Submission to support the process of discussing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

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Introduction

The European expert meeting in preparation of the upcoming twenty third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-23) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held as an informal scientific workshop, aiming to exchange information and opinions on the topics to be discussed at the upcoming twenty third meeting of SBSTTA.

For agenda item 3 of the provisional agenda of SBSTTA-23 the participants took note of the document CBD/SBSTTA/23/2 (Informing the Scientific and Technical Evidence Base for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework) and discussed the broad range of issues relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The document CBD/SBSTTA/23/2/Add.4 was not available to the participants of the Vilm meeting at that point of time. Thus, a brainstorming on potential elements for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework took place in a World Café setting. The results are documented below.

The 45 participants from 18 countries attended in their personal capacities as biodiversity experts. The aim of the expert meeting was not to reach a consensus on the individual points but rather to have an exchange of opinions and ideas. Thus, the results of the brainstorming session listed below shall neither be seen as agreed text by all participants, nor do they represent a coordinated EU or European position!

Results of a brainstorming on potential elements for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

General comments

Since document CBD/SBSTTA/23/2/Add4 was not available to participants as a basis for discussion the participants worked on "Potential elements for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework" in a World Café setting.

Therefore the tables below summarize the results of the brainstorming session along the "Invitation to SBSTTA to provide guidance on goals, SMART targets, indicators, baselines, monitoring framework, drivers of loss, achieving transformational change" formulated by the first OEWG.

The participants have prioritized the suggestions highlighted in grey. The other suggestions are organized by themes.

Please note that some suggestions noted under mission – goals – targets might be suitable to other headings (e.g. fit to goals better than to targets). They are noted under the headings they had been suggested by participants.

When working on these elements additional questions arose. They are documented below.

1 Mission

Thoughts on how the mission looks like?

- Be easy to communicate
- Be easy to understand and remember
- Be inspiring
- Should contain steps towards the 2050 mission
- Convey that this is "essential" and "urgent"

Questions for future discussion:

- Need clarify what term to use: Nature or Biodiversity?
- Do we need two missions? (one external for communication (slogan) and one internal for motivation and guidance)
 - o The later one would need early involvement of communication professionals!
 - o Proposal: To identify a good mission/slogan start a public competition

Suggestions for a mission ranked high by the participants

Put nature on path to recovery by 2030 for benefit of all people by protecting wildlife, restoring ecosystems, tackling the drivers of biodiversity loss and avoiding climate change

Living within the planetary boundaries for the benefit for nature and all people

Building a shared future for all life on earth

Protect – Restore – Fund – Act now

Potential elements and suggestions of the mission grouped by topics

For planet and people

Preserving full evolution spaces for biodiversity and reconnecting people and biodiversity

Respect – comply with – protect Nature

Things can only get better with nature

Act now – for nature and people

Nature will survive – not human population

Putting nature back on track

Unlock nature's full potential

Good life/Buenvivir

More Nature for all

Nature – Loving it

It's only natural

Nature is our sustainability (use it – protect it – enjoy it)

Staying live!

Keep nature alive for people and planet

Nature and Climate: Joint mission

Implement the energy transition taking biodiversity into account

Mitigate Climate Change thanks to Nature-based solutions

Unlock nature's potential to climate change (1/3 of the mitigation effort) investing in Nature based solutions¹

(Behavioral) change

Act - Chance/opportunity - de-growth

Rethink/think differently

Time to rethink nature/sustainability

Feed the world sustainably

Tipping point reached

For future generations

Building future for nature and people

Gentle biodiversity footprints today will ensure your path for tomorrow

Preserving nature for future generations

Leaving the environment in a better state than we have found it

Transmitting at least as much or even /"more" nature than we inherited

Benefits

Nature provides you food, water, air, ... and health

Human needs and nature are in harmony

Investing in nature is our best insurance

Nature/Biodiversity is our lifeline

Integration into other sectors

Better integration of biodiversity in habitation and urbanization planning

Setting less biodiversity deleterious transport and energy infrastructure

¹ This suggestion was also made under "targets" and was highlighted there

2 Goals

The workshop discussed the "hierarchy" and linkages between mission, goals, targets and indicators and participants suggested (note: these are individual suggestions and not an agreed result by all):

- To further clarify the role of mission goals targets (especially clearly distinguish mission and goals)
- To even rethink if goals are needed (for 2030) as to abolish one level of the hierarchy
- That goals should be used for
 - o strategic communication with partners (governments, organizations, private sector)
 - o quick monitoring
- That goals should
 - o contain 2-3 elements of the 2050 Vision
 - o contain the outcomes for 2050 Vision
 - o take into account that we have 3 objectives of the convention (use them!)
 - o could be underpinned with milestones for 2030/2040
- That there should be no goals but "areas for actions" to organize the targets

Suggestions for goals ranked high by the participants

No anthropogenic net loss of biodiversity (bending the curve)

1. Protect, 2. Restore, 3. Integrate, 4. Enable

Restore – sustainably use 50 % of land and protect 30 % of earth

Protect – Restore – Fund – Act now

Move the overshot day backwards

Potential elements and suggestions for the goals grouped by topics

Protect

Protect 30 % by 2030 (land and water)

Leave 25 % - 30 % of land and water for people and nature

Restore

Restore 350 million ha of degraded land

Ecosystems are restored to provide optimum benefits to human well-being

Species

No human induced species extinction

Reducing the % of threatened species under human pressure

People/Awareness

Global solidarity in maintenance/prevention of risk for all species and mankind

People/individuals value nature and consider impact on biodiversity when making choices

Awareness rising: people know the importance of nature

Integrating nature in economy and decision making

National ecosystem status accounting in all countries

Placing nature at the center of human decisions/economies

Make biodiversity/nature an integral part of societies, economies ... and yourself

National capital accounting in all NBSABs

Digitalization considers also social and environmental aspects

Transformational change (towards a global sustainable economy)

Build a global sustainable economy (away from economic growth)

Decoupling economic development from resource extraction

A fundamental system-wide reorganization across technological, economic, social factors including paradigms, goals and values

Funding activities which destroy nature have stopped and are replaced by activities which protect and restore

The narrow economic paradigm has been changed

Challenges related to climate change, nature deterioration and achieving a good life for all are interconnected and they need to be addressed synergistically form local to global levels

Use human rights for healthy environments

Change (indirect) drivers

Impacts of drivers of biodiversity loss have been curtailed

Campaign against overconsumption

Effectively address drivers of biodiversity loss

Transforming indirect drivers

Funding/enabling conditions

Set enabling conditions to enhance biodiversity status and benefits

Prioritize funding for nature

Enough (X % of GDP) money for nature

Synergies

Use synergies between UN Conventions

3 Targets

Suggestions for targets ranked high by the participants

De-growth

By 2030, legal use and trade of wild species is at sustainable levels and enhances conservation of biodiversity and benefits human well-being

Target on tele-coupling (distance between producers and consumers)

Potential elements and suggestions for targets grouped by topics

Protect and restore

By 2050 all PAs are connected

Protect 30 % of oceans and 30 % of land/water

20 % of the world's PAs under no-take regime

Increase of the surface of old-growth forests under no-management regime

By 2025 have a set of quality criteria for the management of protected areas in place

Assess effectiveness of PA management (e.g. IUCN Green List)

No more parks without people by 2040

X % of natural freshwater bodies preserved

By 2030, landscape management is integrated into spatial planning

By 2030, X km² of ecosystem type XX protected/restored delivering 1/3 of mitigation effort

Reduce land use (surface of managed land vs. wild/minimum human impact land)

Measures to protect vulnerable ecosystems (e.g. in mountain areas)

Red List status of all species improved by one category

Invasive Alien Species

No increase in the number of IAS identified (prevent introduction)

Each party has carried out at least 1 awareness raising campaign on IAS

Production and consumption and trade

X % sustainable production landscapes

By 2030, agricultural land dedicated to meat production meet WHO diet recommendations

Stabilization of consumed biomass from ecosystems at 40 % (estimated) limit for eco-viability

By 2030, the way we produce and consume our food has changed (agroecology is the principle)

Target on supply chains (palm oil, beef, coffee, fish)

Food waste in 2050 reduced to ZERO by 2050

Target(s) on consumption and production patterns

By 2030, measured demand for products from threatened species reduced by at least 50 %

By 2030, 80 % of global timber trade is from sustainably managed forests

By 2030, pressure of illegal and unsustainable use and trade in wild species is reduced, contributing to the conservation of biodiversity and human well-being

Actors using the natural resources responsible (legally/financially) for state of the resource

Have a global regime of safeguards for biodiversity in global trade policy in place

By 2030, all businesses need to implement natural capital accounting

Investment and Financing (subsidies)

By 2030, X % of private investments sustain or promote biodiversity levels

By 2030, eliminate all subsidies harmful to biodiversity (by 2024 identify, by 2026 have plans to eliminate them)

Greening finance: all countries pass a law banning investments in non-sustainable companies/programs

Require business with HQ in your country to report on biodiversity measures in a public, transparent manner (include this in sustainability reports)

By 2030, X source countries have implemented legislation countering natural resource based corruption

Green procurement obligatory for all government institutions

Climate Change

Reduce climate change – keep to the +1,5 -2 degree target

Cross-sectoral institutions have been set up to tackle the biodiversity crisis and climate crisis in an integrated manner

Restore X '000 ha of degraded ecosystems to increase the carbon uptake

No net loss of carbon-rich habitats

By 2030, coral still exist

Resource exploitation

All non-renewable resources are not exploited anymore

Ban the exploitation of fossil fuel reserves globally by 2035

Reduce exploitation of resources (wild biomass vs. domestic biomass)

Deep seabed mining has been stopped (enable by circular economy)

Pollution

Reduce pressure on pollinators in particular the use of pesticides

Reduce environmental exposure to harmful chemicals

Reduce production of plastics/chemicals produced

By 2030, human-induced ocean acidification has been stopped

Mainstreaming

Each new legislation has gone through a biodiversity check

Nature based solutions in urban landscape planning obligatory

Values of biodiversity and Ecosystem services re-included in decision making and national accounting

Sustainable transportation available for all

Ecosystem services

Value of ecosystem services increased by X amount by 2030

Halt the loss of benefits from ecosystem services

Use of Genetic diversity

Gene manipulation is under control

All traditional genetic resources are conserved in situ

Safeguards for new technology in place

Nagoya Protocol fully implemented (number of MAT in ABS-BCH)

Benefits from genetic resources and TK are shared and used for biodiversity

Financing for post 2020

By 2030, X financial resources are mobilized

By 2025 mobilize X of resources for biodiversity conservation and the implementation of the 2050 agenda

Education/nature awareness

Fully integrate biodiversity education in all forms of education in a transdisciplinary way

Professional, well-paid, and safe conservation professionals (rangers)

By 2030, all girls have access to education

Each pupil has visited a national park at least once in school life

Ecology is a main course in all education levels

By 2030, at least 150 Heads of State have gone on Horst's walking tour of the Isle of Vilm

4 Indicators/Monitoring

Participants suggested considering in the future discussion on indicators:

- The level of impact of info gained by indicator, cost, complexity
- The use of three sets of indicators:
 - o science-based
 - o society-based
 - o general
- The use of existing indicators (SDG, Aichi, IPBES; OECD) but complement for transformative change.

- An alternative indicator to GDP which would include environmental, ecological and social aspects
- The need to link global and national indicators
- The development of a small set of headline indicators not too many.
- That indicators need to fit for all parties' situation
- The use of an umbrella species as apex goal for local ecosystems
- Linking or rethinking emblematic indicators (as 50 % pesticide reduction) to be consistent with biodiversity consideration.
- If indicators for NBSAPs and indicators for national reports should follow agreed standards?

Suggestions for specific Indicators by the participants

Indicators for vision/long term goals

Species abundance

Extinction risk

Habitat extent/condition

Ecosystem services – carbon

De-growth indicators

UNDP – Expand human development index/report to take into account **Ecosystem Status Index** and other biodiversity indicators

Tons of extracted resources (forest/fisheries, hunting)

Indicators for transformational change (processes)

New indicators on supply chain, consumption patterns

Include finance ministries, national statistical agencies, general

Increases in global trade levels (pos. for sustainable wildlife resources, neg. for unsustainable wildlife)

Capacity building indicators

No. of rangers trained

Budgets for equipment

Staff surveys

Human well-being

Trend of- index of human happiness (Bhutan example)

Behavior change indicators

- Demand for natural goods
- Attitudes to nature
- level of awareness in society

"Mainstreaming" indicators

Number of (cross-)sectoral policies that include biodiversity measures

Other indicators

Transparency International corruption indices vs. law enforcement effort

Develop "Biodiversity Footprint"

Ecological footprint

→ informs on the combination of drivers (relates to goals)

Indicator on quality of protected area management
Ecosystem status/condition index
Land-use change (surface of managed land vs. wild/minimum human impact land)
Reduction of pollution (tons of plastics/chemicals produced)

Participants suggested considering in the future discussion on monitoring:

- Pollinator's monitoring
- Potentially using digital techniques
- The use of remote sensing techniques
- The monitoring of key species (butterflies, birds, bees, ...)
- To involve citizens in monitoring
- To harmonize reporting across conventions (e.g. for restoration)
- Monitoring shall be open for community-based monitoring and citizen science (+scaling them up)
- To include bottom up/ Up bottom approaches in the System of monitoring
- To use mapping (ecosystem services, carbon sequestration, PA OECMs, sustainable agriculture, forestry)
- To improve review mechanisms.

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