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Summary:

The main conclusions were:

- **Biodiversity and ecosystem services are indispensable for development and poverty eradication, and as such they should be reflected in the Sustainable Development Goals. A stand alone goal (e.g. a goal focusing on preserving the Earth's life support systems) together with an integrated approach reflecting biodiversity and ecosystem services in other goals where their relevance is most obvious (e.g. food security, water) would be the most adequate way to reflect this importance;**
- **The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets provide already a good framework on which to build for integrating biodiversity concerns in the SDGs framework;**
- **The biodiversity community needs to be more engaged in the SDGs and the related post-2015 development agenda processes, especially at national level where there is an opportunity to link with the NBSAP processes.**



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