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INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES SUMMARIES FOR POLICYMAKERS OF THE THEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LAND DEGRADATION AND RESTORATION AND OF THE REGIONAL ASSESSMENTS OF BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES FOR AFRICA, THE AMERICAS, ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, AND EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

Note by the Executive Secretary

I. BACKGROUND

- 1. At its sixth session, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) approved the summaries for policymakers of the reports on the regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific and Europe and Central Asia and accepted the individual chapters of the assessment reports and their executive summaries. Similarly, it also approved the summary for policymakers of the land degradation and restoration assessment. In line with the procedures set out in decision XII/25, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is invited to consider these assessments with regard to the relevance of their findings for the work of the Convention, and for the development, as appropriate, of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.
- 2. The present document provides information in support of the note by the Executive Secretary on updated scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets and options to accelerate progress (CBD/SBSTTA/22/5) which will be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-second meeting, under agenda item 6.

II. IPBES REGIONAL AND THEMATIC ASSESSMENTS

3. The summaries for policymakers of the thematic assessment of land degradation and restoration and of the regional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe and Central Asia may be accessed from https://www.ipbes.net/outcomes.

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