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ROAD MAP FOR ENHANCING SYNERGIES AMONG BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL 2017-2020: UPDATE OF THE TABLE CONTAINED IN DECISION XIII/24, ANNEX II

Note by the Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION

1. In decision [XIII/24](#), the Conference of the Parties welcomed options for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level contained in annex I to the decision; it also welcomed the road map for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level 2017-2020, contained in annex II to the decision. Many of the actions in the second annex are concerned with actions taken at the international level that would support action at the national level.
2. Annex II to decision XIII/24 contains a table of “desirable key actions for enhancing synergies at the international level from 2017 to 2020”. The key actions are grouped under seven activities which contribute towards three broad outcomes. For each key action, the table serves to identify: the timeline in which it would be implemented; the organization(s) that would potentially lead it; guidance or directive provided under the conventions that would mandate its implementation, if any; and the source or origin of the proposed action.
3. For several key actions, information on the timeline for their implementation and relevant mandate provided under the conventions was not specified. For this reason, in paragraph 13 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions, to enter the information missing from the table.
4. To facilitate this, the Secretariat researched and added to the table relevant information which had been missing. The secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions were provided with the draft in a consultation note for their review and, as appropriate, amendment. Their particular attention was drawn to the mandate provided by other conventions and to an end note that had been added to the table. Review and input was provided by each of the convention secretariats. Some of the information added by the Secretariat on the timeline for various actions was based on the advice of the informal advisory group on synergies established under decision XIII/24.
5. The updated table is provided in the annex below.

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Annex

Table of desirable key actions for enhancing synergies at the international level from 2017 to 2020

This table should be read in conjunction with the full text in annex II of decision XIII/24.

Area/expected outcome	Activity	Key action	Timeline 2017-2020	Potential lead organization(s)	Mandate from CBD	Mandate from other conventions	Origin
	<i>(Description of activity)</i>	<i>(Description of key action. Priority actions will be highlighted)</i>	<i>(Indication of the start and the period)</i>	<i>(Lead organization, partner organizations, Parties)</i>	<i>(Mandate exists (e.g. Decision XII/6) or additional mandate would be required)</i> <i>See endnote 1/ Disclaimer</i> <i>See endnote 2/ about general mandates related to cooperation and synergies</i>	<i>(Mandate exists or additional mandate would be required)</i> <i>See endnote 1/ Disclaimer</i> <i>See endnote 2/ about general mandates related to cooperation and synergies</i>	<i>(Source document of intended action, for example: Annex II of UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15; decisions of the Conference of the Parties; decisions or resolutions of other conventions)</i>
A. Enhanced cooperation and coordination mechanisms	1. Enhancement of the efficiency of the work and processes of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (Biodiversity Liaison Group, BLG)	Counterpart staff working on specific areas	2017-2020	Convention secretariats*	Specific mandate not required. The following decisions refer to collaboration among BLG members in specific areas: Decision XIII/24 Decision XIII/1 , para.34 on follow-up to Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (request to the Executive Secretary) Decision XIII/24 para. 18 on follow-up to Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (call to the BLG) Decision XIII/27 para.9 a, b, c, and d, and para.10 on reporting (requests to the Executive Secretary)	Specific mandate not required. The following decisions refer to collaboration among BLG members in specific areas: CITES decision Conf.17.56 on Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, follow-up to the Strategic Plan and SDGs (directed to the standing committee) CITES resolution Conf 16.3 (Rev. CoP17) on CITES Strategic Vision and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (adopting the Vision) CMS resolution 11.10 (Rev.COP12) paras. 2 on CMS Strategic Plan (request to the Executive Secretary), 12 on cooperation with UNEP (directed to Secretariats), 13 on conservation and sustainable use of animal	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15

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					<p>Decision XII/30 para.4 on resource mobilization (request to the Executive Secretary)</p> <p>(related) Decision XII/3 para.32a on resource mobilization (request to the Executive Secretary to cooperate with relevant organizations)</p> <p>Decision XII/6 para.4b on communication, and paras.4 a, c and d on reporting (invitations to BLG)</p>	<p>species (request to Secretariats), 14 on indicators, and 20 on cross-cutting issues (requests to BLG), 16 on implementation of the SDGs (request to the Secretariats), 17 on reporting, 18 on communication and 19 on indicators (invitations to the BLG)</p> <p>CMS resolution 11.2 (adopting the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 in the framework of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020)</p> <p>IPPC CPM-7 (2012) adopted the IPPC Strategic Objectives for 2012-2019 with a strategic objective “to protect the environment, forests and biodiversity from plant pests” and with references to the CBD. (The process for development of an IPPC Strategic Framework for 2020-2030 (in a line with UN SGDs) was initiated by the IPPC in 2016 (CPM-11)).</p> <p>ITPGRFA resolution 8/2011 preamble on Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and paras. 6 and 10 on specific areas of collaboration with CBD and other treaties including sustainable use agricultural biodiversity and access and benefit-sharing (requests to Secretary), as well as para. 8 on participation in the BLG (request to Secretary)</p> <p>ITPGRFA Resolution 10/2015, on continuing to participate in and actively contribute to the relevant activities of the BLG (request to Secretary), as well as inviting BLG members to continue their cooperation and coordination as a</p>	

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						<p>means to increase synergies in national implementation, in accordance with their respective mandates.</p> <p>ITPGRFA Resolution 12/2017, on continuing to participate in and actively contribute to the relevant activities of the BLG (request to Secretary), as well as encouraging BLG members to continue their collaboration in accordance with their respective mandates</p> <p>ITPGRFA Resolution 9/2017 on undertaking relevant actions foreseen in the Options for Enhancing Synergies, particularly in the context of the BLG (request to Secretary).</p> <p>Chair's Report of the IWC66 Biennial Meeting, Section 18.1 (...encouraged further cooperation with inter alia ...the Biodiversity Liaison Group) and document IWC/66/04.</p> <p>Ramsar resolution XII/3 para. 44 to continue its work with the BLG to enhance coherence and cooperation (request to Secretariat)</p> <p>Ramsar resolution XI/6 para. 23 to remain closely involved in the work of the (BLG), and in the work of the scientific bodies (request to the Secretariat)</p> <p>WHC 37 COM 5A encourages the WHC to continue its cooperation with the BLG, create further synergies between the Conventions, as well as the joint activities initiated with the secretariats of the CITES, Ramsar Convention (and</p>	

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						similar language in decision WHC30 COM 6).	
	2. Involving other relevant organizations in the work of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions to, among others: facilitate coordinated system-wide action on capacity-building; clarify roles and responsibilities in mutually-supportive activities; provide links with appropriate processes related to the SDGs, and; facilitate strengthened support to Parties at the regional level	Invitation to contribute to discussions of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and their preparation	2017-2020	Convention secretariats* and relevant organizations	Specific mandate not required: such invitation is the prerogative of the BLG in accordance with its <i>modus operandi</i> . Decision XIII/24 , including para. 18 (call to the BLG)	Specific mandate not required: such invitation is the prerogative of the BLG in accordance with its <i>modus operandi</i>	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		Participation at meetings of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions	2017-2020	Convention secretariats* and relevant organizations	Specific mandate not required: such invitation is the prerogative of the BLG in accordance with its <i>modus operandi</i> Decision XIII/24	Specific mandate not required: such invitation is the prerogative of the BLG in accordance with its <i>modus operandi</i>	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
	3. Fostering cooperation in areas of common interest and within the mandates of two or more conventions	Continued development and strengthening of joint work programmes and memoranda of understanding.	2017-2020	Convention secretariats*	In addition to decisions that refer to cooperation in general terms (see endnote 1/), decisions related to cooperation between two or more conventions include: (related) Decision XIII/26 para.6 on collaboration in the organization of COP preparatory meetings Decision XIII/24 Decision X/20 para.11a (request to the Executive Secretary) Several joint work programmes and agreements have been established between the secretariats. See endnote 2/.	In addition to decisions that refer to cooperation in general terms (see endnote 1/), decisions related to cooperation between two or more conventions include: CITES decision 17.11 on collaboration with CBD Secretariat and GEF (directed to CITES Secretariat) CITES resolution Conf.16.5 on GSPC (directing the Secretariat and the Plants Committee) and subsequent report on Cooperation between CITES and CBD on GSPC CITES resolution Conf.13.3 on the MOU with CMS (direction to the Standing Committee) CITES resolution Conf. 10.4 (Rev. CoP14) on cooperation with the	UNEP/CBD/SBI /1/9/Add.1 (para.23 a))

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						<p>CBD (call to the CITES and CBD Secretariats)</p> <p>CMS resolution 11.10 (Rev.COP12), paras.10 on CITES and other conventions, 15 on Ramsar (requests to the Secretariat) and 20 on cross-cutting issues.</p> <p>IPPC CPM-7 (2012) adoption of the IPPC Strategic Framework with a strategic objective “to protect the environment, forests and biodiversity from plant pests” and with references to the CBD.</p> <p>IPPC CPM-9 (2014) adopted the CPM recommendation (R-04) on the IPPC coverage of aquatic plants and adopted the CPM recommendation (R-05) on Internet trade (ecommerce) in plants and other articles.</p> <p>ITPGRFA resolution 8/2011 para. 4, 5, 6, 10 on MoC and collaboration with CBD (requests to Secretary).</p> <p>ITPGRFA resolution 7/2015 para.6 on CBD (request to the Secretary)</p> <p>ITPGRFA resolution 5/2013 paras.6, 7 and 10 on CBD (request to the Secretary)</p> <p>ITPGRFA Resolution 9/2017 on cooperation with the CBD, particularly paras. 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 (requests to the Secretary).</p> <p>IWC Resolution 2014-2 seeking enhanced collaboration with other intergovernmental organizations, Chair’s Report of the IWC66 Biennial Meeting Section 18 and</p>	

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						<p>document IWC/66/04.</p> <p>Ramsar resolution XII.2 (approving the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 with goals and targets aligned with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and inviting multilateral environmental agreements to contribute to its implementation).</p> <p>Ramsar resolution XII.3 para.47 on Joint Work Plan with the CBD (request to the Secretariat)</p> <p>Ramsar resolution XI/6 para.22 on cooperation with CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD through the JLG, and para. 36 on other global and regional agreements (requests to the Secretariat), and para. 27 on WHC and MAB (urging the Secretariat).</p> <p>Ramsar resolution XII.7 Para 21 on strengthen partnerships with other multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), CBD, UNCCD (request to Secretariat).</p> <p>WHC decision 33 COM 5C para.6 on bilateral cooperation (request the WHC)</p> <p>WHC decision 34 COM 5D on collaboration with the UNESCO Man and Biosphere Programme, UNEP, CBD and other MEAs in the form of pilot projects to address the relation between conservation and sustainable development at regional/ecosystem scales.</p> <p>WHC 41 COM 7 on strengthening collaboration between CITES and WHC on illegal trade of wildlife species and its products.</p>	

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						Several joint work programmes and agreements have been established between the secretariats. See endnote 3/.	
	4. Enhancing the work of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity related Conventions (CSAB)	Coordination of the CSAB including to enable the CSAB to serve as a mechanism between the conventions, IPBES and their secretariats	2017-2020	Convention secretariats,* IPBES Secretariat	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XII/25 para.5 b (coordination via the BLG not CSAB) Decision X/20 para.9 (invitation to the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions)	Ramsar resolution X1/6 paras.23 on the work of the scientific bodies (request to the Secretariat) and 42 on exchange information and expertise with the equivalent subsidiary bodies of other MEAs (requests to the STRP).	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
B. Enhancing management of and avoiding duplication related to information and knowledge, national reporting, monitoring and indicators	1. Collaboration in the management of information and knowledge and alignment in national data gathering, reporting, monitoring and indicators	(a) Undertake an analysis of gaps and duplications of existing tools and approaches in information management and knowledge management and an assessment of their effectiveness	2017-2020	UNEP MEA-IKM/InforMEA and the UNEP WCMC, in collaboration with the secretariats of the biodiversity related conventions*	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XII/29 para. 6 (request to the Executive Secretary) (related) Decision XII/28 para. 3e on CITES' experience with decision tracking tool (request to the Executive Secretary)	CMS resolution 11.10 (Rrev COP12) paras. 14 on indicators, 17 on reporting and 19 on indicators (invitations to BLG) CMS Decision 12.4 on reporting (request the Secretariat) WHC Decision 37 COM 7C on linking the Information System to other existing relevant databases as part of a wider Information and knowledge management system. WHC decision 41 COM 7 on enhancing the synergies among the Culture and Biodiversity-related Conventions and programmes and integrating synergies aspects in the revised Periodic Reporting format and the launch of a synergy-related web page on the Centre's website. ITPGRFA Resolution 9/2017 para. 9 on undertaking relevant actions foreseen in the Options for Enhancing Synergies, including information and knowledge management, reporting and monitoring (request to Secretary); para. 10 on the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15

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						<p>providing an opportunity to further enhancing coherence and cooperation between ITPGRFA and CBD, emphasizing the importance of maintaining and strengthening targets for PGRFA including by relying on the monitoring information available through the reporting processes under the ITPGRFA.</p> <p>ITPGRFA Resolution 9/2017 on exploring technical options for increasing the visibility of the Global Information System of the ITPGRFA with regard to the ABS Clearing-House of the Nagoya Protocol (request to Secretary).</p>	
		(b) Provide support in designing data collection and monitoring systems	2017-2020	UNEP-WCMC, Convention secretariats*	<p>Decision XIII/24</p> <p>Decision XIII/27 para.9 (request to the Executive Secretary)</p>	No specific mandate identified.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(c) Advance and make use of relevant case studies on information management, such as those described in the UNEP Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions at national and regional levels (the UNEP Sourcebook)	2017-2020	UNEP-WCMC, Convention secretariats*	<p>Decision XIII/24</p> <p>(related) Decision XII/28 para. 3 on CITES' experience with decision tracking tool (request to the Executive Secretary)</p>	No specific mandate is provided for this key action.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(d) Provide guidance on national databases, data access and use, and share experience in national database development and use, taking into account and utilizing relevant initiatives	2017-2020	UNEP MEA-IKM/InforMEA and the UNEP WCMC, in collaboration with the secretariats of the biodiversity	<p>Decision XIII/24</p> <p>Decision XIII/27 paras. 2c and 9 (requests to Executive Secretary)</p>	<p>Ramsar resolution XI/6 para.43 on continue its participation in the UNEP-WCMC's work on developing tools for on-line use by the biodiversity-related conventions (requests to the Secretariat)</p> <p>ITPGRFA Resolutions 10/2015 and 12/2017 on participating in</p>	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15

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		including those under the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity, MEA IKM/InforMEA and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)		related conventions*		InforMEA and on making information available to Contracting Parties and other stakeholders through the InforMEA Portal, including the publication of online training courses (request to Secretary)	
		(e) Support national efforts in national data gathering, reporting, monitoring and indicators, building on the work of InforMEA and the mapping exercises identified in the UNEP Sourcebook	2017-2020	Convention secretariats,* BLG** in collaboration with UNEP	Decision XIII/24 Decision XII/29 para. 6 (request to the Executive Secretary (the last line of the decision is moot)) Decision X/20 para.11b (request to the Executive Secretary)	Ramsar resolution XI/6 Para 45 on Parties to make good use of the <i>InforMEA</i> web portal to access aggregated data and information across MEAs.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(f) Maximize data compatibility and enhance links between the data systems of the conventions and relevant global knowledge products; improve harmonization, links and interoperability of all relevant biodiversity-related data initiatives	2017-2020	Convention secretariats,* BLG** and relevant reciprocal organizations	Decision XIII/27 para.2 c and 9 (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XIII/24 Decision XII/29 para. 6 (request to Executive Secretary (the last line of the decision is moot)) Decision XII/6 paras.4 a, c and d (invitation to the BLG) Decision X/20 para.11b (request to Executive Secretary)	CMS resolution 11.10 (Rev. COP12) para. 12 (request to the Secretariat) ITPGRFA resolution 10/2015 para.15 (request to the Secretary) ITPGRFA Resolution 9/2017 on exploring technical options for increasing the visibility of the Global Information System of the ITPGRFA with regard to the ABS Clearing-House of the Nagoya Protocol in areas of mutual interest for the benefit of Contracting Parties and users (request to Secretary) Ramsar resolution XII/3 para.44a on reporting systems (request to the Secretariat) WHC Decision 39 COM 10B.5 para. 11 (request to the WHC)	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(g) Contribute to the ongoing processes on indicators for the	2017-2020	Convention secretariats* BLG**	Decision XIII/27 para. 9 (requests to Executive Secretary)	CITES decision 17.56 (directed to the standing committee) CMS resolution 11.10 (rev.COP12) ,	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15

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		Sustainable Development Goals, including their refinement, and to the discussion of biodiversity-related indicators under each of the other conventions			Decision XIII/24 Decision XIII/1 para. 34 (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XII/6 paras.4 a, c and d (invitation to BLG)	paras.14 and 16 (requests the Secretariat) (related) ITPGRFA resolution 10/2015 para. 11 - not specifically on indicators (request the Secretary) Resolution 1/2017 on the contribution of the ITPGRFA to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly para. 10 on making available information provided by Contracting Parties and others to be used in the monitoring process on the achievement of SDG Target 15.6, in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat (request to Secretary), and para. 11 on collaborating with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture on SDG Target 2.5 (request to Secretary). Ramsar resolution XII/3 para.44a on indicators (request to the Secretariat), para 41 on SDGS. Ramsar Decision SC53-17 on SDGs indicator 6.6.1. WHC 40 COM 5C para.7 (invitation to the WHC)	
		(h) Provide, at the regional and subregional levels, capacity-building related to data management and national reporting, including training on database systems	2017-2020	Convention secretariats,* UNEP and other international organizations that have a mandate in addressing biodiversity-related matters	Decision XIII/27 para.6 (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XIII/24	Ramsar resolution XI/6 para.43 on the preparation of training guidelines on online reporting (requests to the Secretariat). ITPGRFA Resolution 4/2017 on the Multilateral System, para. 11; Resolution 5/2017 on the Global Information System, paras. 3 and 10; Resolution 9/2017 on cooperation with the CBD, para. 9 (requests to Secretary).	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(i) Keep under review	2017-2018	CBD	Decision XIII/27 (as mentioned)	CMS resolution 11.10 (rev. COP	UNEP/CBD/CO

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		opportunities for cooperation in reporting under the conventions, in line with CBD COP decision XIII/27 on national reporting, and for ensuring interoperability between reporting systems or platforms (BLG), making use of and continuing the development of approaches and possible tools ¹		Secretariat, convention secretariats,* UNEP and other relevant international organizations	under key action) Decision XIII/24 Decision XII/29 para. 6 (request to Executive Secretary) (related) Decision XII/28 para. 3e (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XII/6 , paras. 4 a, c and d (invitation to BLG)	12) para.17 (request to the BLG). CMS Decision 12.4 (request the Secretariat). Ramsar resolution XI/6 para.43 (requests to the Secretariat). Ramsar resolution XII/3 Para 44 a.	P/13/15
	2.Provide countries with capacity-building at the national level in the area of information and knowledge management	(a) Provision of appropriate tools and technology for database development	2017-2020	UNEP, UNDP and other relevant international organizations	Decision XIII/27 para.6 (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XIII/24	ITPGRFA Resolution 5/2017 para. 3 on digital object identifiers and para. 10 on implementing the Programme of Work on the Global Information System (request to Secretary).	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(b) Pilot studies on database planning and management, for example in two countries per region	2017-2020	UNEP, UNDP and other relevant international organizations	No express mandate needed. Decision XIII/24	No express mandate needed.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
C. Enhanced provision of capacity-building and guidance	1. Make existing guidance material more widely known and readily available or prepare new materials to address any gaps	(a) List of existing guidance materials on synergies	2017-2018	UNEP-WCMC	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XI/6 para.17f (request to Executive Secretary)	No specific mandate is provided for this key action.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(b) A guide and other communications material about the biodiversity-related conventions, their relationships and synergies among them	2017-2018	BLG,** convention secretariats,* UNEP	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XII/6 para.4b (invitation to)	No specific mandate identified.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(c) Guidance on synergies in implementing the national biodiversity	2016-2018	BLG,** CBD Secretariat, convention secretariats,*	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XI/6 para.17e (request to Executive Secretary)	No specific mandate identified.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15

¹ Such as the modular approach to reporting in FOEN, UNEP-WCMC, NatureConsult (2016). Elements for a modular reporting against the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/INF/24).

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		strategy and action plan and similar strategies and action plans of other biodiversity-related conventions		UNEP	(related) Decision XII/6 paras.4 a, c and d (invitation to BLG)		
		(d) Guidance document on possible opportunities for a coordinated approach to funding from the GEF and other multilateral systems including the Green Climate Fund where appropriate and/or possible	2018-2020	CBD Secretariat in collaboration with GEF secretariat and consultation with the Secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions	Decision XIII/24 The following decisions are related but do not refer to a guidance document: Decision XIII/23 , para. 3 (request to Executive Secretary) and activity #77 of the short-term action plan Decision XII/3 para.32a (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XII/30 para.4 (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XI/6 para.16 (request to the GEF)	No specific mandate is provided for this key action.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(e) Success stories of synergies in the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions are compiled and made available, including through the Clearing-house Mechanism and the NBSAP Forum	2018-2020	CBD Secretariat, BLG,** convention secretariats* and GEF	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XIII/3 para. 105b (request to Executive Secretary) (related) Decision XII/6 para.4b (invitation to BLG) Decision XI/6 para. 17e (request to Executive Secretary)	No specific mandate is provided for this key action.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(f) Provide information on synergies, such as the UNEP Sourcebook, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, common issues for biodiversity-related conventions and sources of funding for biodiversity, on the websites of each of the biodiversity-related convention, for example	2017-2018	Convention secretariats,* BLG**	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XIII/23 , paras.15a and 16 (requests to Executive Secretary) Decision XI/6 para. 17e (request to Executive Secretary)	No specific mandate is provided for this key action.	UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9/Add.1 (para. 37(d))

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		through a dedicated “synergies” page					
	2. Capacity-building	(a) Identify common areas of national capacity-building needs, across the conventions	2018	Convention secretariats,* other relevant organizations	Decision XIII/24 Decision XIII/23 , paras.15a and 16 (requests to Executive Secretary) Decision X/20 para.11b (request to Executive Secretary)	Ramsar resolution XII/3 Para 47 on promotion of awareness, and capacity-building with the CBD.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(b) Share information on ongoing, planned and upcoming capacity-building programmes, projects and initiatives relevant to the biodiversity-related conventions in order to facilitate a coordinated approach, avoid duplication, ensure coherence of their delivery, maximize their utilization and enable cooperation in implementation where relevant	2017-2020	Convention secretariats* other relevant organizations	Decision XIII/24 Decision XIII/23 , paras.15a and 16 (requests to the Executive Secretary) Decision X/20 para.11b (request to Executive Secretary)	No specific mandate identified.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(c) Deliver coordinated capacity-building, including through regional and subregional mechanisms and online mechanisms, taking advantage of existing networking opportunities for capacity-building and addressing common needs and areas of two or more conventions and including building capacity for synergistic implementation of the conventions	2018-2020	Convention secretariats,* other relevant organizations	Decision XIII/24 Decision XIII/23 , paras.15a and 16 (requests to Executive Secretary) (related): Decision XII/3 para.32 a (request to the Executive Secretary to cooperate with organizations on capacity-building on resource mobilization - not specifically about BLG)	No specific mandate is provided for this key action.	UNEP/CBD/CO P/13/15
		(d) Conduct webinars,	Second	CBD	Decision XIII/24	No express mandate needed.	UNEP/CBD/CO

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		regional workshops and other activities for the national focal points of biodiversity-related conventions on accessing funds in the GEF biodiversity focal area	half of 2018 and 2019	Secretariat, GEF Secretariat, other convention secretariats,* other relevant organizations	Decision XIII/23 , para. 3 (request to Executive Secretary) and activity #77 of the short-term action plan (related): Decision XII/3 para.32 a (request to the Executive Secretary to cooperate with organizations on capacity-building on resource mobilization - not specifically about BLG) Decision XII/30 para.4 (request to Executive Secretary) Decision XI/6 para.16 (request to the GEF)		P/13/15
		(e) To establish joint events, such as a pavilion for biodiversity-related conventions to be convened at international conventions and congresses;	2018-2020	Convention secretariats,* BLG**	Decision XIII/24 (related) Decision XII/6 paras.4 b (invitation to BLG) (related) Decision XI/6 para.17g on Rio Conventions Pavilion (request to Executive Secretary)	CITES resolution 17.1 on joint activities related to WWD (request to the Secretariat) Ramsar resolution XII/3 para.44 b on outreach and communication (request to the Secretariat)	UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9/Add.1 (para. 37 (b))

* Involvement of convention secretariats, as appropriate.

**The responsibility of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions in this activity is to promote coordinated oversight, for example ensuring that actions and priorities are in line with guidance and mandates of their respective conventions and governing bodies.

Additional end notes

1/ Disclaimer

The columns “Mandate from CBD” and “Mandate from other conventions” include mandates provided by the governing bodies since 2010. The terminology used to describe the key actions does not necessarily correspond to terminology of the resolutions and decisions and is therefore subject to interpretation. The list of mandates is not necessarily exhaustive.

2/ General mandates related to cooperation and synergies

In addition to the [decision XIII/24](#), several CBD decisions refer to enhanced synergies or strengthened cooperation or collaboration among biodiversity-related conventions in general terms, including [decision XII/6](#) paragraph 3, [decision XI/6](#) paragraph 17, [decision X/20](#) paragraph 4, and [decision X/5](#) paragraph 7 c. In addition, section V. of the Annex of the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#) states that implementation of the Strategic Plan will require “partnerships between the Convention and other conventions, international organizations and processes, civil society and the private sector. In particular, efforts will be needed to... (d) Promote synergy and coherence in the implementation of the multilateral environmental agreements”.

Several decisions or resolutions of other biodiversity-related conventions refer to enhanced synergies or strengthened cooperation or collaboration among biodiversity-related conventions in general terms, including: [CITES resolution Conf. 16.4](#); [CMS resolution 10.21](#); [ITPGRFA resolution 10/2015](#) para. 12; [ITPGRFA resolution 5/2013](#) and [ITPGRFA resolution 6/2013](#) para.2; [IWC Resolution 2014-2](#); [Ramsar resolution XI/6](#) paragraphs 22 and 23; [Ramsar resolution XI.1](#) paragraph 17c (instruction to the Standing Committee); [Ramsar Resolution XII.7](#) para 21; [WHC decision 40 COM 5A](#), and; [WHC decision 33 COM 5C](#).

3/ Bilateral cooperation

The biodiversity-related conventions have established a number of formal memoranda of cooperation/understanding and joint programmes of work / joint work plans with one another, as depicted in the following matrix:

Agreements between Secretariats of Biodiversity-related Conventions

	CBD	CITES	CMS	IPPC	ITPGRFA	IWC	Ramsar	WHC
CBD		Framework MOC between CBD and CITES secretariats	Joint Work Plan for the CBD and CMS Secretariats for the period 2016-2018 Framework MOC between CBD and CMS Secretariats	Joint Work Plan between IPPC and CBD Secretariats 2017 Framework MOC between IPPC and CBD Secretariats	Joint Work Plan for the CBD and ITPGRFA Secretariats MoC between CBD Secretariat and FAO on behalf of ITPGRFA Secretariat, 2018-2023		Fifth Joint Work Plan 2011-2020 between CBD and the Ramsar Convention Framework MOC between CBD and Ramsar Secretariats	Memorandum of Cooperation between UNESCO and the Secretariat of CBD
CITES	Framework MOC between CBD and CITES secretariats		MoU between the two Secretariats and Joint Work Programme 2015-2020					
CMS	Joint Work Plan for the CBD and CMS Secretariats for the period 2016-2018 Framework MOC between CBD and CMS Secretariats	MoU between the two Secretariats and Joint Work Programme 2015-2020				Framework MOU between IWC and CMS Secretariats	Framework MOU between Ramsar and CMS Secretariats Joint Work Plan between CMS and Ramsar 2015-2018	2001 MOU between CMS and UNESCO
IPPC	Joint Work Plan between IPPC and CBD Secretariats 2017 Framework MOC between IPPC and CBD Secretariats							
ITPGRFA	Joint Work Plan for the CBD and ITPGRFA Secretariats MoC between CBD Secretariat and FAO on behalf of ITPGRFA Secretariat, 2018-2023							
IWC			Framework MOU between IWC and CMS Secretariats					
Ramsar	Fifth Joint Work Plan 2011-2020 between CBD and the Ramsar Convention Framework MOC between CBD and Ramsar Secretariats		Framework MOU between Ramsar and CMS Secretariats Joint Work Plan between CMS and Ramsar 2015-2018					Work plan UNESCO Man and the Biosphere and MOU between Ramsar and WHC (1999)
WHC	Memorandum of Cooperation between UNESCO and the Secretariat of CBD		2001 MOU between CMS and UNESCO				MOU between Ramsar and WHC (1999)	