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Agenda item 10
Adoption of the report

Draft report of the meeting

Introduction

1. The twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was held in Nairobi from 27 July to 1 August 2026. The meeting was attended by [to be completed].

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

2. The meeting was opened at 10.05 a.m. on 27 July 2026 by the Chair, Jean Bruno Mikassa (Gabon).
3. The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting, which was taking place at a critical stage in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. He thanked the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as all the contributing experts and reviewers, for preparing the draft global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. Under decision [16/32](#), the Subsidiary Body was responsible for providing scientific and technical inputs to the review process and would thus consider the key findings in the report, the data and knowledge gaps identified and opportunities to strengthen the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the evidence base that supported implementation, with a view to developing actionable recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventeenth meeting. Beyond the global review, other important scientific and technical issues on the agenda that were central to the implementation of the Framework included the monitoring framework; matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; the outcomes of intersessional work on synthetic biology; draft guidance and best practices on sustainable wildlife management; the strategic review of and update to the programme of work on protected areas; and the implementation of modalities related to ecologically or biologically significant marine areas. The Chair encouraged delegations to be focused in their interventions and proactive in seeking solutions and compromise. He wished all participants a productive and successful meeting.
4. Opening statements were made by the Director of the Ecosystems Division of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Susan Gardner, on behalf of the Executive Director of

UNEP, Inger Andersen, and the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Astrid Schomaker.

5. The Director of the Ecosystems Division of UNEP welcomed delegates to UNEP headquarters and thanked the Bureau and the Secretariat for their careful preparations for the meeting. Underscoring the importance of using science as a basis for decision-making, she said that the meetings of the Subsidiary Body were where scientific evidence was translated into advice that Governments could use with confidence. More specifically, the present meeting was an opportunity to help to ensure that the implementation of the Framework was guided by the best available evidence. It was clear from the first global review of the Framework that countries were making real progress but that implementation needed to be accelerated. Science-informed policy could deliver real results, as exemplified by the recovery of the mountain gorilla in Central Africa, the conservation of the juçara palm in Brazil and the rebound of Saiga antelope populations in Kazakhstan, and UNEP was proud to support the work of the Subsidiary Body on strengthening the science-policy interface, so that the best available science might inform biodiversity policy. Thanking the Subsidiary Body for its years of work to date and the further contributions to be made in the coming days, she wished delegates productive discussions and a successful meeting.

6. The Executive Secretary began by acknowledging the hospitality of the Government of Kenya, and thanking various Governments, the European Union and the Fridtjof Nansen Institute for providing financial support for the participation of delegates from 118 Parties. With little time remaining to implement the Framework and achieve measurable results, she stressed the need to shift to accelerated implementation, measurable results and real progress towards the goals and targets of the Framework. That meant facing the complex challenge of demonstrating collective progress, strengthening implementation and ensuring accountability. The draft global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework was a strong evidence base that provided an opportunity to assess progress, identify persistent gaps and strengthen the scientific and technical basis for collective action. The closely linked work on the monitoring framework was also important, because reliable, scientifically robust and accessible indicators remained essential for measuring progress and supporting evidence-based policymaking. She also highlighted other matters of particular significance to be considered during the meeting, including the business and biodiversity assessment prepared under the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, synthetic biology, sustainable wildlife management and the implementation of modalities for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas. Overall, the breadth and complexity of the agenda reflected the scale of the biodiversity crisis itself, as well as the complexity of biodiversity governance, in addition to the growing momentum and engagement of Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, scientific organizations and partners working to support implementation of the Framework. It also showed that the work of the Subsidiary Body was more important than ever.

Item 2

Organizational matters: election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Election of officers

7. In accordance with the elections held at the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh meetings of the Subsidiary Body and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Bureau for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body comprised the following members:

Jean Bruno Mikissa (Gabon), Chair

Mostafa Madbouhi (Morocco)

Dickson Chitupa (Zimbabwe)

Rosalinda Yatilman (Federated States of Micronesia),¹ with Karl Fellenius (Marshall Islands) as substitute for matters pertaining to the Cartagena Protocol

Ruliyana Susanti (Indonesia)

Karen Khachatrian (Armenia)

Jan Plesnik (Czechia)

Kishma Primus-Ormond (Antigua and Barbuda)

Paulina Stowhas Salinas (Chile), with Ana Laura Mello Villamarín (Uruguay) as substitute for matters pertaining to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol

Niklaus Wagner (Switzerland)

Sanne Kruid (Kingdom of the Netherlands)

8. At the 1st plenary session, on 27 July, it was agreed that Mr. Wagner would act as Rapporteur.

9. The Rapporteur made a statement of thanks on behalf of all participants.

10. At its [to be completed] plenary session, the Subsidiary Body elected the following members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the present meeting and ending at the close of its thirtieth meeting, to replace the members and, where relevant, substitutes for matters pertaining to the Protocols, from Chile, Czechia, Indonesia, Morocco and Netherlands (Kingdom of the): Joseph Sapunka Turay (Sierra Leone), [to come], [to come], Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico) and Julie Hammer-Monart (France).

11. [to be completed].

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

12. At its 1st plenary session, the Subsidiary Body adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat.²

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters: election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Planning, monitoring, reporting and review:
 - (a) Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
 - (b) Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
4. Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.
5. Synthetic biology.
6. Sustainable wildlife management.
7. Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: strategic review of and update to the programme of work on protected areas.
8. Marine and coastal biodiversity.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of the report.

¹ Replacing Camille Inatio (Federated States of Micronesia).

² [CBD/SBSTTA/28/1](#).

11. Closure of the meeting.
13. At the same session, the Subsidiary Body agreed to the Chair's oral amendments to the proposed organization of work set out in the scenario note prepared by the Secretariat.³

Item 3

Planning, monitoring, reporting and review

14. The Subsidiary Body began its consideration of agenda item 3 at its 1st plenary session.
15. At the suggestion of the Chair, the Subsidiary Body agreed to consider sub-items 3 (a) (global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework) and (b) (monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework) jointly.
16. In considering item 3, the Subsidiary Body had before it a note by the Secretariat on the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework,⁴ which contained a draft recommendation for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, as well as three addenda containing the draft global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework,⁵ a note by the Secretariat on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework⁶ and the summary, conclusions and key messages of the global report.⁷ The following information documents had also been issued in relation to item 3: a note by the Secretariat on the updated metadata for the headline indicators for the Framework;⁸ an update on the support provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and its partners for the further development and operationalization of headline indicators 2.1, 5.1, 7.2, 10.1, 10.2 and 22.1;⁹ a note by the Secretariat on the methodologies used in the preparation of the global report;¹⁰ a review of the use of indicators in the seventh national reports;¹¹ and a note by the Secretariat on the peer review process for the global report.¹² The following three information documents prepared for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation were also of relevance: a note by the Secretariat on the status of resources approved by the Global Environment Facility for readiness and early actions to implement the Framework and preparation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports;¹³ a note by the Secretariat on opportunities to strengthen tracking of the various sources of biodiversity finance;¹⁴ and an analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets established by Parties aligned with the Framework.¹⁵ Also of relevance were the reports of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and documents produced for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and 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, which could be found on the respective web pages for those meetings.

³ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/1/Add.2](#), annex I.

⁴ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/2/Rev.1](#).

⁵ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/2/Add.1/Rev.1](#).

⁶ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/2/Add.2](#).

⁷ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/2/Add.3](#).

⁸ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/4](#).

⁹ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/8/Rev.1](#).

¹⁰ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/9](#).

¹¹ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/11](#).

¹² [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/13](#).

¹³ [CBD/SBI/7/INF/17](#).

¹⁴ [CBD/SBI/7/INF/20](#).

¹⁵ [CBD/SBI/7/INF/22](#).

17. A representative of the Secretariat presented editorial corrections to the addendum containing the summary, conclusions and key messages of the global report.
18. One of the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Group presented a brief update on the Group's work.
19. As the modalities for the early submission of statements¹⁶ had been implemented for agenda item 3, with statements submitted on an informal and voluntary basis pursuant to notifications issued by the Secretariat,¹⁷ the Chair asked the Parties and observers listed in annexes I and II to document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/10](#) and present at the plenary session whether they had any objections to their statements being put on record as statements officially submitted. No objections were raised.
20. The representative of Finland made a statement.
21. The Subsidiary Body therefore agreed that the statements of the following Parties be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 3 (a): Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea (on behalf of the African States), Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Maldives, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
22. The Subsidiary Body also agreed that the statements of the following Parties be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 3 (b): Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Egypt, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea (on behalf of the African States), Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Maldives, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye and United Kingdom.
23. The Subsidiary Body further agreed that the statements of the following observers be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 3 (a): BirdLife International, CBD Women's Caucus, FAO, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, Greenpeace International, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, International Union for Conservation of Nature, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNEP and World Wildlife Fund for Nature International.
24. Similarly, the Subsidiary Body agreed that the statements of the following observers be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 3 (b): FAO, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNDP and World Wildlife Fund for Nature International.
25. In addition, statements were made in session by representatives of the following Parties: Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean States), Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), Ghana, India, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa (on behalf of the African States) and Zimbabwe.
26. At its 2nd plenary session, on 27 July, the Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of agenda item 3.
27. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Nigeria, Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and United Republic of Tanzania.

¹⁶ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/1/Add.2](#), annex II.

¹⁷ Nos. [2026-055](#) and [2026-060](#).

28. Statements were also made by representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.
29. Following the exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body agreed to establish a contact group on item 3, co-chaired by Ms. Kruid and Ms. Stowhas Salinas, with a mandate to discuss the draft recommendation.
30. At the 3rd plenary session, on 28 July, one of the Co-Chairs of the contact group reported that the Co-Chairs had established a group of friends of the Chair, co-led by Barbara Engels (Germany) and Ntakadzeni Tshidada (South Africa), to look at issues related to the monitoring framework and, specifically, to paragraphs 9 to 12, 14 (c) and 14 (d) of the draft decision set out in document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/2/Rev.1](#), as well as the terms of reference for an ad hoc technical expert group on the further operationalization of the monitoring framework, annexed thereto.
31. [to be completed].

Item 4

Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

32. The Subsidiary Body began its consideration of agenda item 4 at its 4th plenary session, on 29 July. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,¹⁸ which included a draft recommendation.
33. As the modalities for the early submission of statements had been implemented for agenda item 4, with statements submitted on an informal and voluntary basis pursuant to notifications issued by the Secretariat, the Chair asked the Parties and observers listed in annex III of information document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/10](#) and present at the plenary session whether they had any objections to their statements being put on record as statements officially submitted. No objections were raised.
34. The Subsidiary Body therefore agreed that the statements of the following Parties be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 4: Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malawi (on behalf of the African States), Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Peru, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.
35. The Subsidiary Body also agreed that the statements of the following observers be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 4: CBD Women's Caucus, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, OHCHR, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (Business for Nature), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and UNDP.
36. In addition, statements were made in session by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi (on behalf of the African States), Marshall Islands (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), Russian Federation, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic and Zimbabwe.
37. Statements were also made by representatives of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.
38. Following the exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Mr. Chitupa and Mr. Plesnik, to consider the matter further, basing its work on text prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the Secretariat.

¹⁸ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/3](#).

39. [to be completed]

Item 5 Synthetic biology

40. The Subsidiary Body began its consideration of agenda item 5 at its 2nd plenary session. It had before it notes by the Secretariat on synthetic biology, which included a draft recommendation,¹⁹ and on the draft thematic action plan to support capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology, and knowledge-sharing in the context of synthetic biology for the implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.²⁰

41. As the modalities for the early submission of statements had been implemented for agenda item 5, with statements submitted on an informal and voluntary basis pursuant to notifications issued by the Secretariat, the Chair asked the Parties and observers listed in annex IV to document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/10](#) and present at the plenary session whether they had any objections to their statements being put on record as statements officially submitted. No objections were raised.

42. The Subsidiary Body therefore agreed that the statements of the following Parties be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 5: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Lithuania, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

43. The Subsidiary Body also agreed that the statements of the following observers be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 5: CBD Women's Caucus, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and Pollinis.

44. In addition, statements were made in session by the following Parties: Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya (on behalf of the African States), Malawi, Tonga (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States) and United Republic of Tanzania.

45. At its 3rd plenary session, the Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of agenda item 5.

46. The representative of Cuba withdrew the statement that had been made by the Party during the 2nd plenary session.

47. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Bahrain, Belarus, Ghana, India, Namibia, Panama, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe.

48. Statements were also made by representatives of the CBD Alliance, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

49. Following the exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body agreed to establish a contact group co-chaired by Martha Kandawa-Schulz (Namibia) and Valeria Giovannelli (Italy), with the mandate to work on the thematic action plan and the draft recommendation.

[to be completed]

Item 6 Sustainable wildlife management

50. The Subsidiary Body began its consideration of agenda item 6 at its 3rd plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on sustainable wildlife management,²¹ which contained a draft

¹⁹ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/4](#).

²⁰ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/4/Add.1](#).

²¹ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/5/Rev.1](#).

recommendation. The following information documents had also been issued in relation to item 6: a document on the development of global guidance on the sustainable management of wildlife applicable to multiple species and multiple practices,²² a compilation and synthesis of submissions of information on best practices for sustainable wildlife management²³ and a submission from Brazil.²⁴

51. As the modalities for the early submission of statements had been implemented for agenda item 6, with statements submitted on an informal and voluntary basis pursuant to notifications issued by the Secretariat, the Chair asked the Parties and observers listed in annex V to document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/10](#) and present at the plenary session whether they had any objections to their statements being put on record as statements officially submitted. No objections were raised.

52. The Subsidiary Body therefore agreed that the statements of the following Parties be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 6: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

53. The Subsidiary Body also agreed that the statements of the following observers be put on record as statements officially submitted for agenda item 6: CBD Women's Caucus, Fungi Foundation, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

54. In addition, statements were made in session by representatives of the following Parties: Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil (on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay), Burundi, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Kenya, Marshall Islands (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), Panama, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States).

55. Statements were also made in session by representatives of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

56. Following the exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Lactitia Tshililo Tshitwamulomoni (South Africa) and Carolina Caceres (Canada), to consider the draft recommendation and the annex to the draft decision contained therein, keeping changes to the annex to a minimum given that it had been developed through a participatory process.

57. [to be completed]

Item 7

Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: strategic review of and update to the programme of work on protected areas

58. The Subsidiary Body considered agenda item 7 at its 3rd plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the strategic review of and update to the programme of work on protected areas,²⁵ which contained a draft recommendation. The following information documents had also been issued in relation to item 7: a note by the Secretariat on information related to the review of and

²² [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/5](#).

²³ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/6](#).

²⁴ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/12](#).

²⁵ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/6/Rev.1](#).

potential updates to the programme of work on protected areas in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework²⁶ and a submission from Brazil.²⁷

59. As the modalities for the early submission of statements had been implemented for agenda item 7, with statements submitted on an informal and voluntary basis pursuant to notifications issued by the Secretariat, the Chair asked the Parties and observers listed in annex VI to document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/10](#) and present at the plenary session whether they had any objections to their statements being put on record as statements officially submitted. No objections were raised.

60. The Subsidiary Body therefore agreed that the statements of the following Parties be put on record as statements officially submitted for agenda item 7: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Ireland, Japan, Maldives, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

61. The Subsidiary Body also agreed that the statements of the following observers be put on record as statements officially submitted for agenda item 7: CBD Women's Caucus, Fungi Foundation, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, International Union for Conservation of Nature, OHCHR, Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, The Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund for Nature International.

62. In addition, statements were made in session by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil (also on behalf of Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)), China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States) and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African States).

63. Statements were also made by representatives of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

64. Following the exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Adèle Fardoux (France) and Ms. Susanti, to consider the matter further.

65. [to be completed]

Item 8

Marine and coastal biodiversity

66. The Subsidiary Body began its consideration of agenda item 8 at its 2nd plenary session. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on marine and coastal biodiversity,²⁸ which contained a draft recommendation, and a summary report of submissions for the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the modification of existing descriptions.²⁹ The full submissions were set out in information document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/2/Rev.1](#). The following reference documents were also relevant to agenda item 8: the report of the expert workshop on scientific and technical work conducted under the Convention relevant to marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction³⁰ and the background document for the draft voluntary guidelines on peer-review processes for the description of areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and other relevant compatible and complementary scientific criteria.³¹

²⁶ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/3](#).

²⁷ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/7](#).

²⁸ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/7](#).

²⁹ [CBD/SBSTTA/28/7/Add.1](#).

³⁰ [CBD/MCB/WS/2025/1/2](#).

³¹ See www.cbd.int/conferences/nairobi-2026/sbstta-28/documents, under the "Other" tab.

67. As the modalities for the early submission of statements had been implemented for agenda item 8, with statements submitted on an informal and voluntary basis pursuant to notifications issued by the Secretariat, the Chair asked the Parties and observers listed in annex VII to document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/10](#) and present at the plenary session whether they had any objections to their statements being put on record as statements officially submitted. No objections were raised.

68. The Subsidiary Body therefore agreed that the statements of the following Parties be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 8: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Maldives, Morocco, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye and United Kingdom.

69. The Subsidiary Body also agreed that the statements of the following observers be put on record as statements officially submitted under agenda item 8: BirdLife International, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations Secretariat, CBD Women's Caucus, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, OHCHR, UNDP and World Wildlife Fund for Nature International.

70. In addition, statements were made in session by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Bahrain, Chile, China, Egypt, Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Peru, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa (on behalf of the African States), Sudan and Zimbabwe.

71. Statements were also made by representatives of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

72. Following the exchange of views, the Subsidiary Body agreed to establish a contact group, co-chaired by Holly Kelley-Weil (United Kingdom) and Patsy Nicole Contardo Urra (Chile), to consider the matter further, basing its work on text prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the Secretariat.

73. [to be completed]

Item 9

Other matters

74. [to be completed].

Item 10

Adoption of the report

75. [to be completed]

Item 11

Closure of the meeting

76. [to be completed].
