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Agenda item 4

Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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 may wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice,

Recalling that the Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature, the Thematic Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species and the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as their implications for work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity, were reviewed by the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-fifth meeting,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare information on the following topics in the form required by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for requests for assessments, taking relevant work undertaken by other science-policy panels into account, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its sixteenth meeting:

- (a) Biodiversity and chemicals, waste and pollution;
- (b) Cities and biodiversity;
- (c) Biodiversity and poverty;
- (d) Biodiversity and climate change;
- (e) Rights-based approaches, including issues related to gender, to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from its utilization;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to continue its close cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and to liaise with the Secretariat of the Platform, with a view to analysing and identifying further ways in which the Platform may contribute to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to its global review of collective progress, including opportunities to make use of all deliverables for each of the four functions of the Platform;

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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions XI/13 C of 19 October 2012, XII/25 of 17 October 2014, 14/36 of 29 November 2018 and 15/19 of 19 December 2022,

Recalling also that, in paragraph 5 (e) of decision XII/25, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to bring the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the attention of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration with regard to the relevance of the findings for the work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ and submission, as appropriate, of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the decision by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, at its tenth session, to undertake a fast-track methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people by 2026, a fast-track methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity by 2027 and a scoping process for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services by 2024,² with a view to producing the second global assessment in 2028, as part of the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030,

Noting the ongoing close collaboration between the Secretariats of the Convention and of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the overview of previous and future assessments and deliverables, as appropriate, of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including the schedule for consideration of deliverables by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice contained in the annex to document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3/Add.1;

2. *Requests* that the Subsidiary Body considers 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;

3. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to consider the following request[s: ...];³

4. *Encourages* Parties to make use of, as appropriate, the assessments and deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,⁴ to engage with the review processes for the preparation of the assessments and deliverables, where relevant, and to enhance communication, the sharing of information and coordination between the focal points of the Platform and of the Convention at the national level;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision IPBES-10/1 of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

³ To be developed by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting in the light of the information to be prepared by the Executive Secretary of the Convention Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 1 of the present recommendation of the Subsidiary Body.

⁴ Decision 15/4, annex.

- (a) To facilitate the participation of the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in meetings of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, where relevant;
- (b) To update the annex to document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3/Add.1 and make it available on the website of the Secretariat of the Convention and at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body in each intersessional period;
- (c) To continue to collaborate with the Executive Secretary of the Platform on relevant issues.

Annex**Schedule of assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and of their consideration under the Convention (2024–2030)**

<i>Session number and date of consideration by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i>	<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Date of consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention</i>
Eleventh session (2024)	Thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (“nexus assessment”) ^a	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026)
	Thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity (“transformative change assessment”) ^b	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026)
Twelfth session (2025)	Methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (“business and biodiversity assessment”) ^c	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026)
Thirteenth session (2026)	Methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people (“monitoring assessment”)	Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026) and meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028)
Fourteenth session (2027)	Methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028)
Fifteenth session (2028)	Second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2030)

<i>Session number and date of consideration by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i>	<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Date of consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention</i>
Sixteenth session (2029)	Assessment topic to be determined at the twelfth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2030)

^a <https://ipbes.net/nexus>.

^b <https://ipbes.net/transformative-change>.

^c <https://ipbes.net/business-impact>.