

Thank you madam chair,

In regards to Strategic goal D, Norway would like to present some matters that we find relevant for the implementation of the targets 14 and 15 as well as inform you of recent work in Norway on this.

Regarding policy support we agree that there is a range of relevant tools and methodologies available and believe that we need to focus on the use of existing knowledge - adapting to diverse and changing conditions - and sharing of various experiences related to this.

We can inform you that an independent expert commission - established by the Norwegian government - recently delivered their report assessing the values associated with biodiversity and ecosystem services in Norway.

The commission considered:

- to what extent the concepts and conclusions from the TEEB project are relevant to Norway,
- the status and trends of Norwegian ecosystems and ecosystem services,
- methods to demonstrate the importance of the ecosystems and ecosystem services,
- And - whether the framework conditions under which private and public decision-makers act - adequately convey the importance of ecosystems and ecosystem services.

A broad hearing process is now ongoing and central policy recommendations will be formalized following this process. As of today an English summary of the recommendations from the expert commission is available on the website of the ministry of the environment.

Norway has also supported the TEEB Water and Wetlands study that has provided important information on the values of water-related ecosystem services to underpin implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity targets, particularly target 14. This study will be presented on a side event held by the secretariat tomorrow.

In Norway there has been a special focus on the restoration of wetlands and Norway's Environmental targets include an ambition to restore 50% of the degraded wetlands before 2020. A four year wetland restoration plan running from 2014 has been prepared.

Chair - We believe it would be useful to have a better understanding of the *application of the* concept ecosystem resilience in monitoring and managing ecosystems at different levels - securing the provision of multiple ecosystem services and the ability of ecosystems to adapt to a changed climate and store carbon over time.

This understanding we believe is pertinent to consider progress on target 15 and also to contribute under other relevant processes inter alia on ecosystem based adaptation and

mitigation. We noted with interest the update from Valerie Hickey from the World Bank in the panel on Monday regarding the SDGs including the concept of resilience and work on how to measure this. We would like to invite the Biodiversity Indicator Partnership to consider a possible indicator on resilience.

Thank you

English summary of the recommendations from the expert commission is available on:

[http://www.regjeringen.no/pages/38495570/PDFS/NOU201320130010000EN\\_PDFS.pdf](http://www.regjeringen.no/pages/38495570/PDFS/NOU201320130010000EN_PDFS.pdf)