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FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK
Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. In decision X/17, the Conference of the Parties adopted a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation for the period 2011-2020 and decided to pursue the implementation of the Strategy as part of the broader framework of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
2. In decision XII/15, the Conference of the Parties considered the mid-term review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation contained in CBD Technical Series 81¹ and the ensuing recommendation from the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and provided guidance on options for enhancing the implementation of the Strategy.
3. In decision XIII/1, the Conference of the Parties recognized the need for a comprehensive and participatory process to develop proposals for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal for such a process, taking into consideration that this work must cover the Convention on Biological Diversity and also consider its Protocols, taking into account the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, the final assessment of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the national reports, and the thematic, regional and global assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and providing for consultations among Parties, and with other Rio Conventions, other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, and inputs from indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders and sectors.
4. The purpose of the Liaison Group meeting is to review the progress achieved in implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) and the implications for plant conservation targets for the period beyond 2020. The Liaison Group should also review options for integrating plant conservation in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework that is under development as well as any inputs from the plant conservation community that should be considered in preparing this framework. In this context, the Liaison Group would also consider the modalities for providing updated information on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as an input to the review of the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

¹ <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-81-en.pdf>

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The Liaison Group meeting will be held at the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden in Cape Town, South Africa. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity or her representative at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, 31 August 2018. A representative from the host institution, the South African National Biodiversity Institute and the Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation (GPPC) are expected to welcome participants.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

6. The Group will be invited to elect a Chair or Co-chairs for the meeting. The Group will then be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (CBD/GSPC/LG/6/1).

7. The Group may wish to conduct its deliberations in plenary while retaining the option to break into smaller groups on specific issues, as appropriate. The language of the meeting will be English.

ITEM 3. REFLECTIONS ON THE CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

8. The Group may wish to review the discussions and conclusions from the Conference of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation supporting the worldwide implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (Cape Town, 28-30 August). It may be helpful in organizing these reflections with a focus on the following four issues:

3.1 Review of progress in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

9. In decision X/17 the Conference of the Parties had decided to undertake a mid-term review of the implementation of the GSPC and its targets in 2015, in tandem with the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Accordingly, the Plant Conservation Report 2014 was prepared to review progress towards the GSPC 2011-2020. It was published as CBD Technical Series Report 81² to accompany and support the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*.³

10. An updated review of progress in implementation of the targets of the GSPC was prepared for the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in 2016⁴ and taken note of by the Conference of the Parties in decision XIII/1 (para. 4). In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the contribution by Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and by the Secretariat of that Convention to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, as reported to the CITES Plants Committee.⁵

11. The Group may wish to review the assessments of progress from these reports in the light of presentations and discussions held at the Conference of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation the previous days. It may wish to discuss how recent reports of country experience in implementing the GSPC at national level can contribute to the preparation of Section V. ("Description of the national contribution to the achievement of the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation") of the sixth national report to the CBD.

² <https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-81-en.pdf>

³ <https://www.cbd.int/gbo/gbo4/publication/gbo4-en.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbi/sbi-01/information/sbi-01-inf-32-en.doc>

⁵ [UNEP/SBI/1/INF/33](https://www.unep.org/sbi/INF/33).

12. The Group may also wish to acknowledge the updated report on the contribution of CITES to the implementation of the GSPC⁶ and provide guidance on future collaboration between the two Conventions in this regard.

3.2 Elements for updated plant conservation targets

13. Drawing on information on the progress made on each of the 16 GSPC targets and on discussions at the Conference of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, the Group may wish to discuss elements for updated plant conservation targets and/or a process to determine a suitable set of targets for the next decade. The Group may also wish to discuss how the issues addressed by a future set of targets and any quantitative elements relate to other relevant international processes and agreements.

3.3 Options for integrating plant conservation in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

14. Under this sub-item, the Group may wish to reflect on options for integrating a follow-up to the GSPC 2011-2020 into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the practical implications of any such arrangements for the visibility of the GSPC, for access to mechanisms to support GSPC implementation and for the ability to monitoring progress. The Group will be able to draw on the results of an electronic survey conducted in preparation of the Conference of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and on the discussions at the Conference itself.

3.4 Considerations for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

15. In September 2017, the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation had responded to notification [2017-052](#), through which Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities had been invited to provide comments on the preparatory process and timetable for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. These and other comments were taken into account in preparing documentation for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) on this matter.

16. At its second meeting, the SBI, in recommendation 2/19 (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/9d38/83f8/a40180929d0a11df260dd0ad/sbi-02-1-11-en.docx> to be updated), requested the Executive Secretary to update, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, the proposed preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the indicative chronology of key activities. The meeting further requested the Executive Secretary to invite, for submission by 15 December 2018, initial views from Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, international organizations, civil society organizations, private sector and other stakeholders on the aspects of the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including (a) the scientific underpinning of the scale and scope of actions necessary to make progress towards the 2050 Vision; and (b) a possible structure for the post-2020 biodiversity framework (see notification [2018-063](#)).

17. The Group may wish to discuss the appropriate ways to transmit relevant outcomes of the Conference and of the Liaison Group meeting in response to notification [2018-063](#) and its future engagement in the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

ITEM 4. PLANS FOR AN UPDATED PLANT CONSERVATION REPORT

18. At its twenty-first meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in [recommendation XXI/5](#), provided guidance on the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-5) and its role in providing and end-of-decade assessment of the achievement

⁶ <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/e5ad/fd7b/d0214a7818dc18e9bf4a70b2/sbi-02-inf-34-en.pdf>

of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as in underpinning the rationale for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

19. While it is anticipated that many Parties will report on progress in implementing the GSPC through their sixth national reports there is as yet no clear mechanism for bringing this information together with other sources of information on progress towards the GSPC targets. The Group may therefore wish to reflect on the need for, and feasibility of, preparing an updated Plant Conservation Report in parallel to GBO-5. The Group may further wish to review options for ensuring that such plans be formalized through the CBD process.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

20. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting for discussion.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

21. The meeting may wish to agree on the main conclusions and the process for finalizing and reviewing the report.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

22. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 31 August 2018.
