

Brazil is proud to announce that on September 3rd, the National Commission on Biodiversity Conservation (CONABIO) established, through Resolution n. 6, twenty national targets for the conservation of biodiversity, based on the flexible framework established by the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets.

The development of the national biodiversity targets is the result of a process that began in 2011, and was based on a broad dialogue among the public and the private sectors, the civil society, the academy and indigenous peoples and local communities.

5 sectorial meetings were organized during the process of national consultations throughout 2011 and 2012. As a result, 25 documents with proposals for national targets were compiled to form the basis for the discussions on the establishment of those targets. Afterwards, the compiled document was published in the Ministry of the Environment website for further public consultation. Finally, the National Commission on Biodiversity, which is an advisory body composed of members of the government and of representatives of civil society, gathered 7 times in order to discuss the establishment of the national targets, based on the results of the national consultation.

We will be happy to provide further information on this complex national consultation process, and the results achieved, to interested delegates and other participants.

As the next steps, Brazil is preparing a Governmental Action Plan on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, in order to foresee actions required to halt the loss of biodiversity and help the implementation of the national biodiversity targets. Within the context of the review of our NBSAP, Brazil will also carry out a needs assessment on capacity development and financial resources required to implement the national targets, and how these needs could be addressed by the Government's multi-year budget plan, as well as through the mobilization of financial resources from other sources.

Thank you, Chair