

Speaking note Sweden – SBSTTA24 item 3 GBF

Distinguished SBSTTA-Chair,

Distinguished Colleagues,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Sweden is committed to an ambitious and evidence-based Global Biodiversity Framework, and related Monitoring Framework, based on the messages of the IPBES assessments and reports, and of the GBO-5 and LBO-2. We believe the suggested GBF as described in the SBSTTA documents falls short of fully embracing these findings.

Sweden welcomes SBSTTA INF. document 9ⁱ, which offers a scientific evaluation of the level of ambition needed to achieve the CBD 2050 Vision, in terms of extent and integrity of natural ecosystems, extinction risk and abundance of species, and of genetic variation. The conclusion is that only a very high level of ambition would be sufficient.

Sweden believes that a science-based glossary for the GBF would be an important communication tool, and help to facilitate the further development of the GBF. Therefore SBSTTA INF. document 11ⁱⁱ on the terms and concepts used in the GBF should be subject to an expert review, and then be used as a basis for further negotiations.

Sweden welcomes the proposal for Headline Indicators, that all parties should use to report their progress towards the goals and targets of the GBF. We also support that the Headline Indicators should be supplemented by globally agreed and standardized indicators for each goal and target component, to be used by parties, if applicable, allowing comparability of the progress made on national level towards the specific goal and target components.

Sweden considers the proposed 48 Headline Indicators a starting point for further discussion, but adjustments or replacement of indicators are needed, as not all of them are appropriate or sufficient to cover the scope of the goals and targets and their components.

We find that the proposed indicator framework has several gaps, for example regarding genetic biodiversity and ecosystem restoration, and several indicators need to be improved or further developed.

Finally, Sweden is of the opinion that indicators that reflect overarching issues such as human rights, gender-responsiveness, intergenerational equity, customary sustainable use and the recognition of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, in line with Article 8 (j)ⁱⁱⁱ and 10 (c), and the full and effective participation of IPLCs, women, girls and youth, are not sufficiently reflected in the monitoring framework. Relevant stakeholder and rights holders should be engaged in the further development of indicators.

Thank you Chair!

ⁱ *CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/9. Synthesizing the scientific evidence to inform the development of the post-2020 global framework on biodiversity*

ⁱⁱ *CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/11: Annotations for terms and concepts used in the language of interim updated post-2020 goals and targets*

ⁱⁱⁱ *The future mandate of WG8J and its renewed work program will play a key role in the continued work to further develop relevant indicators for IPLC related targets and goals of the GBF.*