

Review of the document on linkages between the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development

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This document contains the comments by Eurostat the statistical office of the European Union in reply to the invitation letter that Stefan Schweinfest, Director of UNSD, sent on 7 July 2020 to all statistical organisations globally to participate in the consultation.

The comments provided here are therefore purely from a statistical, technical perspective and complement the comments by the Directorate General Environment of the European Commission that coordinated the reply from the EU.

COMMENTS

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<i>General comments</i>	
Interlinkages at goal level seem very broad. Goal B and to a lesser extent C seem to be linked to almost all SDGs. It might be more helpful to concentrate on the strongest links.	
Interlinkages at goal level are not as well documented as those at target level.	
Even though the definition of goals and targets was not up for comments during this consultation, Eurostat would like to raise once concern. From the present documents it is unclear how the goals and targets correspond to each other. It seems that there are 4 goals and 20 targets, but the targets are organised along 3 sub-headings? All colleagues in Eurostat who participated in this review were rather confused about the meaning and setting of targets vs. goals vs 2030 milestones. You may therefore want to reconsider the overall design and structure of the framework for its final version.	
<i>Specific comments</i>	

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