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Agenda items 17 (a) and (d)
Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services:
Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity in the context of the Framework;
Areas of potential further work in the context of the Framework

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

Draft decisions submitted by the Chair of Working Group II

A

Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

The Conference of the Parties,

Acknowledging the contribution of the existing programmes of work since their establishment to the implementation of and work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity[1] and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat,

Recalling its decision 15/4 of 19 December 2022, in which it decided that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework[2] should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat over the period 2022–2030 and that, in that regard, the Framework should be used to better align and direct the work of the various bodies of the Convention and its Protocols, its Secretariat and its budget according to the goals and targets of the Framework, and it requested the Executive Secretary to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework, to facilitate its implementation,

1. *Takes note* of the strategic review and analysis of all areas of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity, namely, the thematic programmes of work formally established under the

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.
[2] Decision 15/4, annex.

Convention, programmes addressing cross-cutting issues and other areas of work under the Convention in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as contained in documents CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.1 and CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/6;

2. *Recognizes* that some of the programmes of work under the Convention have been updated since its fifteenth meeting and that sufficient guidance in certain areas has been developed to support the implementation of the Framework;

3. *Also recognizes* that the following programmes of work would benefit from being reviewed and potentially updated to better align with the Framework: agricultural biodiversity, inland waters biodiversity and mountain biodiversity;

4. *Decides* that any review and potential updating of the programmes of work under the Convention should be done through a transparent, systematic and Party-led process, support the implementation of the Convention, be undertaken with the objective of rationalizing and improving the coherence in the architecture of the work conducted under the Convention and be contingent on the demonstration of its added value to implementation;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work on inland waters biodiversity and mountain biodiversity, with a view to demonstrating their alignment with the Framework, identifying efficiencies and improving consistency in their implementation;

(b) To prepare draft updates, as appropriate, to the aforementioned programmes of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

B

Proposal for potential further work: biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the ongoing methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,

Recognizing that marine spatial planning has been adequately addressed in previous decisions, in particular decision XIII/9 of 17 December 2016, and the focus of capacity-building activities on marine and coastal biodiversity, including through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, and that there are existing experiences and guidance related to marine spatial planning on different scales, including under the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Recognizing also the importance of participatory, integrated and biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning [and][, including in relation to enhancing] ecological connectivity for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework [3] and emphasizing that ecological connectivity is essential for maintaining and restoring ecosystems integrity, resilience and ecological processes within and outside protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures across landscapes and seascapes, including terrestrial, inland waters, and marine and coastal ecosystems, and for migratory species,

1. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to submit to the Executive Secretary views on the scope of, and relevant guidance for, future work on participatory, integrated and biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning [addressing land- and sea-use change], [and][, including in relation to enhancing] ecological

[3] Decision 15/4, annex.

connectivity, as well as information on their experiences with such planning and ecological connectivity addressing land- and sea-use change,[4] with a focus on terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, and subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To compile the submissions received in response to paragraph 1 above and, drawing upon the compilation and relevant information from the sources listed below, to prepare a report on experiences with, and potential scope of future work on, participatory, integrated and biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning [addressing land- and sea-use change] [and][, including in relation to enhancing] ecological connectivity, with a focus on terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems and in coherence with the work requested in decision 17/-- on the strategic review of and updates to the programme of work on protected areas, as an input to an expert workshop:

(i) The outcomes of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and relevant information contained in the seventh national reports;

(ii) Relevant assessments from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including the methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity;

[(iii) Voluntary guidelines to strengthen the legal and policy framework for the recognition of the role of indigenous peoples and local communities and their indigenous and traditional territories in spatial planning, ecosystem restoration, area-based conservation and environmental impact assessments,[5] in accordance with national legislation, circumstances and priorities;]

(iv) Relevant work and guidance under biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements[, including the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,[6]] in particular with regard to migratory species, their habitats and ecological connectivity;

(b) To organize the expert workshop mentioned in subparagraph (a) above, taking into account the report referred to in the same subparagraph and the relevant work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Operationalization of the Monitoring Framework of the Framework,[7] to advance a common understanding of participatory, integrated and biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning [and][, including in relation to enhancing] ecological connectivity, in the context of the implementation of the Framework, and to develop a proposal for potential further work on such planning [and][, including in relation to enhancing] ecological connectivity;

(c) To submit the report of the expert workshop, including the proposal for potential further work, to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Proposal for potential further work: pollution and biodiversity

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 16/12 of 1 November 2024 and 16/31 and 16/35 of 27 February 2025,

[*Recognizing* that pollution is one of the main drivers of biodiversity loss,

[4] In accordance with Target 1 of the Framework.
[[5] Decision 17/--, annex.]
[6] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1651, No. 28395.
[[7] Decision 17/--.]

Welcoming the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution,

1. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal,[8] the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade[9] and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,[10] the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury,[11] the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, the International Seabed Authority and the secretariats of the regional seas conventions and action plans, within their respective mandates, to strengthen their focus and enhance their activities on the interaction of all types of pollution with biodiversity and ecosystem services, to advance the implementation of Target 7 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;[12]

2. *Requests* that the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, engage and collaborate with relevant multilateral environmental agreements and organizations, including the entities referred to in paragraph 1 above, hold a technical expert workshop on possible approaches to contributing to filling the gaps in tools and guidance to meet Target 7 of the Framework, as appropriate, noting the information provided in document CBD/COP/17/INF/23, and to submit a report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

3. *Also requests* that the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with the entities referred to in paragraph 1 above, prepare a report containing a mapping of the ongoing work and work that may be undertaken by each of those entities towards meeting Target 7 of the Framework, taking into consideration the outcomes of the workshop convened pursuant to paragraph 2 above, with recommendations for specific actions to that end, to be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.]

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Proposal for potential further work: sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions VII/12 of 20 February 2004, 15/4 of 19 December 2022, 16/12 of 1 November 2024 and 16/15 of 25 October 2024,

Requests that the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) Invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women's and youth organizations and relevant stakeholders to submit:

(i) Views on options for strengthening instruments and efforts to ensure that the use of biodiversity is sustainable, in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,[13] including by addressing identified gaps and further enhancing work on sustainable use of biodiversity, and consider prospects for a potential programme of

[8] United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1673, No. 28911.
[9] Ibid., vol. 2244, No. 39973.
[10] Ibid., vol. 2256, No. 40214.
[11] Ibid., vol. 3201, No. 54669.
[12] Decision 15/4, annex.
[13] Decision 15/4, annex.

work on sustainable use of biodiversity, including sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity;

(ii) Relevant experiences, including with sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity, including its relation to [circular and sustainable bioeconomy,][biodiversity value chains,] including in rural communities, and in the context of protecting and encouraging customary sustainable use by indigenous peoples and local communities;

(b) Compile and synthesize the submissions received in response to subparagraph (a) above and, on the basis of the synthesis, prepare draft options for strengthening the implementation of sustainable use, including sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity, taking into account relevant assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and outcomes of the global review of collective progress of the implementation of the Framework, as well as the need to avoid duplication with relevant organizations, ensure coherence with other work programmes and work areas of the Convention and make the draft options available for peer review;

(c) To submit the synthesis and the revised options, taking into account the results of the peer review, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Proposal for potential further work: equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 16/35 of 27 February 2025, in which it invited the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to develop tools and guidance on a human rights-based approach to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework[14] and to convey the results to the Secretariat,

Taking note of the global analytical study on the implementation of a human rights-based approach into the goals and targets of the Framework conducted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To develop a proposal for potential additional work on equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach, including intergenerational and gender equity, taking into account the midterm review of the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030),[15] noting the global analytical study on the implementation of a human rights-based approach to the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework conducted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other relevant information tools, guidance and assessments;

(b) To submit the proposal for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological

[14] Decision 15/4, annex.
[15] Decision 15/11, annex.

Diversity[16] Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at meetings held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Proposal for potential further work: different value systems, as stated in paragraph 7 (b) of section C of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling that, in subparagraph 7 (b) of section C of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,[17] it affirmed that different value systems should be taken into account in its implementation and that, in Target 14 of the Framework, it called for the integration of multiple values of biodiversity in decision-making,

Recalling also the adoption of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity[18] related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030 by decision 16/4 of 30 October 2024 and the elements and tasks related to the joint programme of work on the links between biological and cultural diversity in the annex to decision 15/22 of 10 December 2022, both of which support the application of diverse value systems in the implementation of the Framework,

Recalling further The Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,

1. *Invites* the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres to make active use of *The Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature* in supporting Parties in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

2. *Invites* relevant organizations to further support the use and uptake of *The Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature* in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Framework;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, experiences and good practices among Parties, other Governments, subnational governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders, including through the holding of dialogues and through learning platforms, to support the effective integration of diverse values and knowledge systems into the implementation of the Framework.

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[16] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.
[17] Decision 15/4, annex.
[18] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.