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Resource mobilization and financial mechanism

Elements of previous guidance to the Global Environment Facility related to section C and Targets 2 and 23 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Note by the Secretariat

1. The present document complements information provided in section IV of and the annex to document CBD/COP/16/6.
2. In its guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided in the four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the eighth replenishment period (2022–2026) of the GEF Trust Fund adopted at the fifteenth meeting,¹ the Conference of the Parties included the provision of effective implementation support to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including its goals and targets that defined the outcomes being sought under the four-year framework.
3. In its recommendation 4/4, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation requested the Executive Secretary to develop, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, elements of guidance to support the implementation of those sections, goals and targets of the Framework that had not been covered specifically or comprehensively in any previous guidance to GEF, including section C and Targets 1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 16, 22 and 23. Accordingly, elements of guidance relevant to section C and each of those targets are provided in the annex to document CBD/COP/16/6, in which it is also noted that some of those targets and aspects of section C have been partially addressed in earlier guidance.

Section C. Considerations for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

4. Previous guidance to GEF is relevant to several of the considerations set out under section C of the Framework, as follows:
 - (a) *Fulfilment of the three objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and their balanced implementation.* This consideration has been consistently emphasized in guidance to GEF;

* CBD/COP/16/1.

¹ Decision 15/15, annex I.

(b) *Principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development*. This consideration is embedded in the text of the Convention and in guidance to GEF;

(c) *Science and innovation*. Guidance to GEF has been derived from the intergovernmental consideration under the Convention of scientific evidence and traditional knowledge and practices;

(d) *Ecosystem approach*. Guidance to GEF in support of the ecosystem approach was developed in subparagraph 2 (a) of decision V/13 and paragraph 5 of decision VII/20;

(e) *Formal and informal education*. Guidance to GEF on communication, education and public awareness was provided in subparagraph 2 (l) of decision V/13 and subparagraph 10 (o) of decision VI/17;

(f) *Access to financial resources*. The adequacy, predictability and easy access to financial resources have been a recurring theme in guidance to GEF;

(g) *Cooperation and synergies*. In decision XII/30 A, the Conference of the Parties invited the governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions to provide elements of advice for inclusion in its guidance to GEF.

Target 2

5. Of relevance to Target 2 of the Framework is the invitation that the Conference of the Parties extended to GEF in its decision XIII/21 to provide support for ecosystem restoration activities. The invitation was included in the consolidated previous guidance to GEF adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.² Continuing and scaling up the integrated programme for ecosystem restoration in the ninth replenishment period (2026–2030) of the GEF Trust Fund could contribute to the funding needs for restoring 30 per cent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems by 2030.

Target 23

6. Of relevance to Target 23 of the Framework is the request that the Conference of the Parties made to GEF in its decision 15/11 to provide technical and financial support for the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action adopted in the same decision. That invitation was also included in the additional guidance to GEF adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.³

² Decision 15/15, annex II A, para. 6.

³ Ibid., annex II B, para. 4.