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Thank you Madam Chair

Sweden would like to share information with you on target 14, which is also relevant for target 1 and 2.

Yesterday, the final report from a public inquiry "Highlighting the value of Ecosystem Services", commissioned by the Swedish government, was launched and submitted to the Minister of Environment in Stockholm.

A Commission was assigned to analyse and propose methods for valuing ecosystem services, and to propose how these values can be integrated into the social economy.

The chair for this public inquiry is Maria Schultz, Stockholm Resilience Centre,

The investigation proposes ways and means to increase the awareness of the importance of biodiversity. It proposes also ways to clarify the values of ecosystem services to become generally well known, and for values of ecosystem services to be integrated in financial statements and other decisions in the community where this is relevant and reasonable.

The report will help us in our work to raise awareness and integrate biodiversity, ecosystem services and its values for society. A summary in English will be available at our government homepage soon.

Thank you for your attention.

The report (summary in English will come:
<http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/16982/a/226192>

