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Cooperation with international organizations and bodies established under other conventions

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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its fourth meeting, prepared a draft decision on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, which was informed by a working document and information documents prepared by the Secretariat.¹ The draft decision was prepared for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixteenth meeting² and is contained in the compilation of the draft decisions for that meeting.³ The present note provides updated information on matters that have arisen in this regard since April 2024.

2. Cooperation under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention is reported, respectively, in documents CBD/CP/MOP/11/8 and CBD/NP/MOP/5/8.

II. Recognition of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework under the governance processes of other conventions and international organizations

3. Since April 2024, the governing bodies of several conventions and international organizations have formally recognized the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Annex I to the present note provides an up-to-date list of decisions and resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of other conventions, international organizations and intergovernmental bodies or processes in which the Framework is formally recognized. The information in annex I complements the information contained in document CBD/SBI/4/10.

* CBD/COP/16/1.

¹ CBD/SBI/4/10; and CBD/SBI/4/INF/4, CBD/SBI/4/INF/13, CBD/SBI/4/INF/14 and CBD/SBI/4/INF/15, respectively.

² See recommendation 4/9 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

³ CBD/COP/16/2/Rev1.

III. Update on actions by the Secretariat, conventions and international organizations to enhance cooperation

4. Pursuant to the request of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting⁴ and consistent with mandates provided by the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat continued to foster cooperation with the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Meetings were held with the executive secretaries and other staff from the secretariats of the three conventions, including in the context of the joint capacity-building programme and the upcoming meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the three conventions.

5. Under the joint capacity-building programme,⁵ a half-day pilot training session on how to materialize synergies between the Rio conventions was organized for national focal points on 10 June 2024 at the margins of the sixtieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in Bonn, Germany. Moreover, a series of webinars on building synergies between the three Rio conventions was launched, with the first webinar, on integrated planning of national strategies and policies, being held on 29 August 2024.⁶

6. Pursuant to the invitation of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Environment Management Group to facilitate United Nations system-wide coordination towards the objectives of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,⁷ the secretariat of the Environment Management Group is leading a series of activities to be held in conjunction with the upcoming sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the twenty-ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Among other activities, the Convention Secretariat is collaborating with the Environment Management Group secretariat on the preparation of a high-level dialogue of heads of agencies, to be held at the margins of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the coordination of a shared space for the United Nations system in an area designated for multi-stakeholder interaction. Similar activities will be replicated at the twenty-ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, aimed at showcasing results and enhancing dialogue among United Nations entities, Member States and other stakeholders, on ways to address the drivers of environmental change underlying the three conventions to effectively and synergistically address the planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification, drought and pollution.

7. Pursuant to the request of the Conference of the Parties to the Executive Secretary to actively engage in the Bern process on cooperation among Parties to the various biodiversity-related conventions facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme⁸ and further to the reports provided to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting,⁹ the Executive Secretary contributed through a video message to the national workshop on synergies between multilateral environmental agreements for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity

⁴ See recommendation 4/9 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

⁵ Reported on in documents [CBD/SBI/4/10](#) and [CBD/SBI/4/7/Add.3](#).

⁶ A recording of the first webinar, as well as the presentations delivered during the webinar, is available at <https://unfccc.int/event/building-synergies-between-the-three-rio-conventions-unfccc-cbd-and-uncdd>.

⁷ Decision 15/13 of the Conference of the Parties, para. 9.

⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 14.

⁹ [CBD/SBI/4/10](#) and [CBD/SBI/4/INF/4](#).

Framework,¹⁰ held in Mexico City on 6 and 7 August 2024. The event offered an example of efforts to enhance cooperation at national level and supported the implementation of the outcomes of the Bern III Conference on Cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, held in January 2024.

8. Further to the information provided in documents CBD/SBI/4/10 and CBD/SBI/4/INF/4, the sixth joint workplan of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat and the Convention on Biological Diversity, prepared jointly by their secretariats in consultation with Parties, was provided as an information document to the sixty-third meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Wetlands, held in Gland, Switzerland, from 3 to 7 July 2024. In its decision SC63-20, the Standing Committee took note of the progress in implementing resolution XIV.6 on enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions. The joint workplan is being made available to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixteenth meeting in information document CBD/COP/16/INF/19.

IV. Reports from the secretariats of other conventions and international organizations

9. The secretariats of several conventions and international organizations have submitted reports on their activities that support the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, relevant to item 13 of the agenda of the sixteenth meeting, which will be made available in the information documents listed in annex II to the present note.

10. The report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (CBD/COP/16/INF/12) provides an outline of progress in mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors. The progress report on the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030) (CBD/COP/16/INF/13) has been submitted by FAO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) pursuant to the request of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in its decision 15/13 and was prepared with the support of the Convention Secretariat. The report on the implementation of the Plan of Action 2018–2030 for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators (CBD/COP/16/INF/14) outlines the progress of the work carried out by FAO in accordance with the mandate provided by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 14/6. The report of UNEP (CBD/COP/16/INF/16) provides information on its activities conducted between March and August 2024 to support the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and complements the information provided in document CBD/SBI/4/INF/14.

11. The report of the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CBD/COP/16/INF/20) contains a survey of recent developments under the International Treaty, including a summary of relevant outcomes of the tenth session of the Governing Body, held in November 2023. The report of the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury (CBD/COP/16/INF/21) contains an outline of the contributions of the Minamata Convention to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and summarizes the relevant decisions adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention, held in October/November 2023, and recent work under the Minamata Convention to help reduce the impacts of mercury pollution on biodiversity, particularly in the context of Targets 7, 11, 21 and 22 of the Framework. Similarly, the report of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (CBD/COP/16/INF/22) highlights the contributions of those conventions, in line with their mandates, to supporting the Framework. The report of the Secretariat of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (CBD/COP/16/INF/23) provides detailed information on the Carpathian biodiversity

¹⁰ Gobierno de México, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, [Encuentro nacional para implementar el Marco Mundial de Biodiversidad mediante Acuerdos Multilaterales Ambientales](#), 2024.

framework as a regional instrument for enhancing the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and mainstreaming biodiversity.

Annex I

Formal recognition of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by the governing bodies of other conventions, international organizations, intergovernmental bodies or processes in decisions or resolutions adopted at their meetings held between January 2023 and October 2024

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization, body or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
<i>Conventions represented in the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions</i>		
Decision 44 COM 7.2 Conservation issues	Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	World Heritage Committee at its extended forty-fourth session
Decision 14.7 CMS engagement in CBD processes including the Global Biodiversity Framework	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals	Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting
Resolution 1/2023 The role of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture within the Global Biodiversity Framework	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	Governing Body at its tenth session
Resolution 2024-2 Resolution on synergies between the International Whaling Commission, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted thereunder, and the Agreement Under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction	International Whaling Commission	International Whaling Commission at its sixty-ninth meeting
<i>Rio conventions</i>		
Decision 1/CMA.5 Outcome of the first global stocktake	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its fifth session

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization, body or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
<i>Chemicals and waste conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements</i>		
Decision BC-16/22 International cooperation and coordination with other organizations Decision RC-11/9 International cooperation and coordination with other organizations Decision SC-11/21 International cooperation and coordination with other organizations	Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting (Basel Convention), Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting (Rotterdam Convention) and Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting (Stockholm Convention)
Decision MC-5/17 Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Minamata Convention on Mercury	Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting
<i>Regional conventions, bodies and organizations</i>		
Decision 17/XII	Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (Cartagena Convention)	Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting
ECE/EB.AIR/154 Report of the Executive Body on its forty-third session	Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution	Forty-third session of the Executive Body
Decision 7/6 Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention)	Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting
Resolution 23/23 Resolution by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas on the implementation of biodiversity conservation instruments	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas	International Commission at its twenty-eighth regular meeting
UNEP/MED IG.26/22 Portorož ministerial declaration Decision IG.26/3	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols	Twenty-third ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization, body or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
<p>The 2023 Mediterranean quality status report and a renewed ecosystem approach policy in the Mediterranean</p> <p>Decision IG.26/4</p> <p>Amendments to annexes II and III to the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean</p> <p>Decision IG.26/5</p> <p>Specially protected areas (SPAs), specially protected areas of Mediterranean importance (SPAMIs) and ecosystem restoration</p>		
<p>Resolution GFCM/46/2023/5 on a roadmap towards increased decarbonization of fishing activities in the Mediterranean Sea</p>	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean	Forty-sixth session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
<p>Ministerial declaration of the 2024 ministerial meeting on the Baltic Sea marine environment</p>	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission	2024 ministerial meeting
<p>OSPAR decision 2023/01 amending decision 2021/01 on the establishment of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area</p>	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic	OSPAR Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
<p>Decision CP 11/5</p> <p>Implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</p>	Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean Region (Nairobi Convention)	Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting
<i>International organizations, bodies and processes</i>		
<p>Resolution 1/174</p> <p>The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</p>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its one hundred and seventy-fourth session
<p>COFI/2024/5</p> <p>Decisions and recommendations of the first session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries Subcommittee on Fisheries Management</p>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	First session of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Management of the FAO Committee on Fisheries

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization, body or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
Resolution 6/4 Promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments	United Nations Environment Programme	United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session
UNEP/EA.6/HLS.1 Ministerial declaration of the United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session	United Nations Environment Programme	United Nations Environment Assembly at its sixth session
Resolution V/6 International cooperation and coordination	International Conference on Chemicals Management	International Conference at its fifth session
Resolution 78/68 Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments Resolution 78/69 Oceans and the law of the sea Resolution 78/154 Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa Resolution 78/155 Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development	United Nations General Assembly	United Nations General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session
Decision WHA76.17 The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health	World Health Organization	Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly
Resolution 2/4	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization, body or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
Biodiverse and resilient cities: mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into urban and territorial planning		Programme (UN-Habitat) at its second session
Resolution 79/1 Accelerating climate action in Asia and the Pacific for sustainable development Resolution 79/2 Regional cooperation to accelerate climate action on oceans in Asia and the Pacific for sustainable development	Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Seventy-ninth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
MEPC 82/WP.1/Rev.1 Draft Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its Eighty-Second Session	International Maritime Organization	Marine Environment Protection Committee on its Eighty-Second Session

Annex II**Information documents related to cooperation with other conventions and international organizations provided to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Agenda items</i>
CBD/COP/16/INF/12	Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	13, 17, 19 and 20
CBD/COP/16/INF/13	Progress of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030)	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and United Nations Environment Programme	13
CBD/COP/16/INF/14	Progress report on the implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	13 and 17
CBD/COP/16/INF/15	Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management: progress report 2023–2024	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations as secretariat of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management	13 and 19
CBD/COP/16/INF/16	Report of the United Nations Environment Programme on its activities to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols	United Nations Environment Programme	8, 13 and 22
CBD/COP/16/INF/17	Progress report on rolling out the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements	United Nations Environment Programme	10 and 13
CBD/COP/16/INF/18	Report by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	13
CBD/COP/16/INF/19	Sixth joint workplan (2024–2030) of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on	Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on	10, 12 and 13

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Agenda items</i>
	Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat	Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat	
CBD/COP/16/INF/20	Report on recent developments under the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of relevance to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization	Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	9, 11, 13 and 23
CBD/COP/16/INF/21	Mercury pollution and biodiversity: contributions of the Minamata Convention on Mercury to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury	13 and 17
CBD/COP/16/INF/22	Contributions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to support the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: addressing the environmentally sound management of chemicals and waste to prevent and reduce biodiversity loss	Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	13
CBD/COP/16/INF/23	Carpathian Biodiversity Framework: a regional instrument for enhancing the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and mainstreaming biodiversity conservation	Secretariat of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians	13