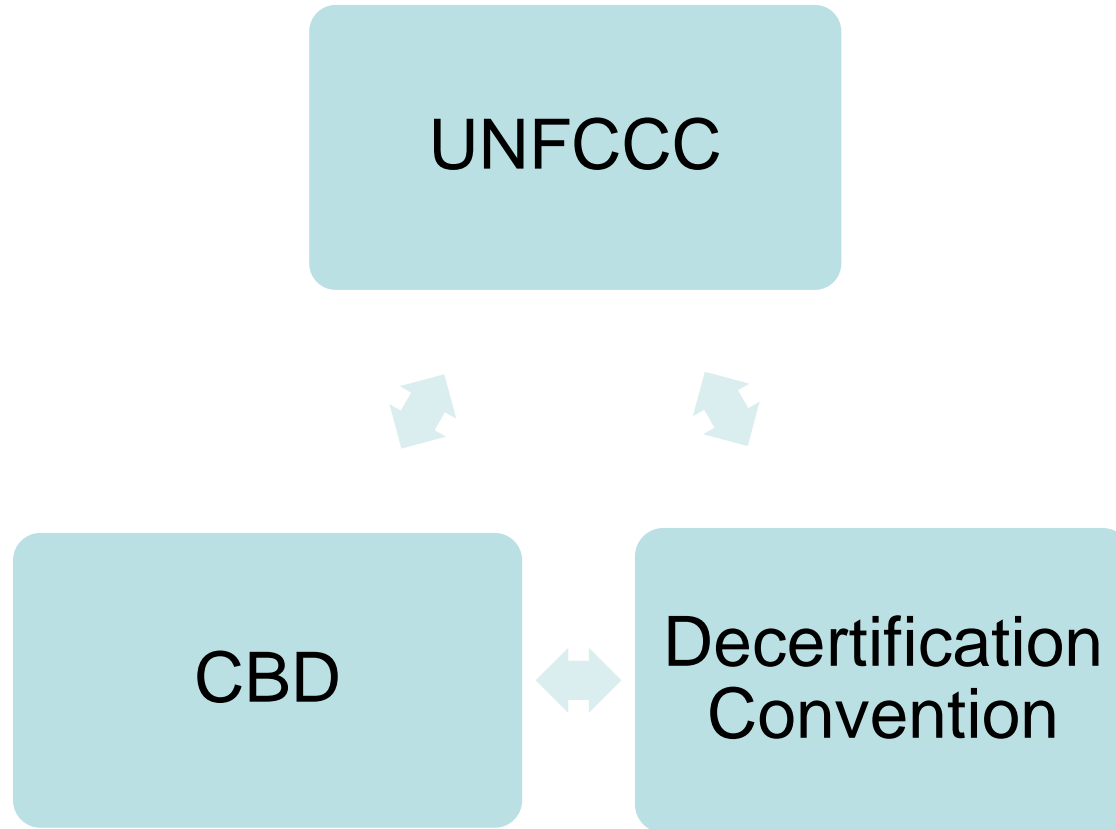
- From the 1972 Stockholm Conference to Rio +20: no agreement on a World Environment Organization
- UNEP – UN Environment Assembly: who meets, institutional powers, location, funding, host to treaties and negotiations
- High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development



Fragmentation – efforts to coordinate



And it gets more complex – the «Rio Conventions»



Differences in maturity

1. The science-policy interface
2. Framework conventions and protocols
3. Extent of soft law instruments
4. Binding decisions
5. Development of follow-up procedures – «living instruments»



Moving from law-making to effective implementation

- Differences regarding «reciprocity»
 - Lack of reciprocity limits options for implementation
 - Facilitative approaches
- Effectiveness of country reports
 - State-dominated review institutions
 - Involvement of the public
- Compliance committees vs. dispute settlement
 - Relevance of dispute settlement



We are moving too slowly!

The Anthropocene is emerging!

How can we speed up?