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1. *Takes note of The Methodological Assessment Report on the Impact and Dependence of Business on Biodiversity and Nature's Contributions to People* ("business and biodiversity assessment") of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and *welcomes* its summary for policymakers and key messages, and notes its relevance to the work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity and to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

2. *Invites* Parties to use the findings of the business and biodiversity assessment to support the implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

3. *Encourages* Parties, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances and priorities, to:

(a) Create or enhance enabling environments for sustainable business practices, including by:

- (i) Integrating biodiversity considerations into relevant policy, legal and regulatory frameworks and fiscal policies, and to progressively aligning incentives, and public and private financial flows with the goals and targets of the Framework;
- (ii) Undertaking capacity-building and development activities focused on measuring and managing business impacts and dependencies on biodiversity;
- (iv) Encouraging financial actors, businesses, financial institutions, and other actors to contribute to creating or enhancing the enabling environment for sustainable business practices and to engage in the implementation of the Framework and of national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(b) To identify and support efforts to address gaps in knowledge and the application of knowledge for measuring and managing the impacts and dependencies of businesses on biodiversity and nature's contribution to people and to address such gaps including by:

- (i) Providing actional guidance and facilitating the uptake and consistent application of existing methods, knowledge and data for measuring and managing impacts and dependencies on biodiversity and nature's contribution to people by businesses and financial actors;
- (ii) Enabling the collection and sharing of information on the activities and locations of businesses, their operations and value chains, including through disclosure and traceability mechanisms;
- (iii) Supporting research and data collection, including through capacity-building, scientific and technical cooperation, and the development and strengthening of relevant national data infrastructure;

- (iv) Strengthening the interweaving of science and the traditional knowledge, and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, with their free, prior and informed consent;
 - (c) To strengthen meaningful engagement and collaboration with financial actors, businesses, financial institutions, and other actors, including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;
3. *Strongly encourages* financial actors, business and financial institutions, and other actors to consider the key messages of the summary for policy makers of the assessment and to take action, in line with the options outlined in the assessment, including to:
- (a) identify and use appropriate existing methods to measure and manage their impacts and dependencies on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people;
 - (b) use that information to develop strategies that guide decision-making and actions aimed at addressing risks, seizing opportunities, and improving biodiversity outcomes, in line with the Framework;
 - (c) to allocate, participate in and benefit from economic instruments and financial incentives that promote biodiversity restoration, conservation and sustainable use while discouraging harmful activities;
 - (d) to ensure fair and equitable benefit sharing that arise from the utilization of genetic resources and from digital sequence information on genetic resources, as well as traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, in line with the Framework;
4. *Invites* Parties and relevant organization to engage in the review processes for the preparation of the assessments and deliverables, where relevant, of the Platform;
5. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to consider, when developing its future work programme:
- (a) the needs, gaps and challenges expressed in the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework,
 - (b) the outcomes of the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Framework,
 - (c) the potential use of tailored knowledge products to enhance the accessibility and usability of its assessments for the implementation of the Framework;
6. *Encourages* the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and their global coordination entity to engage in the review processes for the preparation of the assessments and deliverables, where relevant.
7. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the outputs of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services according to the schedule contained in the annex to the present decision and to make recommendations, as appropriate;
8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to strengthen its engagement and cooperation with the Platform to support the implementation of the recommendations from the mid-term review of the Platform.

Annex***Schedule of assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and of their consideration under the Convention on Biological Diversity (2026–2030), as updated after the twelfth session of the Plenary of the Platform¹**

<i>Session number and date of consideration by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services^a</i>	<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Meeting number and date of consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity</i>
Thirteenth session (2027)	Methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people ("monitoring assessment") ^c	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028) Eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028)
	Methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity ("spatial planning and connectivity assessment") ^d	
Fourteenth session (2028)	Second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services ^e	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body to be held before the relevant meeting of the Conference of the Parties depending on the timing
Fifteenth session (2029)	Potential deliverable to be determined at the thirteenth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body to be held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2030)

^a The dates of future sessions are indicative.

^b See www.ipbes.net/business-impact.

^c See www.ipbes.net/monitoring-assessment.

^d See www.ipbes.net/spatial-planning-assessment.

^e See www.ipbes.net/second-global-assessment.

* The annex will be updated, as necessary, in the compilation of draft decisions to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

** The original schedule was issued as the annex to decision [16/11](#).