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on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

### **Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

#### **Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair**

*The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice*

*Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties, at its seventeenth meeting, adopt a decision along the following lines:

*The Conference of the Parties*

1. [Welcomes][Takes note with appreciation of] *The Methodological Assessment Report on the Impact and Dependence of Business on Biodiversity and Nature's Contributions to People* ("business and biodiversity assessment") of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, [welcomes] its summary for policymakers[ and key messages, and notes its relevance to the work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>1</sup> and to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>2</sup>];

2. *Recognizes* that all businesses depend and have impacts on biodiversity and can be agents of positive change;

3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to use, as appropriate, the findings of the business and biodiversity assessment to support the implementation of the Convention and the Framework;

4. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and priorities[, to consider]:

(a) To create or enhance enabling environments for sustainable business [and consumption] practices, including by:

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> Decision [15/4](#), annex.

- [(i) Setting up or strengthening and enforcing policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks that provide incentives or mandate actions by business and financial institutions to contribute to the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity;]
  - [(ii) Providing available information on the impacts and dependencies of business practices on biodiversity to enable sustainable consumption patterns;]
  - (iii) Integrating biodiversity considerations into relevant policy, legal, financial or regulatory and fiscal frameworks, and progressively aligning incentives and public and private financial flows with the goals and targets of the Framework;
  - (iv) Supporting capacity-building and development activities focused on measuring and managing business impacts and dependencies on biodiversity;
  - (v) Encouraging business and financial institutions, financial actors and other relevant actors to contribute to creating or enhancing the enabling environment for sustainable business practices and engage in the implementation of the Framework and national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
  - [(vi) Promoting, as appropriate and consistent with national circumstances, transparency and disclosure of business impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities related to biodiversity;]
- (b) To [further] identify[, in addition to the gaps identified in the business and biodiversity assessment,] and support efforts to address gaps in knowledge and [the][its] application [of knowledge] for measuring and managing the impacts and dependencies of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, including by:
- (i) Providing actionable guidance and facilitating the uptake and consistent application of existing methods, knowledge and data for measuring and managing the impacts and dependencies of businesses and financial actors on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people;
  - (ii) Enabling the collection and sharing of information[, as appropriate,] on the activities [and locations] of businesses, their operations and value chains, including through [disclosure and] traceability mechanisms;
  - (iii) Supporting research and data collection, [ensuring the free, prior and informed consent<sup>3</sup> of indigenous peoples and local communities when undertaking activities affecting them and their territories, where applicable,] including through capacity-building and development, scientific and technical cooperation[, financial support] and the development and strengthening of relevant national data infrastructure[, ensuring the free, prior, and informed consent of indigenous peoples and local communities when undertaking activities affecting them and their territories, where applicable];
  - (iv) Strengthening the interweaving of science and the traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, with their free, prior, and informed consent, in accordance with national legislation and international instruments;
- (c) To strengthen meaningful engagement and collaboration with business and financial institutions, financial actors and other relevant actors, including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

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<sup>3</sup> All references to “free, prior and informed consent” refer to the tripartite terminology of “prior and informed consent”, “free, prior and informed consent” and “approval and involvement”.

[(d) To strengthen and promote access to financial instruments and technical support for businesses, considering their size, activities and economic context, while ensuring that companies preserve and sustainably use biodiversity;]

5. *Strongly encourages* business and financial institutions, financial actors and other relevant actors to consider the key messages of the summary for policymakers of the business and biodiversity assessment and to take action,[ as appropriate,] in line with the options outlined in the assessment, including:

(a) To identify and use appropriate existing methods to measure[, ]manage[, and disclose] their impacts and dependencies on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people;

(b) To use that information to develop strategies that guide decision-making and actions aimed at addressing risks, seizing opportunities and improving biodiversity outcomes, in line with the Framework;

(c) To allocate, participate in and benefit from economic instruments and financial incentives that promote biodiversity restoration, conservation and sustainable use while discouraging harmful activities;

(d) [[Where appropriate,] to share fairly and equitably benefits][To ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits] arising from the utilization of genetic resources[ and from digital sequence information on genetic resources], as well as from traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, in line with the Framework;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to engage in the review processes for the preparation of the assessments and other deliverables, where relevant, of the Platform;

7. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to consider, when developing its future work:

(a) The needs, gaps and challenges expressed in the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;

(b) The outcomes of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;

(c) The potential use of tailored knowledge products to enhance the accessibility and usability of its assessments for the implementation of the Framework;

8. *Encourages* the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the Global Coordination Entity to engage in the review processes for the scoping and preparation of the assessments and other deliverables, and to make active use of completed deliverables, where relevant;

9. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice[ and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation] to consider the outputs of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services according to the schedule contained in the annex to the present decision and to make recommendations, as appropriate;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to further strengthen the engagement and cooperation of the Secretariat of the Convention with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in order to support the implementation of the recommendations from the midterm review of the Platform[, including, in particular, those on increasing the policy relevance and uptake of assessments and other deliverables];

[11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with relevant organizations and initiatives, to strengthen the work of the Global

Partnership for Business and Biodiversity, with a view to enhancing the uptake of the findings of the business and biodiversity assessment;]

[12. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to develop, in collaboration with relevant organizations, capacity-building activities and technical guidance to support Parties, in particular developing country Parties, in promoting the integration of biodiversity into business and the financial sector, in accordance with the goals and targets of the Framework.]

### **Annex\***

#### **Schedule of assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and of their consideration under the Convention on Biological Diversity (2026–2030), as updated after the twelfth session of the Plenary of the Platform\*\***

| <i>Session number and date of consideration by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services<sup>a</sup></i> | <i>Assessment</i>                                                                                                                                                         | <i>Meeting number and date of consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity</i> |
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| Thirteenth session (2027)                                                                                                                                          | Methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people ("monitoring assessment") <sup>c</sup>                                          | Meeting of the Subsidiary Body to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028)<br><br>Eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028)                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | Methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity ("spatial planning and connectivity assessment") <sup>d</sup> |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Fourteenth session (2028)                                                                                                                                          | Second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services <sup>e</sup>                                                                                              | Meeting of the Subsidiary Body to be held before the relevant meeting of the Conference of the Parties                                                                                               |
| Fifteenth session (2029)                                                                                                                                           | Potential deliverable to be determined at the thirteenth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services   | Meeting of the Subsidiary Body to be held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties<br><br>Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2030)                           |

<sup>a</sup> The dates of future sessions are indicative.

<sup>b</sup> See [www.ipbes.net/business-impact](http://www.ipbes.net/business-impact).

<sup>c</sup> See [www.ipbes.net/monitoring-assessment](http://www.ipbes.net/monitoring-assessment).

<sup>d</sup> See [www.ipbes.net/spatial-planning-assessment](http://www.ipbes.net/spatial-planning-assessment).

<sup>e</sup> See [www.ipbes.net/second-global-assessment](http://www.ipbes.net/second-global-assessment).

\* The annex will be updated, as necessary, in the compilation of draft decisions to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

\*\* The original schedule was issued as the annex to decision [16/11](#).