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Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including implications for the programmes of work of the Convention

Decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 1 November 2024

16/11. Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions XI/13 C of 19 October 2012, XII/25 of 17 October 2014, 14/36 of 29 November 2018 and 15/19 of 19 December 2022,

Recalling also that, in paragraph 5 (e) of decision XII/25, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity[1] to bring the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the attention of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration with regard to the relevance of the findings for the work undertaken under the Convention and for the submission, as appropriate, of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the decision by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, at its tenth session, to undertake a fast-track methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people by its thirteenth session, a fast-track methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity by its fourteenth session and a scoping process for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services by its eleventh session,[2] with a view to producing the second global assessment by its fifteenth session, as part of the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030,

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.
[2] Decision IPBES-10/1 of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

Noting the ongoing close collaboration between the Secretariats of the Convention and of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the overview of previous and future assessments and, as appropriate, other deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including the schedule for consideration of deliverables by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice contained in the annex to document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3/Add.1;

2. *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;

3. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to consider the following request, inter alia, and in no particular order, regarding potential additional assessments in the rolling work programme of the Platform:

(a) An assessment of pollution and biodiversity;

(b) An assessment of cities and biodiversity;

(c) An assessment of biodiversity and poverty;

(d) An assessment of biodiversity and climate change;

4. *Also invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to explore ways to raise awareness of and include in its work matters related to the human rights-based approach, as relevant;

5. *Encourages* Parties to make use of, as appropriate, the assessments and deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,[3] to engage in the review processes for the preparation of the assessments and deliverables, where relevant, and to enhance communication, the sharing of information and coordination between the focal points of the Platform and of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To facilitate the participation of the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in meetings of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, where relevant;

(b) To update the overview of previous and future deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and their relevance in decision-making under the Convention, as contained in the annex to the present decision, to make it available on the website of the Secretariat of the Convention and to provide an update on joint activities between the Secretariat and the Platform at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in each intersessional period;

(c) To continue its close cooperation with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and to liaise with the Secretariat of the Platform, with a view to analysing and identifying further ways in which the Platform may contribute to the implementation of the Framework and to its global review of collective progress, including by identifying opportunities to make use of the deliverables for each of the four functions of the Platform, as appropriate.

[3] Decision 15/4, annex.

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 (2024–2030)

Session number and date of consideration by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services[a]	*Assessment*	*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*
Eleventh session (2024)	Thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health ("nexus assessment")[b]	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026)
	Thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity ("transformative change assessment")[c]	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026)
Twelfth session (2025)	Methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people ("business and biodiversity assessment")[d]	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026)
Thirteenth session (2026)	Methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people ("monitoring assessment")	Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2026), meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028) and eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028)
Fourteenth session (2027)	Methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2028)
Fifteenth session (2028)	Second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2030)
Sixteenth session (2029)	Assessment topic to be determined at the twelfth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	Meeting of the Subsidiary Body held before the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2030)

[a] The dates of future sessions are indicative.
[b] See https://ipbes.net/nexus.
[c] See https://ipbes.net/transformative-change.
[d] See https://ipbes.net/business-impact.