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Progress in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets set out an ambitious ten-year framework for action by all countries and stakeholders to save biodiversity and enhance its benefits for people. The Strategic Plan provides an overarching framework on biodiversity, not only for the biodiversity-related conventions, but for the entire United Nations system and all other partners engaged in biodiversity management and policy development. Comprising a shared vision, a mission, strategic goals and 20 ambitious yet achievable targets, collectively known as the Aichi Targets, the Strategic Plan serves as a flexible framework for the establishment of national and regional targets, and promotes the coherent and effective implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity - the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources.

At the UN Biodiversity Conference¹

At the UN Biodiversity Conference, Parties will take stock of the progress made towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The review will be based on information contained in the fifth national reports to the Convention, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific and Europe and Central Asia and the thematic assessment on land degradation and restoration prepared by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), as well as recent scientific literature and indicator information.





This will be last opportunity to assess progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 before its final evaluation in 2020 which will be contained in the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-5). It is anticipated that the plan for the development of GBO-5 will be agreed by the Conference of the Parties.

Assessments to date, including those undertaken by Parties to the Convention through their fifth national reports, and the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, suggest that while progress is being made in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity it is not occurring at a rate that will allow the Aichi Biodiversity Targets to be reached by 2020 unless efforts are significantly increased. While most countries are taking actions to safeguard biodiversity, determining what constitutes an effective action is challenging. For this reason, the Conference of the Parties will consider different tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Information on the progress to date in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and a stronger basis for determining the effectiveness of actions and policies to address the continuing decline of biodiversity will be important steps in building the information base needed to establish an effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The process for developing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework will also be considered at the conference.

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Important links

- Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets: www.cbd.int/sp
- National Reports: www.cbd.int/reports
- National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: www.cbd.int/nbsap
- Global Biodiversity Outlook: www.cbd.int/gbo

¹ Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing; 17-29 November 2018

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