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Submission on Initial discussion document on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

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Global Wildlife Conservation's comments on the POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK: DISCUSSION PAPER are limited to Section IV(E) on **Biodiversity Targets**.

To stem the rapid rate of biodiversity loss, it is essential to ensure the conservation of Key Biodiversity Areas and other sites of global significance for biodiversity. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework should include a site conservation target focused on documenting, retaining and restoring the value of all key biodiversity areas and other sites of global significance through protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures. The rationale for identifying and effectively conserving all sites of importance for biodiversity is provided by the recent paper by Visconti et al. (2019) Science <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2019/04/10/science.aav6886>.

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