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**Note by the Secretariat**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. Article 25 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization establishes that the financial mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity is to be the financial mechanism for the Protocol. Since the entry into force of the Protocol, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has provided financial support to eligible Parties for the development and implementation of access and benefit-sharing frameworks, institutional strengthening, capacity-building, awareness-raising and related implementation measures.
2. At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted decision [NP-5/2](#), in which it recommended that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention include requests concerning support for the implementation of the Protocol in its guidance to the financial mechanism on the topic. The decision also highlighted the relevance of resource mobilization efforts under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the integration of priorities under the Protocol into national biodiversity finance plans.
3. Since that meeting, a number of developments related to the financial mechanism, including decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention concerning guidance to GEF and biodiversity financing arrangements, have further shaped the context for the implementation of the Protocol. The developments are discussed in the sections below.
4. The issue of financing for the implementation of the Protocol is particularly important in the context of growing efforts to operationalize Target 13 of the Framework and strengthen the contribution of access and benefit-sharing to biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, equitable benefit-sharing and sustainable development. At the same time, experience gained from recent replenishment periods of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund highlight both opportunities and continuing challenges related to access to resources, institutional capacity development, long-term sustainability and the effective implementation of access and benefit-sharing measures.

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\* [CBD/NP/MOP/6/1](#).

5. At its sixth and seventh meetings, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered matters related to the financial mechanism, including the assessment of funding needs for the tenth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund (“GEF-10”), the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, guidance to GEF and the development of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities for the period from July 2030 to June 2034. At its sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation [6/2](#), which contains a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties and terms of reference for a GEF-10 funding needs assessment and for the seventh quadrennial review. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary body adopted recommendation [7/3](#), which contains a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties related to guidance to GEF and the preparation of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities for GEF-10.

6. The present note provides an overview of developments related to the financial mechanism and financial resources relevant to the implementation of the Protocol. It contains information on support provided through GEF and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, an examination of the strategic issues related to financing the implementation of the Protocol and the context for the consideration of draft decisions for the Conference of the Parties prepared by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its sixth and seventh meetings.

7. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol is invited to consider the information provided in the present note, the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention,<sup>1</sup> the findings of the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol,<sup>2</sup> recommendations of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol<sup>3</sup> and recommendations [6/2](#) and [7/3](#) of the Subsidiary Body, and associated documentation, in taking, as appropriate, its decision on matters related to the financial mechanism and resources and making recommendations to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on further guidance to the financial mechanism with respect to access and benefit-sharing.

## **II. Developments related to the financial mechanism**

### **A. Strategic context**

8. The adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework has reinforced the importance of mobilizing financial resources from all sources to support biodiversity objectives. The implementation of the Protocol contributes directly to Goal C and Target 13 of the Framework while also supporting conservation, sustainable use, equitable benefit-sharing, social justice, innovation and sustainable development. National biodiversity finance plans, together with the strategy for resource mobilization,<sup>4</sup> provide important opportunities to integrate access and benefit-sharing priorities and financing needs into national planning and implementation processes.

9. The increasing development of national biodiversity finance plans through GEF-supported initiatives is an opportunity for Parties to improve the integration of access and benefit-sharing priorities, associated financing needs and benefit-sharing mechanisms into broader biodiversity finance strategies. Such integration may contribute to enhanced visibility of access and benefit-sharing within national planning processes and facilitate access to finance at the national and international levels and from private sources.

### **B. Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and Global Biodiversity Framework Fund**

10. Biodiversity programming under the GEF Trust Fund during its eighth replenishment period (“GEF-8”) continued to provide significant support for implementation of the Convention and its

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<sup>1</sup> [CBD/COP/17/6/Add.1](#).

<sup>2</sup> See [CBD/SBI/7/7](#).

<sup>3</sup> See [CBD/NP/MOP/6/3](#), annex I.

<sup>4</sup> Decision [16/34](#), annex I.

Protocols. Of the \$1.92 billion dollars allocated to the biodiversity focal area for the period, approximately 94 per cent was used. Support included enabling activities for national biodiversity planning and reporting, biodiversity finance planning, implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, and activities supporting indigenous peoples and local communities. The operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund has created additional opportunities to support implementation of the Nagoya Protocol. During the reporting period (from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026), several project preparation grants related to Target 13 were submitted and selected under the Fund. Those initiatives are aimed at strengthening national access and benefit-sharing frameworks, institutional capacities and benefit-sharing arrangements, while contributing to broader biodiversity objectives.

### **C. Global Environment Facility support for the ratification and implementation of the Protocol**

11. Since the Protocol entered into force, GEF has provided financial support for the development and implementation of national access and benefit-sharing frameworks, institutional strengthening, capacity development and stakeholder engagement, which has contributed to increased implementation of the Protocol at the national level.

12. In decision [NP-5/2](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol recommended that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention include in its guidance to GEF on support for the implementation of the Protocol requests to: strengthen its funding dedicated to support eligible Parties in implementing the Protocol; support eligible Parties with the implementation of the capacity-building and development action plan for the Protocol; and continue to provide support to eligible Parties for the development of long-term institutional capacities. Those priorities are reflected in the biodiversity programming directions adopted for the ninth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund.

13. In line with those priorities, the implementation of Target 13 of the Framework was supported through GEF-8 with investments aimed at strengthening access and benefit-sharing measures and advancing the objectives of the Protocol. During the reporting period, eight submissions related to Target 13 were received under the GEF Trust Fund, all of which were approved. Across the GEF Trust Fund and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, 15 countries (Belize, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Micronesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Yemen) are being supported through 15 stand-alone projects aimed at implementing access and benefit-sharing measures consistent with Target 13, including support for ratification of the Protocol in Belize, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

14. Collectively, those projects amount to approximately \$57.0 million dollars in GEF-8 financing and are expected to leverage approximately \$266.3 million dollars in co-financing. Support is directed towards strengthening legal, policy and institutional frameworks for access and benefit-sharing, enhancing compliance and monitoring systems, building technical and institutional capacities and promoting the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources, including with indigenous peoples and local communities, as appropriate. The initiatives supported by GEF also address emerging implementation issues, including the development of digitalized access and benefit-sharing systems and considerations related to digital sequence information, and thereby contribute to the effective implementation of the Protocol and the achievement of Target 13.

15. During the reporting period, GEF approved the global project “Support to preparation of the first national report on implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization”, implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme. The project supports 96 eligible Parties in meeting their reporting obligations under the Protocol and, as at 15 June 2026, had contributed to the submission of first national reports by 73 Parties. The GEF Secretariat participated online in four regional workshops (for Latin America and the Caribbean, in June 2025; for Africa, in October 2025; for Central and

Eastern Europe and Western and Central Asia, in January 2026; and for Asia and the Pacific, in January 2026) organized by the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretariat of the Convention and funded by GEF as an enabling activity to support national reporting under the Nagoya Protocol and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. A representative of the GEF Secretariat presented to Protocol focal points funding opportunities for the implementation of the Protocols during GEF-8 and under the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and the outlook for the ninth replenishment period of the GEF Trust Fund.

16. Through financial and technical support provided in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention, the project has strengthened national capacities for: reporting and monitoring implementation; identifying priorities and gaps; and informing future programming and resource mobilization efforts related to access and benefit-sharing.

#### **D. Access to resources and operational effectiveness**

17. Despite increased financing opportunities, information available to GEF and findings emerging from the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol suggest that the use of available resources for access and benefit-sharing implementation continues to vary considerably among eligible Parties. Factors influencing the development and submission of projects related to access and benefit-sharing include competing national priorities, differing levels of institutional capacity, limited awareness of available funding opportunities and challenges associated with integrating access and benefit-sharing priorities into broader biodiversity planning and investment frameworks.

18. Continued efforts to strengthen project development capacities, enhance cooperation among national focal points, GEF operational focal points and implementing agencies, and improve the integration of access and benefit-sharing objectives into national biodiversity finance plans may contribute to the more effective use of available resources and improved implementation outcomes.

19. Information contained in the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties<sup>5</sup> suggests that, despite the availability of dedicated programming opportunities for the implementation of the Protocol, demand for funding remains uneven across regions and among eligible Parties. In addition, the findings of the second assessment and review indicate continuing needs related to institutional capacity, legal implementation, operationalization of checkpoints, monitoring systems, benefit-sharing arrangements and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities. The findings may provide a useful context for considering the need for additional guidance to the financial mechanism.

### **III Preparations for the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and future biodiversity financing priorities**

#### **A. Funding needs assessment for the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environmental Facility Trust Fund**

20. Preparations for GEF-10, which covers the period from July 2030 to June 2034, provide an important opportunity for Parties to identify and communicate financial requirements associated with the implementation of the Protocol. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation included in recommendation [6/2](#) draft terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and its Protocols during GEF-10.

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<sup>5</sup> [CBD/COP/17/6/Add.1](#).

21. For the Nagoya Protocol, the assessment of funding needs will provide an important opportunity to ensure that resource requirements related to access and benefit-sharing are adequately reflected in future programming and replenishment discussions. Areas likely to require continued support include implementation and operationalization of national access and benefit-sharing frameworks, institutional strengthening, compliance and monitoring measures, information systems, stakeholder engagement, capacity-building activities, implementation of the capacity-building and development action plan and support for indigenous peoples and local communities.

22. Experience gained from recent replenishment cycles and information emerging from the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol suggest that challenges remain in relation to institutional capacity, awareness, project preparation, operationalization of checkpoints, benefit-sharing arrangements, monitoring systems and long-term sustainability of implementation efforts. Parties could draw on that experience and information when identifying resource requirements and priorities during the funding needs assessment.

23. Parties may wish to contribute to the assessment by providing information on national implementation experiences, capacity needs, finance gaps, lessons learned and emerging priorities related to access and benefit-sharing. A high rate of participation by Parties will help to ensure that the assessment adequately reflects the diversity of implementation circumstances and future financing requirements under the Protocol.

## **B. Development of programme priorities for biodiversity financing under the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environmental Facility Trust Fund**

24. In recommendation [7/3](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation requested that the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the GEF Secretariat, prepare a draft four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention and its Protocols related to the use of GEF resources for biodiversity for the period from July 2030 to June 2034. The preparation of that framework can assist in ensuring that future GEF programming continues to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in a manner consistent with the objectives of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular its Goal C and Target 13 related to the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and, as applicable, associated traditional knowledge and digital sequence information.

25. Discussions during the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body highlighted the importance of ensuring that the process for identifying programme priorities is transparent, inclusive and country-driven. The development of the four-year outcome-oriented framework therefore provides an opportunity for Parties to further articulate priority needs and implementation challenges related to access and benefit-sharing, including in gaining access to available resources, enhancing capacity development, promoting institutional sustainability, ensuring the effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in related initiatives and integrating access and benefit-sharing into national biodiversity strategies and biodiversity finance planning processes.

## **C. Seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism**

26. The seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, for which draft terms of reference were included in recommendation [6/2](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, will provide an opportunity to assess the extent to which the financial mechanism responds to the evolving needs and priorities under the Convention and its Protocols.

27. For Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, the review may provide valuable information on such issues as accessibility of resources, responsiveness to national priorities, efficiency of project development and implementation processes, sustainability of institutional capacities and effectiveness of support provided for implementation of access and equitable benefit-sharing measures.

28. Parties may wish to contribute information and experience relevant to the review, including lessons learned regarding the use of available resources and factors affecting the implementation of the Protocol. Such information could assist in identifying opportunities to improve the effectiveness, accessibility and responsiveness of future support provided through the financial mechanism.

#### **D. Findings from the second assessment and review**

29. The second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol has helped to identify continuing challenges related to access to financial resources, institutional capacity and the implementation of access and benefit-sharing measures. The review highlights opportunities to strengthen resource mobilization, improve access to available financing and enhance implementation support, in particular for developing country Parties, least developed countries, small island developing States and Parties with economies in transition.

30. In considering the findings of the second assessment and review, the Compliance Committee under the Protocol and the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Protocol reviewed information contained in the working documents for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as in information documents [CBD/SBI/7/INF/6](#) and [CBD/SBI/7/INF/7](#).

31. For further information, Parties may refer to the documentation prepared for the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting, including the report of the second assessment and review<sup>6</sup> and the associated analysis of implementation needs and resource requirements.<sup>7</sup>

#### **IV. Future considerations**

32. Preparations for GEF-10 are expected to commence during the ninth replenishment cycle and will provide an opportunity for Parties to assess future financial requirements associated with the implementation of the Protocol and the achievement of Target 13 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

33. Experience from previous replenishment cycles highlights the importance of robust assessments of financing needs related to institutional development, access and benefit-sharing implementation measures, compliance and monitoring systems, benefit-sharing arrangements, information management systems, capacity-building and support for indigenous peoples and local communities. The continued generation of information through national reporting processes and implementation experience may assist Parties in ensuring that future assessments more accurately reflect the full range of implementation needs under the Protocol.

#### **V. Elements of a draft decision**

34. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol may wish to adopt elements of a decision along the following lines:<sup>8</sup>

*The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol,  
Recalling Article 25 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization,<sup>9</sup>*

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<sup>6</sup> [CBD/SBI/7/7](#).

<sup>7</sup> [CBD/SBI/7/7/Add.1](#).

<sup>8</sup> The present elements will be consolidated with those in recommendation [7/6 C](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation into a single draft decision.

<sup>9</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

*Having considered* the information on the Nagoya Protocol in the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>10,11</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and its programming directions and the support thereby made available to Parties for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, and expresses its appreciation to the countries that contributed to the replenishment;
2. *Also welcomes* the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;
3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Global Environment Facility to enhance the financial mechanism with respect to the Nagoya Protocol;
4. *Notes with appreciation* that the programming directions for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund reflect all elements of the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting<sup>12</sup> and thus demonstrate an effective response to the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties;
5. *Recognizes* the importance of ensuring the timely availability of financial resources for the preparation of national reports under the Nagoya Protocol;
6. *Encourages* efforts to facilitate early project development and implementation arrangements to support the preparation and submission of second national reports under the Nagoya Protocol;
7. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention give full consideration to the Nagoya Protocol in the terms of reference to be adopted for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism under the Convention;
8. *Invites* Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to contribute to and participate in the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

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<sup>10</sup> Ibid., vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>11</sup> [CBD/COP/17/5/Add.1](#).

<sup>12</sup> Decision [16/33](#), annex I.