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Knowledge management and the clearing-house mechanism Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions [14/25](#), [XIII/23](#), XIII/18, [XII/2](#) B and [XI/2](#),

Also recalling the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,¹

Emphasizing the critical importance of easy and timely access to quality data, information and knowledge in supporting the effective implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

1. *Invites* biodiversity-related conventions, organizations, networks, processes and initiatives supporting the generation, discovery, capture, management and use of biodiversity-related data, information and knowledge to contribute to the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, based on existing knowledge management networks, organizations, initiatives and processes to, among other things, promote and facilitate, collaboration, interconnection and networking among them with a view to making biodiversity data, information and knowledge more readily available and accessible for biodiversity planning, policy and decision-making, implementation, monitoring, reporting and review;

2. *Takes note* of the outcomes and key messages from the virtual sessions of the Fifth Science-Policy Forum for Biodiversity and the Eighth International Conference on Sustainability Science, in particular the Round Table on Biodiversity Monitoring and Data;²

3. *Takes note* of the following initiatives:

(a) The initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the European Commission to develop a global knowledge support service for biodiversity,³ notably for tracking progress on targets and goals;

(b) The Data4Nature initiative;⁴

¹ See decision [XI/2](#), para. 11, and [UNEP/CBD/COP/11/31](#).

² CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/28.

³ <https://gkssb.chm-cbd.net>

⁴ <https://www.gbif.org/data4nature>

(c) The global partnership PANORAMA: Solutions for a Healthy Planet,⁵ which supports implementation through knowledge generation, management and sharing for effective biodiversity planning, policy development, decision-making, implementation, transparency and responsibility;

(d) The UNEP-initiated Bern process;⁶

4. *Takes note* of the Amazon Regional Observatory⁷ of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, which includes information and data for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and invites donors and multilateral organizations to provide international cooperation for strengthening these initiatives as well as other relevant knowledge platforms;

5. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,¹ and the draft elements of a post-2020 work programme for the clearing-house mechanism, outlined in the note by the Executive Secretary;⁸

6. *Decides* to extend the work programme of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2021-2030 and to update it in line with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and relevant decisions, mechanisms and strategies for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

7. *Requests* the informal advisory group on technical and scientific cooperation,⁹ as per its mandate, to provide the Executive Secretary with advice on the development and implementation of the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

8. *Urges* Parties, and *invites* other Governments and relevant organizations, as appropriate, to continue providing financial, technical and human resources support to enable developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, to strengthen their national clearing-house mechanisms, and to develop or upgrade their national clearing-house mechanism websites using the Bioland tool, as appropriate and in accordance with national priorities and circumstances;

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

(a) To further develop, in collaboration with Parties and relevant organizations and with the support of the informal advisory group on technical and scientific cooperation, the draft knowledge management component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework¹⁰ for peer review by Parties and for review by the Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its twelfth meeting, and for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

(b) To continue to facilitate the efforts of Parties to establish, sustain and further develop their national clearing-house mechanisms, including through:

- (i) Further development of the Bioland tool in response to the needs of Parties and users and relevant technological developments;
- (ii) Development of training and guidance material on the use of the Bioland tool, in collaboration with Parties and users;

⁵ <https://panorama.solutions/en>

⁶ <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/brc-ws>

⁷ <https://oraotca.org>

⁸ CBD/SBI/3/8.

⁹ Decision 15/–, annex III.

¹⁰ Recommendation 3/10 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

- (iii) Development of guidance for the national focal points to the clearing-house mechanism on the coordination of activities related to the clearing-house mechanism at the national level to support effective implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
 - (iv) Development of Bioland instances for Parties that have not yet established a national clearing-house mechanism website, using the information provided on the respective country profile pages on the Convention website, for their review and further development;
 - (v) Continuation of the award for national clearing-house mechanisms until 2030;
- (c) To further develop the central clearing-house mechanism portal to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, knowledge management, communication and enhanced planning, implementation, monitoring, reporting and review processes;
- (d) To continue collaboration with relevant initiatives, organizations and networks supporting the generation, capture, management and effective use of biodiversity-related data, information and knowledge, including, as appropriate, the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation and Monitoring Centre, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network, International Union for Conservation of Nature, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (InforMEA) and the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT), among others;
- (e) To promote the use of relevant digital technologies to, among other things, assist Parties in the improvement of national capacities for the discovery, collection, analysis, aggregation, storage, accessibility, searchability, visualization and exchange of biodiversity-related data, information and knowledge, as appropriate;
- (f) To prepare, in collaboration with the informal advisory group on technical and scientific cooperation, a proposal for an updated work programme for the clearing-house mechanism, aligned with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and relevant decisions, and submit the proposal for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;
- (g) To submit a progress report on the above activities for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting.
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