

# THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

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## CONCEPT NOTE

Area-based conservation measures, including protected areas, other effective area-based conservation measures, indigenous community managed areas, conservancies, outcomes of spatial planning and other land/sea use planning and management forms are considered by many CBD stakeholders as important elements to address conservation, sustainable use as well as equitable benefit-sharing objectives of the Convention, bearing in mind that all ecosystems need management strategies to secure biodiversity. Many conceptual approaches, initiatives and specific proposals have emerged in recent years as the CBD community started the [post-2020 preparatory process](#).

Area-based conservation measures, both in terrestrial and marine realms, are an important element of the current [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#) and its [Aichi Biodiversity Targets](#). As Parties to the Convention are willing to build on them, there is no doubt that this area will be equally important in the negotiations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which was supported by many Parties and stakeholders in previous discussions under post-2020 process. It will advance all three objectives of the Convention.

In view of this interest and of the growing activities of many stakeholders outside the formal post-2020 preparatory process of the Convention, which are meant to influence this process at various stages, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Secretariat of the Convention are organizing a thematic workshop on this topic of area-based conservation measures. This will enable experts from Parties to the Convention to have an initial informal dialogue, including with stakeholders on various aspects of area-based conservation measures and their place in post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This workshop is one of the thematic meetings presented to and approved by the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its first meeting.

### A. Key principles

Key principles are as follows:

- (a) Discussions among Parties and stakeholders experts in line with the principles of transparency and inclusiveness agreed at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) The thematic workshop is an expert meeting aiming at providing the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework with concrete and constructive inputs for consideration in their future work on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The workshop does not constitute a negotiating process but will serve to seek areas of convergence;
- (c) The format and overall approaches used for previous regional and thematic consultations/workshops will be followed and will be informed by the outcomes of those meetings;
- (d) Build on the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, lessons learned from their implementation and current state of the art in this area of work while also identifying issues that are not included in the Aichi Targets;
- (e) Be guided by relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
- (f) Involve and consider alignment with strategies and approaches in other multilateral agreements and relevant international processes;
- (g) Bringing a reasonable number of Parties (planned for 75 but could increase depending on funding) balanced among CBD regions. Following existing practices under the Convention for workshops involving important stakeholders in meetings, and with financial support as per CBD protocol for eligible Parties and representatives of major stakeholder groups (indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, civil society);

(h) To be organized in the period before the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;

(i) Consideration of issues within a comprehensive framework addressing all three objectives of the Convention;

(j) Conducted in English;

(k) Two co-leads chosen from among Parties will be identified. They will be engaged in this issue from the preparation of the workshop to the delivery of the outcomes of the workshop to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and throughout the post-2020 process.

### **B. Expected outcome**

Concrete proposals to be considered in the further development of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. To the extent feasible and appropriate, these proposals will cover the different elements of the framework with particular focus on goals, targets, indicators and baselines.

### **C. Key substantial elements of provisional agenda**

Current state (plenary):

(a) Progress on other Aichi Biodiversity Targets that includes elements related to area-based conservation measures, such as target 5, 11 (on all elements of the target, not simply percentage, including other effective area-based conservation measures; real status and known commitments), 12 and 15;

(b) The global assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services issued by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (only relevant elements and messages);

(c) Proposed concepts for area-based conservation measures, including ecosystem-based and landscape seascape approaches.

Lessons learned from Aichi Biodiversity Targets with area-based elements implementation (in small groups).

Identification of relevant aspects of area-based conservation measures in unpacking the 2050 vision (contribution to all elements of the 2050 vision, whereby the biodiversity is valued, conserved, wisely used and restored), considering the three objectives of the Convention (in small groups).

Station discussions on concrete proposals for goals, targets, baseline, indicators, monitoring tool consistent with a 2030 mission and the 2050 vision:

(a) Station 1. Potential area-based conservation measure to be included in the framework (such as protected areas, other effective area-based conservation measures, indigenous lands), considering also other relevant international instruments and processes including quantitative (percentage of terrestrial ecosystems and percentage of marine ecosystems with special spatial management regime) and qualitative targets;

(b) Station 2. Importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services (areas important for priority conservation and for conservation overall in the long term) with respect to the three objectives of the Convention and their contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement;

(c) Station 3. Connectivity (enhancing a coherent well-connected network of areas important for biodiversity and ecosystem services) and ecosystem approach;

(d) Station 4. Effectiveness (means to improve and strengthen management effectiveness for conservation outcomes as well as equitable governance and benefit-sharing);

(e) Station 5. Representativeness (securing management of areas of importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services);

(f) Station 6. Land- and sea-scapes approaches to enhance conservation outcomes and sustainable use.

Contribution to other potential elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (species, habitats, genetic resources, restoration, climate, etc.) (in small groups).

Means of implementation with focus on key actions and resources required for successful implementation and outcomes (in small groups).

Elements for a successful communication strategy for area-based conservation measures (in small groups).

Following the process of regional consultations, a morning special session is organized on Day 3 on a few identified items for further in-depth discussion on the basis of proposals from Day 2 (in small groups).

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