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### RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

#### **XIX/1. Further consideration of the implications of the findings of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and related reports, including with respect to mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors**

*The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice,*

*Emphasizing* the importance of the integration of biodiversity into the agriculture, forests and fisheries, as well as other relevant sectors, including industry, tourism, health, planning, trade and finance, infrastructure, mining, energy, and into climate change adaptation and mitigation measures,

*Recalling* decision XII/2 C, in which Parties were invited to work with all relevant stakeholders, including through the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, in the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 1,

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the note by the Executive Secretary on further consideration of the implications of the findings of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and related reports, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity across sectors;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Recalling* decision XII/1 on the mid-term review of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 including the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, and actions to enhance implementation, in which the Conference of the Parties emphasized the need for enhanced efforts to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular for those targets where least progress has been made, and *emphasizes* the need to strengthen implementation, including through technical and scientific cooperation, capacity-building support and an overall substantial increase in total biodiversity funding for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

3. *Recalling* decision IX/8 and paragraph 14 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, *highlights* the importance of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as other national planning instruments, as tools for mainstreaming biodiversity across all sectors of government and society and engaging all relevant stakeholders;

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/2.

4. *Welcomes* the initiative by Mexico, as host country for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to organize, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary and with the support of Switzerland, an international expert workshop on biodiversity mainstreaming in November 2015;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for its inputs into relevant considerations and in particular for preparing the information note on the contribution of FAO's five principles for sustainable agriculture to the implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 7;<sup>2</sup>

6. *Encourages* Parties to make use of existing tools and, recalling paragraph 13 of decision XI/2, to promote open data access to support the mainstreaming of biodiversity into policies and planning;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To make use, as appropriate, of the information contained in the note by the Executive Secretary<sup>1</sup> and related information in preparing for relevant agenda items for the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;

(b) To arrange for the peer review of information documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/INF/1, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/INF/4/Rev.1, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/INF/6, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/INF/15, UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/INF/17, to revise them in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant organizations, taking into consideration relevant information on indigenous peoples and local communities, including experiences with the implementation of the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity<sup>3</sup> and relevant outcomes of the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, and to make them available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twentieth meeting and to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting;

(c) To make use of the outcomes of the international expert workshop on biodiversity mainstreaming hosted by Mexico when preparing documentation on mainstreaming for the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twentieth meeting and to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting;

(d) To consult the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Tourism Organization, and other relevant organizations, in preparation for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To prepare guidelines and compile best practices for how stakeholders can be more engaged to promote the integration of biodiversity across sectors, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting;

8. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, in preparing for agenda item 10 of the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, to prepare, in consultation with relevant organizations and stakeholders, including the secretariats of relevant conventions, key elements for a short-term action plan on ecosystem restoration, with a view to the submission of a recommendation from the Subsidiary Body to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;

9. *Noting* that additional guidance on relevant topics may emerge from the actions undertaken in response to the present recommendation and from further considerations by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twentieth meeting and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting, *recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, among other things:

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<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/INF/4/Rev.1.

<sup>3</sup> Decision XII/12 B, annex.

- (a) *Welcome* the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>4</sup> and *note* that it provides a useful enabling framework for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and for the mainstreaming of biodiversity, and also *welcome* the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,<sup>5</sup> and other relevant frameworks;
- (b) *Invite* Parties to develop coherent and comprehensive policy frameworks that integrate biodiversity across sectors and to share their experiences, best practices and case studies in this regard through appropriate means, such as the clearing-house mechanism;
- (c) *Encourage* Parties to engage in networking activities among different actors involved in relevant productive sectors, including the private and public sectors, in order to further mainstream biodiversity across relevant sectors;
- (d) *Request* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:
- (i) In collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Tourism Organization, and other relevant organizations, to support Parties in sharing experiences, best practices and case studies on mainstreaming biodiversity into sectors and in developing comprehensive policy guidance;
  - (ii) To engage in relevant dialogues under the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council;
  - (iii) To continue to engage with indigenous peoples and local communities in the preparation of any communication products related to the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* which aim to demonstrate the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets with a view to ensuring that the visions, practices and knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities are fully taken into account;
  - (iv) To present options to the Subsidiary Body at a meeting prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on how to make the best use of existing programmes of work to further enhance the implementation of the Convention in the light of mainstreaming needs and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
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<sup>4</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015 entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution 69/283, annex II.