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Note by the Secretariat

### **I. Introduction**

1. In decision [16/35](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity invited the secretariats of other conventions and international organizations and requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Biodiversity to conduct cooperation-related activities in support of the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments and stakeholders to strengthen synergies and cooperation in support of national-level implementation.

2. Also in decision 16/35, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting to be held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the cooperation activities mentioned in that decision.

3. The present note provides a progress report on the implementation of decision [16/35](#) for the period from October 2024 to November 2025<sup>1</sup> and related information. The progress report is supplemented by information and working documents prepared under other items of the agenda for the present meeting and other intersessional meetings, as outlined in annex I to the present note. Reports on cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives related to the Protocols will be provided at the respective meetings of the Parties to the Protocols to be held in October 2026.

### **II. Relevant decisions and resolutions adopted by other conventions and international organizations in support of implementation and monitoring of progress of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

4. Pursuant to the invitations extended by the Conference of the Parties in its decisions 15/13 and 16/35, governing bodies of biodiversity-related conventions, Rio conventions, chemicals and waste conventions, other multilateral environmental agreements and regional and international

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<sup>1</sup> A report on activities conducted prior to October 2024 is available in document [CBD/COP/16/10/Rev.1](#) and associated documents.

organizations have formally recognized or referenced the Framework and its targets. Detailed information in this regard is provided in annex II to the present note.<sup>2</sup>

5. The decisions or resolutions adopted during the reporting period have contributed to a further embedding elements of the Framework in workplans, strategies and cooperation decisions or resolutions, thus advancing the implementation of the Framework at various levels and mainstreaming biodiversity into thematic sectors.

### **III. Actions to enhance cooperation and synergies undertaken by the Secretariat, other conventions and international organizations, Governments and other stakeholders mentioned in decision 16/35**

6. Pursuant to subparagraph 23 (e) of decision 16/35 and with a view to reporting on cooperation activities undertaken by Governments, conventions, organizations and other stakeholders mentioned in that decision, the Secretariat issued notification No. [2025-131](#) on 19 October 2025. A total of 15 submissions containing information on cooperation activities in support of the Framework were received from Parties to the Convention, convention secretariats and other organizations.<sup>3</sup> Submissions from convention secretariats highlighted actions on ecosystem restoration, sustainable resource management, pollution control, species conservation, genetic resources governance and gender-responsive approaches. Organizations reported efforts focused on decision-making, strategy alignment, monitoring frameworks, resource mobilization and stakeholder engagement. In their submissions, Parties highlighted actions and activities that strengthened cooperation, synergies and collaboration between conventions and organizations. They showcased efforts centring on integrated planning, including in the development of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports, inclusive governance and whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches in implementation, coordination and information-sharing among national actors, collaboration at the national and regional levels and on specific areas of work, such as financing, planning, monitoring and reporting, and thematic issues, such as marine and coastal areas, climate change, pollinators, water and forests. Detailed summaries are available in document CBD/SBI/6/INF/8.

#### **A. Cooperation with the United Nations system**

##### **1. Environment Management Group and the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General**

7. In line with decision 16/35, the Secretariat of the Convention strengthened collaboration with the United Nations Environment Management Group to advance the Common Approach to Integrating Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Development into United Nations Policy and Programme Planning and Delivery with the aim of integrating biodiversity across United Nations policies, programmes and projects. Since October 2024, the Secretariat had participated in Environment Management Group technical meetings, nexus dialogues and the Issue Management Group on Biodiversity. At the thirty-first Senior Officials Meeting on 15 September 2025, at which the Executive Secretary addressed the participants, discussions focused on biodiversity-climate-land linkages, pollution integration and scaling up finance to accelerate implementation of the Framework. Officials agreed to extend the tenure of the Issue Management Group, with the Secretariat continuing to exercise its active role.

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<sup>2</sup> Resolutions and decisions adopted between October 2024 and November 2025 are provided in annex II to the present note and resolutions and decisions adopted between January 2023 and October 2024 are available in annex I to document [CBD/COP/16/10/Rev.1](#).

<sup>3</sup> Submissions were received from the European Union and the Governments of Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Niger and Peru; the secretariats of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the International Whaling Commission and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention); and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the International Tropical Timber Organization and the Barnes Hill Community Development Organization Reloaded.

8. The Executive Secretary prepared and submitted a report on the Convention and its Protocols as an input to the notes by the Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly at its seventy-ninth and eightieth sessions entitled “Implementation of United Nations environmental conventions” ([A/79/273](#) of 2 August 2024 and [A/80/373](#) of 10 September 2025, respectively).

9. In its resolution [79/208](#) of 19 December 2024, the General Assembly urged Parties to the Convention to ensure the coherence and complementarity of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework with other existing or upcoming international processes, in particular with regard to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and other related processes, frameworks and strategies, and reiterated the invitation to the other multilateral environmental agreements and international organizations to actively participate in their implementation. Also relevant is its resolution 80/140 of 15 December 2025 on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development.<sup>4</sup>

## 2. United Nations Environment Programme

10. Pursuant to subparagraph 23 (a) of decision 16/35 of the Conference of the Parties, collaboration of the Executive Secretary of the Convention with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) continues to support the enhancement of cooperation and synergies among biodiversity-related and other but relevant multilateral environmental agreements at international and national levels in support of the Framework and its targets.

11. The Secretariat and UNEP cooperate on programmes, projects and initiatives across thematic areas and through activities at all levels,<sup>5</sup> including workshops, expert meetings and dialogues aimed at: (a) strengthening countries’ capacities to advance synergies in implementation and monitoring of multilateral environmental agreements; (b) accelerating action on Target 2<sup>6</sup> in the context of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration; (c) advancing actions under biodiversity and health together with other organizations that are member of the Quadripartite alliance on One Health;<sup>7</sup> (d) supporting revision of national biodiversity strategies and actions plans; and (e) supporting preparation of seventh national reports, among other activities. Moreover, cooperation continues in the context of the Knowledge Management for Biodiversity Initiative and the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements.<sup>8</sup>

12. The Secretariat remains actively engaged in the Environmental Treaties Programme - Realizing Synergies for Biodiversity project and the network of focal points of multilateral environmental agreements coordinated by UNEP.

13. The Secretariat continues to provide support to activities conducted in the context of the Bern Process, as relevant.<sup>9</sup> These have included the Bogis-Bossey expert workshop, convened by UNEP and hosted by Switzerland on 27 and 28 August 2025, aimed at catalysing the contributions of multilateral environmental agreements to the implementation of the Framework. The report on the outcomes of the Bogis-Bossey workshop is provided in document CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/15. In the

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<sup>4</sup> Not available at the time of reporting.

<sup>5</sup> Those activities included regional dialogues convened to support Parties in developing monitoring frameworks for the Framework and preparing their national reports. Details are available in the submission of UNEP in response to notification No. [2025-131](#) of 19 October 2025.

<sup>6</sup> Further information is provided in document CBD/SBI/6/INF/4.

<sup>7</sup> UNEP and the Secretariat of the Convention collaborated on One Health with other organizations that are members of the Quadripartite alliance on One Health. Further information can be found in document [CBD/SBSTTA/27/9](#) and the submission of UNEP in response to notification No. [2025-131](#).

<sup>8</sup> The Secretariat collaborates with the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements team on national reporting and the online reporting tool and provides information to the Data Reporting Tool through an application programming interface (API), which aims towards facilitating Parties’ access to information when preparing their national targets and national reports. The Secretariat has collaborated as well on the holding of workshops on knowledge management (see <https://km4b.cbd.int>).

<sup>9</sup> The [Bern Process](#) is an informal party-led arrangement for cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In its decision 15/13, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary and encouraged Parties to actively engage in the Bern Process.

submission of UNEP in response to notification No. [2025-099](#) of 30 July 2025, which included information on its contribution to the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, its work on Targets 2, 3, 7 and 10 and section C of the Framework was outlined. Also relevant in that regard is document UNEP/EA.7/INF/6 which contains an analysis of 20 case studies on cooperation in support of implementation of multilateral environmental agreements at all levels.

14. Further information on cooperation with UNEP and UNEP activities undertaken in support of decision 16/35 of the Conference of the Parties is available in the submission of UNEP in response to notification No. [2025-131](#) of 19 October 2025.

### **3. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**

15. In the context of paragraphs 6 and 19 of decision 16/35 and other decisions of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) continue to cooperate in support of the implementation of Targets 2 and 7, among others, of the Framework. The aim in implementing the road map for Target 2 (2024–2030) is to strengthen the capacity of countries, acting jointly with the subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres in Africa, Asia and Latin America, for planning, monitoring and reporting related to effective ecosystem restoration. Further information on cooperation and work related to the Target 2 road map is contained in document CBD/SBI/6/INF/4.

16. Cooperation between the Secretariat and FAO on Target 7 covers thematic areas of work such as pollinators, health, chemicals and sustainable use. In the context of the Action Plan for the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors 2024–2027, the Secretariat and FAO collaborated on the establishment and launch of the FAO Biodiversity Knowledge Hub. Detailed information on cooperation with FAO is provided in the submission of FAO in response to notification No. [2025-131](#) of 19 October 2025 on cooperation with conventions and international organization, which covers several relevant paragraphs of decision 16/35, including paragraph 22 on food and nutrition. Also relevant is the submission of FAO in response to notification No. [2025-099](#) of 30 July 2025 on the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework.

### **4. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

17. At the invitation of the Conference of the Parties, contained in paragraph 20 of its decision 16/35, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), together with the Secretariat, developed a briefing note entitled “Applying a human rights-based approach in line with section C of the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework”.<sup>10</sup> It was officially launched during a side event on 20 October 2025, marking a milestone in integrating human rights into biodiversity governance under the Framework. The note serves as a practical guide for Parties and stakeholders, outlining why human rights matter for biodiversity, identifying duty bearers and providing tools for embedding a human rights-based approach in national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

## **B. Cooperation with other conventions and relevant multilateral environmental agreements**

### **1. Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions**

18. Pursuant to subparagraph 23 (c) of decision 16/35 of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat continues to facilitate the operation of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related

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<sup>10</sup> Available via the following hyperlink: [briefing-note-applying-a-human-rights-based-approach-in-line-with-sectionc-kunming-montreal.pdf](#). Also relevant in this regard is the submission of OHCHR in response to notification No. [2025-131](#) of 19 October 2025.

Conventions, comprising the secretariats of eight biodiversity-related conventions, as a mechanism for fostering cooperation and collective action.<sup>11</sup>

19. During the period covered by this document, the executive heads of those conventions held several meetings to facilitate coordination in delivering more impactful collective action while sharing updates on their respective processes and related opportunities which emphasized the importance of cooperation. The executive heads reaffirmed their collective support for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the implementation of the Framework.<sup>12</sup>

20. The meetings resulted in the preparation by the Liaison Group of: (a) contributions of the secretariats of the conventions to the global report on collective progress in implementing the Framework and the global review process;<sup>13</sup> (b) coordinated inputs related to the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) trust fund; and (c) joint messages for, inter alia, the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities<sup>14</sup> and the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

## 2. Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions

21. Pursuant to subparagraphs 23 (a), (b) and (c), among others, of decision 16/35, cooperation continues to be strengthened under the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, comprising the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

22. In addition to participating in regular coordination meetings at the technical level, the Executive Secretaries of the three Conventions came together on several occasions to discuss cooperation-related strategic matters.<sup>15</sup> They exchanged updates on progress in their respective and joint activities, discussed joint thematic priorities, including with regard to financing and the ninth replenishment of the GEF trust fund, and agreed on the areas of collaboration for 2025–2026<sup>16</sup> with the overall objective of supporting countries in integrating biodiversity, climate and land objectives through coordinated national planning and implementation.

23. Pursuant to the decisions on cooperation and climate change and biodiversity adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting,<sup>17</sup> the Joint Liaison Group continued to develop and deliver the Rio Conventions Joint Capacity-building Programme initiated in 2023 and currently

<sup>11</sup> The Group is composed of the heads of the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Ramsar Convention, the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Plant Protection Convention, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the International Whaling Commission.

<sup>12</sup> The Group held coordination meetings and a joint side event on issues related to national and global synergies among the conventions. The meeting held on 21 February 2025 was hosted by the Secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the meeting held on 9 September 2025 was hosted by the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. A technical meeting on the Group's contributions to the global report was held on 11 September 2025 (see [www.cbd.int/blg0](http://www.cbd.int/blg0)).

<sup>13</sup> The Secretariats of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the International Whaling Commission, the Ramsar Convention and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage provided inputs in support of the development of the global report on collective progress in implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The inputs are contained in the annex to notification No. 2025-099, available at [www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099).

<sup>14</sup> The statement delivered to the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) on behalf of Liaison Group is available via the following hyperlink: [BLG statement SB8j-1.pdf](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099).

<sup>15</sup> Meetings of the principals were held notably on 5 February, 29 May, 2 September and 8 October 2025 and sherpa meetings were held regularly in parallel. Minutes of the meetings are available at <https://rioconventions.org/joint-liaison-group-rio-conventions>. Additional information is available on the joint website of the [Rio conventions](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099).

<sup>16</sup> Information on the areas of collaboration is available via the following hyperlink: [JLG collaboration plan.pdf](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099).

<sup>17</sup> Decisions [15/30](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099) and [16/22](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099), among others.

extended to 2026. Details on those and other activities of the Group are reported in documents CBD/SBSTTA/27/4 and CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/8. Document CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/8 included a statement of the Joint Liaison Group on greater synergies in implementation in the context of the UN80 Initiative (annex I), which highlighted that leveraging the convergence between the Rio conventions urgently required policy and funding coherence at the national and subnational levels, starting with land and sea use planning and the allocation of budgets and incentives. Also relevant is that regard is the information provided by the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to the process for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework.<sup>18</sup>

### 3. Chemicals and waste-related conventions

24. Pursuant to subparagraphs 23 (a) and (c) of decision [16/35](#), the Secretariat continued to strengthen cooperation with the secretariats of the chemicals and waste conventions, including through joint activities on Target 7 on pollution and other relevant targets of the Framework. Several steps have been taken to enhance collaboration in the implementation of biodiversity and chemicals and waste-related agreements and frameworks, including through identification of interlinkages among them.

25. To further leverage opportunities for cooperation, the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions prepared, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Global Framework on Chemicals, a report outlining how the three conventions and the Framework contributed to the achievement of the 2030 targets and 2050 goals of the Framework.<sup>19</sup> The report was taken into consideration by the respective governing bodies of those conventions at their most recent meetings. Collaboration with the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions included the joint development of technical guidance, exchange of information, coordination on matters related to GEF and joint implementation of capacity-building and awareness-raising activities aimed at strengthening Parties' capacities to reduce pollution impacts and risks and address relevant targets of the Framework.

26. Cooperation has continued with the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, including on the preparation of guidance on reducing the impacts of mercury on biodiversity, as well as the issue of how Parties can address potential impacts and promote joint initiatives between and among relevant conventions.<sup>20</sup> At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention welcomed the road map for enhancing co-benefits from implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Framework by 2030.<sup>21</sup>

27. In the context of the global report on collective progress in implementation of the Framework, the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions reported on work related to 19 targets and the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention reported on its ongoing work relevant for Target 7, including work on developing and using indicators on mercury concentrations in the air and human populations and work on the impact of mercury on indigenous peoples and local communities, which could be of relevance to Target 22.<sup>22</sup>

28. Conventions and organizations that wish to submit information and/or updates on cooperation actions and activities for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its seventeenth meeting will be invited to do so on the clearing-house mechanism in response to a notification.

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<sup>18</sup> The information is available through the clearing-house mechanism at [www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099).

<sup>19</sup> Available as [UNEP/CHW.17/INF/59 - UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/30 - UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/49](#).

<sup>20</sup> Overviews are provided in the [2025 fact sheet on mercury and biodiversity](#), the [2024 report on mercury and biodiversity](#) and the [technical support document on integrating action to address mercury pollution from artisanal and small-scale gold-mining into national biodiversity strategies and action plans](#).

<sup>21</sup> [UNEP/MC/COP.6/20](#) (sect. III).

<sup>22</sup> Submissions of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention in response to notification No. 2025-099 are available at [www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099).

## **IV. Actions undertaken by the Secretariat to enhance cooperation with other conventions and organizations under specific areas of work**

### **A. Actions to enhance cooperation in areas of work mentioned in decision 16/35**

#### **1. Forest-related matters**

29. Pursuant to the request made by the Conference of the Parties in subparagraph 23 (d) of decision [16/35](#), the Secretariat of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests prepared document CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/10 on the joint contribution of the members of the Partnership towards the achievement of the goals and targets of the Framework, in alignment with the global forest goals of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030. The document informed the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, which prepared draft recommendations for the consideration of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.<sup>23</sup>

30. The Secretariat is taking stock of cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Tropical Timber Organization with a view to renewing the memorandum of understanding for the period 2026–2029. Further details on actions in support of cooperation are provided in the submission of the International Tropical Timber Organization in response to notification No. [2025-131](#). The Secretariat has renewed the memorandum of understanding with the Korea Forest Service to extend the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, a donor-supported programme established in 2014.<sup>24</sup>

#### **2. Biodiversity and climate change**

31. At the sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention emphasized the need to take action in aligning the implementation of the Convention and the Framework with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement. In line with subparagraph 23 (b) of decision 16/35, the Conference of the Parties established a process for exploring options for enhancing policy coherence among the Rio conventions including with regard to capacity-building and development.<sup>25</sup>

32. Ahead of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Executive Secretary of the Convention prepared: a note on collaborative activities among and between the heads of the Rio conventions and other actions in support of cooperation among the three conventions,<sup>26</sup> a compilation of views on options for enhanced policy coherence among the Rio conventions provided by Parties, observers and other stakeholders<sup>27</sup> and the report of the technical information exchange among the three conventions, held on 15 June 2025 in Bonn, Germany,<sup>28</sup> The documents were considered by the Subsidiary Body which focused particular attention on the agenda item on biodiversity and climate change and prepared a detailed draft recommendation for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

### **B. Actions undertaken collaboratively by convention secretariats in specific areas of work**

#### **1. In support of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework**

33. Pursuant to decision 16/32, the Secretariat issued notification No. 2025-099 of 30 July 2025 in which it invited conventions, international organizations and stakeholders to submit information on actions supporting the Framework. Several convention secretariats collaborated closely in the

<sup>23</sup> [Recommendations SBSTTA-27/4 and 27/5](#).

<sup>24</sup> For further information, see [www.cbd.int/meetings/FB-WS-2025-01](http://www.cbd.int/meetings/FB-WS-2025-01).

<sup>25</sup> See decisions [16/3](#), [16/22](#) and [16/35](#) of the Conference of the Parties.

<sup>26</sup> See document [CBD/SBSTTA/27/4](#).

<sup>27</sup> In response to notification No. [2025-005](#), dated 28 January 2025.

<sup>28</sup> Document [CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/8](#), annex II.

preparation of their submissions, including during the above-mentioned expert meeting held in August 2025 in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland.<sup>29</sup> The global progress report will draw on those inputs, along with other sources of information. Detailed information in that regard is provided in intersessional documents associated with decision 16/32.

## 2. In support of the ninth replenishment of the GEF trust fund

34. In paragraph 29 of decision [16/33](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to liaise with the various biodiversity-related conventions and GEF to explore opportunities to enhance support from the Facility for countries with regard to activities relevant to the implementation of the various biodiversity-related conventions. To inform the drafting of programming directions and policy priorities of the ninth replenishment of the GEF trust fund, the Secretariat solicited, compiled and transmitted inputs of biodiversity-related conventions to the GEF Secretariat on 18 June 2025. Following the publication of the updated draft by the GEF Secretariat, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity consulted with the secretariats for a second time and provided updated inputs to the GEF Secretariat on 7 October 2025. Those inputs were considered in the context of preparation for the second and third meetings for the negotiations on the GEF ninth replenishment cycle. Further information in this regard is available in document CBD/SBI/6/3 and other intersessional documents associated with decision 16/33.

## C. Other actions to enhance cooperation in areas of work mentioned in other decisions

35. Through the implementation of decision XIII/24 of the Conference of the Parties and the road map for enhancing synergies contained in annex II to that decision, section C of the Framework and other guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties in its decisions, cooperation with other conventions and organizations has become an integral part of several work-streams under the Convention on Biological Diversity. This was reflected in several recent decisions of the Conference of the Parties, where cooperation was recognized as an important element for the implementation of the Convention and the Framework, including decisions 16/3, 16/13, 16/15, 16/16, 16/17, 16/22, 16/32, 16/33 and 16/34, among others, as summarized in annex II to the present note.

## V. Recommendation

36. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to consider adopting a recommendation<sup>30</sup> along the following lines:

*The Subsidiary Body on Implementation*

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

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decisions [XIII/24](#) of 17 December 2016, [14/30](#) of 29 November 2018, [15/4](#) and [15/13](#) of 19 December 2022 and [16/35](#) of 27 February 2025,

*Taking note* of General Assembly resolution [79/208](#) of 19 December 2024 and previous resolutions relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>31</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the work of the United Nations Environment Management Group in reinforcing the Common Approach to Integrating Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Development into United Nations Policy and Programme Planning and Delivery<sup>32</sup> and its Issue Management Group on Biodiversity;

<sup>29</sup> Submissions are available on the clearing-house mechanism at [www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099](http://www.cbd.int/notifications/2025-099).

<sup>30</sup> The estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities outlined in the draft recommendation are shown in annex III to the present document.

<sup>31</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>32</sup> CEB/2021/1/Add.1.

2. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the United Nations Environment Programme in supporting cooperation among multilateral environmental agreements at the international, regional and national levels;

3. *Welcomes* the outcomes of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, including its resolution 7/5 on promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments;

4. *Also welcomes* the ongoing efforts of, and actions taken by, Parties, the governing bodies and secretariats of the other Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and by other relevant organizations to enhance cooperation in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>33</sup> and other relevant frameworks;

5. *Notes* of the collaborative efforts of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions and the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions;

6. *Welcomes* the resolutions and decisions adopted by the governing bodies of other conventions, organizations and programmes in support of the coherent implementation and monitoring of the Framework;

7. *Invites* the governing bodies of all relevant conventions, organizations and programmes to continue to adopt mutually supportive decisions or elements of decisions to enhance cooperation in the implementation of the Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and accelerate and facilitate action in the implementation of and monitoring of progress with the Framework at all levels within their respective mandates;

8. *Invites* Parties and other Governments to continue to strengthen national cooperation and coordination among the national focal points of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, the national focal points of other conventions and processes relevant to the implementation of the Framework and other relevant stakeholders in the development of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the preparation of their national reports, in line with national priorities and circumstances;

9. *Encourages* the secretariats of the other Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant organizations to continue to strengthen collaboration and cooperation in the implementation of and monitoring of progress with the Framework, as appropriate and within their respective mandates;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To further strengthen collaboration and cooperation with the secretariats of the other Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant organizations in supporting the complementarity of efforts and catalysing collective action for addressing specific gaps in the implementation of the Framework and those targets for which progress has been slow, without prejudice to the specific objectives and mandates of the various conventions and agreements and while observing their independent and autonomous nature;

(b) To prepare a compilation of best practices on cooperation, collaboration or synergies in the national implementation of the Rio conventions and other biodiversity-related

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<sup>33</sup> Decision [15/4](#), annex.

conventions and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and relevant secretariats and organizations;

(c) To undertake, in collaboration with the other members of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, an analysis of overlaps in the frameworks on planning, monitoring, reporting and review of the three conventions and provide options for their enhanced coordination and simplification, as appropriate and within their respective mandates;

(d) To enhance awareness-raising on the interconnectedness of the biodiversity, climate, land and pollution crises and the benefits of coordinated responses to those crises;

(e) To report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made with the activities listed in the present paragraph.

## Annex I

### Decisions under other areas of work in which cooperation with other conventions and international organizations is discussed and corresponding documents provided, or to be provided, at meetings of the subsidiary bodies to be held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

<i>Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixteenth meeting and main paragraphs addressing cooperation</i>	<i>Intersessional body and areas of work addressing the decisions</i>	<i>Main entities mentioned in the paragraphs on cooperation</i>	<i>Document symbols (intersessional period)</i>
Decision <a href="#">16/3</a> , subparagraph 8 (d), on the development and implementation of joint capacity-building activities and programmes	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, sixth meeting, agenda item 6 on capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation	Secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and biodiversity-related conventions	CBD/SBI/6/6
Decision <a href="#">16/13</a> , subparagraphs 6 (b) and (c), on collaboration with secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements and relevant organizations to mainstream biodiversity in all relevant processes	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, seventh meeting, agenda item 12 on mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors	Parties, other Governments, secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements, relevant organizations, initiatives, partners and relevant stakeholders	Yet to be assigned
Decision <a href="#">16/15</a> , paragraph 5, on collaboration and synergies in the field of sustainable use of wildlife	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-eighth meeting, agenda item 6 on sustainable wildlife management	Secretariats of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements	Yet to be assigned

<i>Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixteenth meeting and main paragraphs addressing cooperation</i>	<i>Intersessional body and areas of work addressing the decisions</i>	<i>Main entities mentioned in the paragraphs on cooperation</i>	<i>Document symbols (intersessional period)</i>
Decision <a href="#">16/16</a> , paragraph 8, on collaboration in the implementation of the modalities for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas and decision <a href="#">16/17</a> , paragraphs 8, 11 and 12 (a), (b) and (c), on cooperation among relevant entities engaged in work on marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-eighth meeting, agenda item 8 on marine and coastal biodiversity	Competent intergovernmental organizations, regional conventions, bodies, initiatives, organizations, projects and programmes and other relevant stakeholders	Yet to be assigned
Decision <a href="#">16/19</a> , subparagraphs 9 (b), (c) and (d), on cooperation and collaboration to raise awareness and build capacity on the interlinkages between biodiversity and health	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 10 on biodiversity and health	International organizations and the Quadripartite alliance on One Health	<a href="#">CBD/SBSTTA/27/9 Recommendation 27/10</a>
Decision <a href="#">16/22</a> , paragraphs 14, 15 and 19, among others, on synergies and cooperation, a joint work programme, the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity and climate change-related matters	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 5 on biodiversity and climate change	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), governing bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions and their partners	<a href="#">CBD/SBSTTA/27/4 Recommendation 27/3</a>
Decision <a href="#">16/32</a> , subparagraphs 17 (f), 18 (k) and 24 (g), on cooperation and collaboration with relevant multilateral environmental agreements and contributions from those agreements to matters related to the global report and global review processes	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 3; Subsidiary Body on Implementation, sixth meeting, agenda item 4; Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-eighth meeting, agenda item 3 (a); Subsidiary Body on Implementation, seventh meeting, agenda item 3: Mechanisms for planning,	UNEP, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and their secretariats	<a href="#">CBD/SBSTTA/27/2 Recommendation 27/1</a> CBD/SBI/6/4: Update on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national targets and national reporting Documents for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (symbols yet to be assigned)

<i>Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixteenth meeting and main paragraphs addressing cooperation</i>	<i>Intersessional body and areas of work addressing the decisions</i>	<i>Main entities mentioned in the paragraphs on cooperation</i>	<i>Document symbols (intersessional period)</i>
	monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties		
Decision <a href="#">16/33</a> on the financial mechanism and the provision of inputs by the secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements to the programming directions for the negotiations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, sixth meeting, agenda item 3; and Subsidiary Body on Implementation, seventh meeting, agenda item 4 (b)	Governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions, secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions and relevant multilateral environmental agreements	CBD/SBI/6/3 Document for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (symbol yet to be assigned)
Decision <a href="#">16/35</a> , paragraph 6, on the road map for target 2	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, sixth meeting, agenda item 7 on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations	FAO and UNEP, in collaboration with the Rio conventions and other relevant partners, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and other relevant stakeholders	CBD/SBI/6/INF/4 Information related to implementation of the road map for Target 2
Decision <a href="#">16/35</a> , paragraph 23 (d), on collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests and other relevant organizations, such as the International Tropical Timber Organization, and within the Collaborative Partnership on Forests	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 6 (b) on scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: strategic review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity	United Nations Forum on Forests, International Tropical Timber Organization and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests	<a href="#">CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/10 Recommendation 27/5</a>

## Annex II

### Formal references to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by the governing bodies of other conventions, international organizations and intergovernmental bodies (for the period from October 2024 to November 2025)\*

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
<i>Conventions represented in the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions</i>		
Decision <a href="#">47 COM 5D</a> Progress report on the World Heritage Convention and sustainable development Decision <a href="#">47 COM 7</a> State of conservation of World Heritage properties Decision <a href="#">47 COM 11</a> Report of the open-ended Working Group established by the extended forty-fifth session of the World Heritage Committee	Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	World Heritage Committee at its forty-seventh session, 6-16 July 2025 <sup>1</sup>
<a href="#">CoP20 Doc. 13 annex 1</a> Amendments to resolution Conf. 16.4 on cooperation of CITES with other biodiversity-related conventions <a href="#">CoP20 Doc. 13 annex 2</a> Amendments to resolution Conf. 18.3 on CITES Strategic Vision: 2021-2030 <a href="#">CoP20 Doc. 16.2, annex</a> Amendments to resolution Conf. 16.5 on cooperation with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (agreed by the Standing Committee at its seventy-eighth meeting [SC78])	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	Conference of the Parties at its twentieth meeting, 24 November–5 December 2025
Resolution --/2025 <sup>2</sup> The role of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture within the Global Biodiversity Framework Resolution --/2025 Cooperation with other international instruments and organizations	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	Governing Body at its eleventh session, 24-29 November 2025
<a href="#">Resolution XV.4</a> Enhancing the Convention's visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions <a href="#">Resolution XV.18</a> Achieving the equitable governance and effective conservation of wetlands as protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat	Conference of the Contracting Parties at its fifteenth meeting, 23-31 July 2025

\* Formal references to the Framework by the governing bodies of other conventions, international organizations and intergovernmental bodies in decisions and resolutions adopted between January 2023 and October 2024 are available in annex I to document [CBD/COP/16/10/Rev.1](#).

<sup>1</sup> Also relevant are the following decisions adopted at the forty-sixth session of the Committee, 21–31 July 2024: [46 COM 5A](#), Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities; and [46 COM 7](#), State of conservation of World Heritage properties (not reported previously in document CBD/COP/16/10/Rev.1).

<sup>2</sup> The text and numbers of the resolutions adopted at the eleventh session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture were not available at the time of reporting.

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
<i>Rio conventions</i>		
Decision <a href="#">8/COP.16</a> Promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa	Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, 2-13 December 2024
<i>Chemicals and waste conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements</i>		
Decisions <a href="#">BC-17/23</a> , <a href="#">RC-12/10</a> and <a href="#">SC-12/24</a> (advance) International cooperation and coordination with other organizations	Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting (Basel Convention), Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting (Rotterdam Convention) and Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting (Stockholm Convention), 28 April-9 May 2025
Decision <a href="#">MC-6/18</a> (advance, unedited) Road map for enhancing co-benefits from implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Also relevant: decision <a href="#">MC-6/19</a> (advance, unedited) International cooperation and coordination	Minamata Convention on Mercury	Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, 3-7 November 2025
<i>Regional conventions, bodies, organizations and processes</i>		
Endorsement of the <a href="#">Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2026–2029</a> and <a href="#">Vision and Roadmap towards KM-GBF Target 3</a> . Also relevant: <a href="#">Regional Seas Programme contributions to achieving the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</a>	Regional Seas Conventions	Twenty-fourth Global Meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, 11 June 2025
<a href="#">OSPAR Agreement 2021-01, as amended by OSPAR Agreement 2025-01</a> Strategy of the OSPAR Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic 2030	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic	OSPAR Commission, 2025
<i>Other international organizations, bodies, programmes and processes</i>		
<a href="#">C 2025/28</a> Report of the twentieth session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture endorsed by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in document <a href="#">C 2025/REP</a>	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (and Conference of FAO)	Twentieth regular session, 24-28 March 2025 (and forty-fourth session of the Conference of FAO, 28 June-4 July 2025)
<a href="#">CL 176/REP</a> Report of the Council of FAO	FAO	One hundred and seventy-sixth session of the Council of FAO, 2-6 December 2024
General Assembly resolution <a href="#">79/208</a> Standing agenda item on sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity General Assembly resolution 80/140 Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development	United Nations	Seventy-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, resolution 79/208 adopted on 19 December 2024 Eightieth session of the United Nations General Assembly, resolution 80/140 adopted on 15 December 2025

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
Resolution <a href="#">UNEP/EA.7/Res.5</a> Promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments	United Nations Environment Programme	United Nations Environment Assembly at its seventh session, 8-12 December 2025
<a href="#">Official session report (item 6)</a> Contribution of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Programme on Man and the Biosphere of UNESCO	Thirty-seventh session of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere of UNESCO, 26 and 27 September 2025
Apulia G7 Leaders' <a href="#">Communiqué</a>	Group of Seven	G7 Summit, 13-15 June 2024
<a href="#">Declaration</a> of the G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders (para. 55)	Group of Twenty	Leaders of the G20, 18 and 19 November 2024
<a href="#">Unite for Nature on the Path to 2045: A 20-year Strategic Vision for the Union; Nature 2030: One Nature, One Future – The IUCN Programme 2026–2029</a> ; and several <a href="#">motions</a>	International Union for Conservation of Nature	IUCN World Conservation Congress, 9-15 October 2025: Members' Assembly (13-15 October 2025)

## Annex III

### Extrabudgetary resource requirements

The table below has been prepared by the Secretariat to show the estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities requested of the Secretariat, as outlined in the draft recommendation, in support of its consideration. The present annex is not part of the draft recommendation submitted for consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

### Extrabudgetary resource requirements

(United States dollars)

<i>OP</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Meeting costs<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Staff travel</i>	<i>Staff costs<sup>b</sup></i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>PSC (13 per cent)</i>	<i>Total</i>
10 (a)	Convene five two-day regional consultations for Parties to the Convention, aimed at identifying and addressing gaps in cooperation and the synergistic implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and at providing guidance on means of implementation of two or more conventions.	145 500	–	81 000	226 500	29 445	255 945
10 (b)	In collaboration with relevant organizations, conduct a horizon scanning study of all relevant initiatives on national case studies, best practices and lessons learned on cooperation and the synergistic implementation of conventions and the Framework by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.	–	–	54 000	54 000	7 020	61 020
10 (d)	Develop, launch and implement a multimedia awareness campaign and communication material, including a web portal, on the interlinkages among the biodiversity, climate, land and pollution crises and interconnected solutions to them.	–	–	81 000	81 000	10 530	91 530
<b>Total</b>					<b>361 500</b>	<b>46 995</b>	<b>408 495</b>

*Abbreviations:* PSC, programme support costs; OP, operative paragraph of the recommendation or draft decision.

<sup>a</sup> Including participants' travel.

<sup>b</sup> Consultants, partners and additional staff.