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**DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

**XIII/29. Global Biodiversity Outlook and Intergovernmental Science-Policy
Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

Global Biodiversity Outlook

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides* to initiate the preparation for a fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, which:
 - (a) Should provide:
 - (i) A concise final report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
 - (ii) A basis for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting;
 - (b) Should include:
 - (i) A target-by-target analysis of progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, based on a transparent and replicable methodology;
 - (ii) An analysis of the contribution of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets to the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (c) Should draw upon official and the best available scientific information, such as the following:
 - (i) The sixth national reports;
 - (ii) Information from global indicators;
 - (iii) The thematic, regional and global assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and any relevant scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services undertaken as part of these assessments;
 - (iv) Information from the other biodiversity-related conventions and Rio conventions and other relevant organizations;

- (v) Information provided by indigenous peoples and local communities, including information on the contributions of collective actions to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- (vi) The outcomes of the dialogue on “Living in harmony with Nature”, different visions, approaches and tools for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
- (vii) The analysis of progress in capacity-building activities to support implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, referred to in decision XIII/23;
- (viii) Additional relevant information presented by Parties and other Governments;
- (d) Should be developed in a manner that avoids duplication with other processes;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant partners to prepare a second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook: Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Contributions to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*, which should include information on:

- (a) Relevant knowledge, visions and approaches of living in harmony with nature and, as recognized in some cultures and countries, Mother Earth;
- (b) Relevant practices and technologies regarding the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities, including customary sustainable use;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare:

(a) A workplan and proposed budget for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and related reports and products for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) A joint communication strategy with the secretariats of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and biodiversity-related conventions on the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and related reports and products and relevant deliverables of the Platform, and *invites* the secretariats of the Platform and the other biodiversity-related conventions to collaborate on this matter;

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4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its fourth plenary meeting, in February 2016, to undertake a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, foreseen to be concluded by May 2019, and *re-emphasizes* the importance of this global assessment for analysing progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

5. *Also welcomes* the completion and acceptance of the methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and the approval of the Summary for Policy Makers by the Plenary of the Platform, and *recognizes* the high relevance of this assessment for work under the Convention on Biological Diversity, and, in particular, the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*;

6. *Encourages* Parties, and invites other Governments, relevant organizations, the scientific community, stakeholders and indigenous peoples and local communities to further develop and use scenarios and models to support decision-making and the evaluation of policies, and to contribute to the further development of scenarios and models as described by the Summary for Policymakers of the methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

7. *Recognizes* the importance of matching scenarios to the needs of particular policy or decision contexts, including for exploring post-2020 policy scenarios, and to consider improving, and more widely applying, participatory and cross-scale scenario methods in order to enhance the relevance and use of regional, sectoral and thematic scenarios for biodiversity and ecosystem services;

8. *Encourages* Parties, and invites other Governments and relevant organizations, including funding organizations, to support efforts to develop human and technical capacity for scenario development and modelling needs and to promote open and transparent access to scenario and modelling tools, as well as the data required for their development and testing;

9. *Invites* the scientific community:

(a) To address key gaps in methods for modelling the impacts of drivers and policy interventions on biodiversity and ecosystem services that have been identified in the methodological assessment of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services;

(b) To develop practical and effective approaches to evaluating and communicating levels of uncertainty associated with scenarios and models, as well as tools for applying those approaches to assessments and decision-making;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary and *invites* the secretariats of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to foster further enhanced collaboration between the scientific communities related to the these bodies working on scenarios and models, as well as collaboration with communities working on biodiversity monitoring and data, and the policy community;

11. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in accordance with decision XII/25, paragraph 5(b), to prepare a list of requests for the second work programme of the Platform, based on information compiled by the Executive Secretary, for the approval of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.
