

**Review of the document on scientific and technical information to support the review of the proposed goals and targets in the updated zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

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<i>General comments</i>		
<p>Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft document CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.2 on 'Scientific and technical information to support the review of the proposed goals and targets in the updated zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework'. As the United Nations agency focusing on trade and development, UNCTAD is steering, engaging and consulting with BioTrade partners and key stakeholders to contribute to the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. UNCTAD's BioTrade Initiative and its partners have been promoting sustainable trade of <u>goods and services derived from biodiversity under the criteria of environmental, social and economic sustainability</u>.</p> <p>Incorporating sustainable use and sustainable trade as well as fair and equitable benefit-sharing into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework could prompt countries, including CBD Parties, to adopt laws and policies. Moreover, it could foster interest of global financing facilities in promoting ethical trade as a driver for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. Sustainable trade, including BioTrade, can be part of the solution. For this reason, UNCTAD and partners continue to support the global biodiversity framework process with technical and substantive inputs on sustainable use, sustainable trade, private sector engagement and incentive measures.</p>		
<i>Specific comments</i>		
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15	63	[Target 4] Please add the word 'unsustainable' before '[...] trade, including illegal trade'.
15	63	[Target 4] We recommend reflecting the scope of the proposed target by including the notion of 'biodiversity-based products' in the scientific and technical information. Biodiversity-based products are for instance plant materials used as ingredients for food, cosmetic or industrial products, non-timber forest products, plant-based extracts, oils and other ingredients, and natural textiles. Such products can be either wild or farmed. Trade with sustainably sourced biodiversity-based products can provide important sources of income and trade can be an incentive for sustainable production. As a large part of biodiversity-based products is from plantations or farms and will therefore be covered by the proposed target 14, however some biodiversity-based products can be considered 'wild'. Therefore, we recommend an addition to the scientific and technical information for Target 4.
15	64	[Target 4] In line with our comment on paragraph 63, we recommend adding an example for an action:

		d) Trade with biodiversity-based product that respects environmental, economic and social criteria, such as the BioTrade Principles and Criteria (link), could be promoted in order to provide economic opportunities, livelihoods in light of the different dimensions of sustainable development.
23	93	[Target 13] We recommend adding 'trade' to the list of sectoral policies.
23/24	95	[Target 14] We would like to propose highlighting the potential contribution of trade to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, if done according to sustainability guidelines, such as the BioTrade Principles and Criteria: for instance, by adding the following sentence after 'environmental assessment practices' and before 'labelling': [...], the adherence to the BioTrade Principles & Criteria',...
25	98	[Target 15] We propose adding the 'promoting the use and trade of goods from sustainable sources, for instance in accordance with the BioTrade Principles & Criteria', in the phrase on this page 'promoting the use of goods from sustainable sources'.