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# **Modular reporting against the Aichi Biodiversity Targets**

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## 2 Projects:

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- **Analysis of the national reporting processes in agreements relevant for biodiversity – with emphasis on the CBD**
  - Identification of categories of information with a high potential for reducing duplication;
  - Relevance of information submitted through existing reporting processes for the assessment of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- **Elements for a modular reporting against the Aichi Biodiversity Targets - Informing the development of the 6th national reporting guidelines under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**
  - Propositions for the development of elements for modular reporting guidelines under the CBD;
  - Identification of elements of relevant processes that could inform the development of GBO-5.



# Analysis of the national reporting processes - background

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- **Based on a selection of conventions, agreements, processes agreed among the respective Swiss National Focal Points:**

**Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Cartagena Protocol, Nagoya Protocol, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), Eurobats, Aquatic Warbler MoU, Raptors MoU, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and World Heritage Convention (WHC). Further, the reporting process for the first report on the State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture (SoWBFAs) taken into account.**

- **Analysis conducted on the basis of national reporting formats already completed by Switzerland in recent years (with exception of the Nagoya Protocol)**

# Categories of information:

	AEWA	Aquatic Warbler	Bern Convention	Biosafety Protocol	CBD	CITES	CMS	Eurobats	ITPGRFA <sup>20</sup>	Nagoya Protocol <sup>21</sup>	Ramsar	Raptors <sup>22</sup>	SoWBFA	UNFF	WHC
<b>Structure to report against:</b>			2	4											
Objective(s) of a convention				X	X						X		Na	X	X
Articles of a convention					X	X	X	X	X	X			Na		
Selected articles of a convention			X		X							X	Na		
Strategic plan/Action Plan	X	X			X	X	X				X	X	Na		
Decisions/Resolutions				X			X	X					Na		
<b>Information to be provided:</b>															
General/Institutional	X			X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
Legislative/policy measures	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Compliance and enforcement measures	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Conservation of Ecosystems		X		X	X			X			X		X	X	
Species conservation	X	X		X	X		X	X				X	X		
IAS	X			X	X						X		X		
Conservation of genetic resources					X				X				X		
Capacity building	X		X			X					X				
Cooperation	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Financial information/incentive measures	X				X				X		X			X	
Priorities / areas of future Work						X	X						X		X
Case studies (success-stories)				X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X

**Bold:** Categories including important amount of duplicated information

<sup>[1]</sup> Standard reporting format pursuant to section v.1 of the procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance; included in Resolution 9/2013 Rev.1, annex 2

<sup>[2]</sup> A draft reporting template is included in document UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/1/3

<sup>[3]</sup> Preliminary draft format

# Is the information pertinent for the assessment of progress towards the Aichi Targets?

Aichi Target	Assessment of the Aichi Targets: relevant information included in national reports	SDG
	Aquatic Warbler: Activities implemented to raise awareness for conservation needs in favour of the Aquatic Warbler	<a href="#">Goal 1</a>
	CMS: Actions to increase awareness of the relevance of CMS in the context of biodiversity conservation, list of activities implemented for education & awareness rising (per species listed in annex I)	<a href="#">Goal 11</a> <a href="#">Goal 12</a>
	CITES: Detailed list on capacity building activities	
	Eurobats: List of important activities to promote the awareness of the importance of bats	
	Ramsar: Recognition of the role of the convention, list of activities, publications etc.	
	Raptors: Activities to raise awareness for the conservation of bird of preys	
	SoWBFA: List of education programmes	
	UNFF: List of activities to raise importance of forests and SFM, list of actions to increase public awareness	
	<b>Assessment:</b> Many national reports include information about awareness raising activities conducted by Parties. This information is useful for documenting awareness raising activities for selected parts of biodiversity, does, however, not provide a comprehensive overview. Additional information is needed.	
		CMS: Impact of habitat destruction on migratory species (birds, aquatic mammals, reptiles, terrestrial mammals, fish), list of actions taken to overcome these obstacles
Eurobats: Consideration given to critical habitats (underground sites, bat roots in buildings, importance of the landscape), list of transboundary programmes for bat habitats		<a href="#">Goal 15</a>
Ramsar (national reports): Information on the implementation of integrated water resource management		
Raptors: Indications on management and sustainable use of habitats		
SoWBFA: State and trends of wild resources used for food, management practices impacting/in favour of biodiversity for food and agriculture, list of practices negatively impacting biodiversity, list of landscape based initiatives to protect/recognise areas of land		
UNFF: List of activities implemented to reverse loss of forest cover/ enhance quality of forests		
<b>Assessment:</b> Substantial information is available for migratory species (CMS family), Wetlands (Ramsar), forests (UNFF) and agriculture (SoWBFA). Information is deficient for mountain ecosystems and drylands.		

	Almost complete	Partially	Gap		Almost complete	Partially	Gap
		X				X	
			X			X	
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# Indicative overview of the periodicity of the reporting obligations:

Agreement	Cycle	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
UNFF	2 years	X		X		X		X
CMS	3 years	X			X			X
Ramsar (National Reports)	3 years	X			X			X
Eurobats	4 years*	X				X		
CBD	4 years*	X					X	
Aquatic Warbler	2 years*		X		X		X	
Bern Convention (Biennial Report)	2 years		X		X		X	
CITES (Biennial Report)	2 years		X		X		X	
AEWA	3 years		X			X		
Biosafety Protocol	4 years*		X				X	
Ramsar (Information Sheets)	6 years		X					
Raptors	tbd		X					
SoWBFA	tbd		X					
Bern Convention (Quadrennial Report)	4 years				X			
Nagoya Protocol (National Report) <sup>2</sup>	tbd					X <sup>3</sup>		
WHC	6 years						X	

\* The periodicity of the meeting has become established practice, but is defined through CoP/MoP decisions.



## Conclusions of the project:

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**The analysis of the content of national reports submitted in recent years confirms the potential for consolidated reporting:**

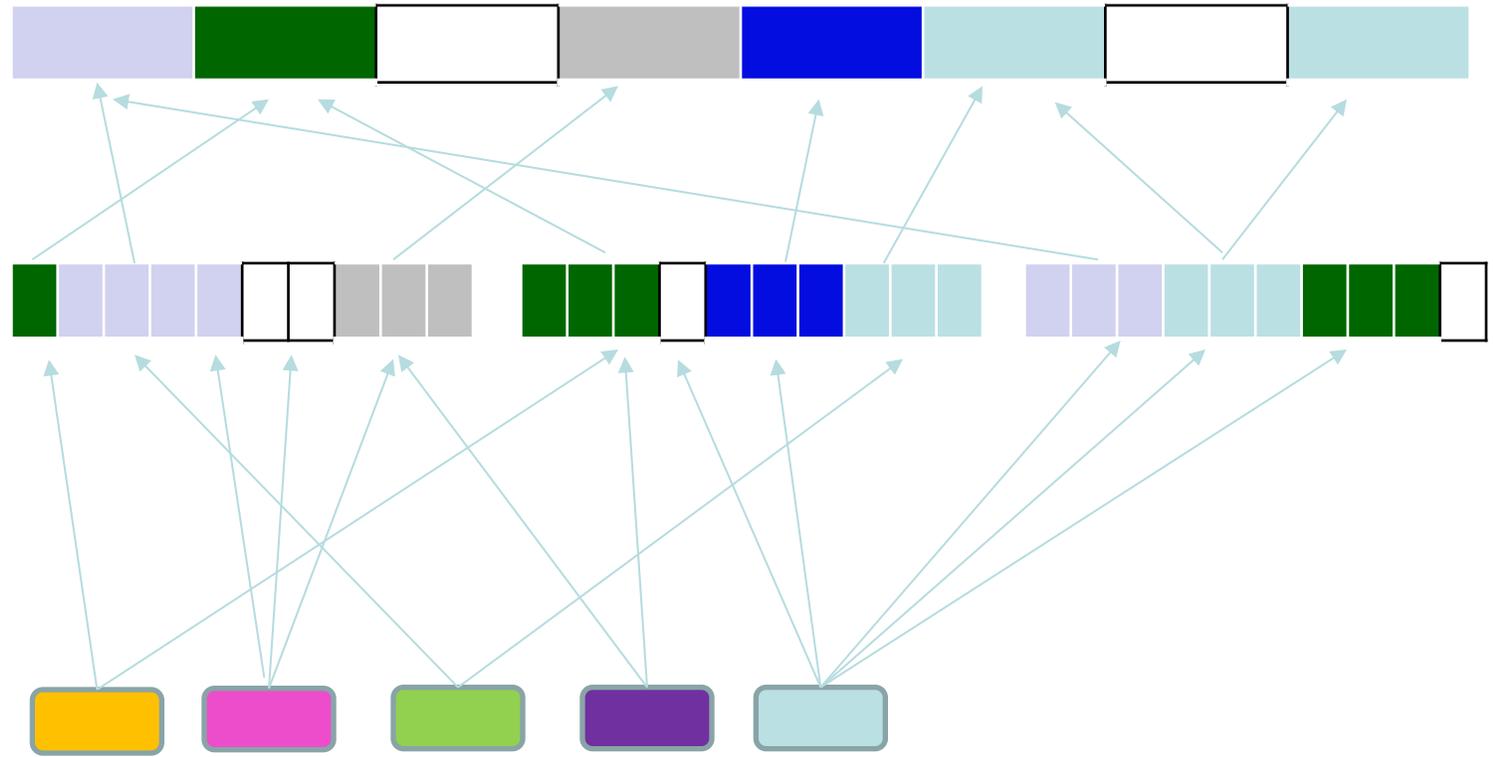
- ✓ **Untapped potential for consolidated reporting is identified regarding general information for country profiles, information about legislative and policy frameworks, strategies and planning, compliance and enforcement measures as well as regarding cooperation.**
- ✓ **Each of the reports analyzed, includes information relevant for the assessment of the progress towards the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including its Aichi Targets.**

# Modular reporting

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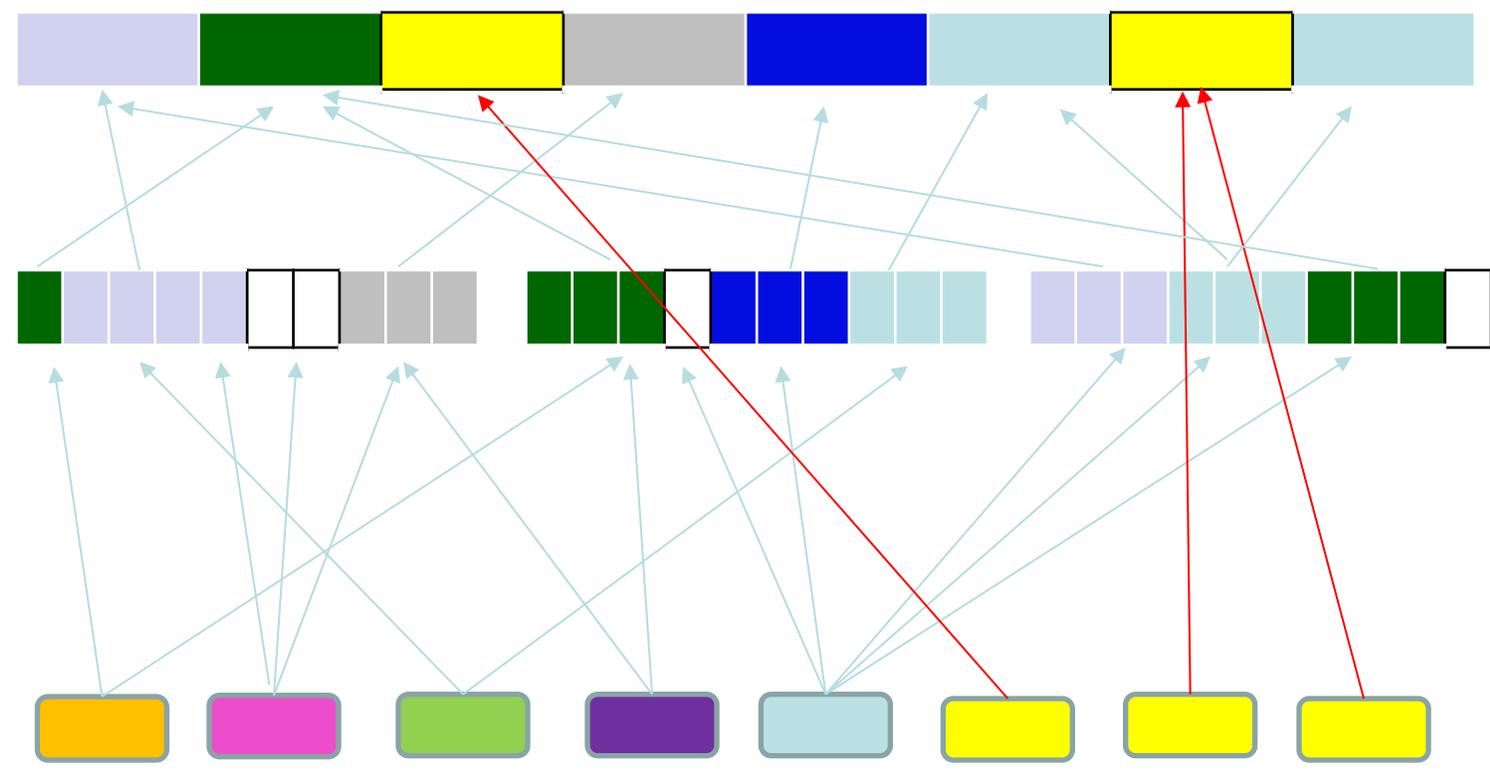


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CBD 6th National Report



# Elements for a modular reporting against the Aichi Targets

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## *Informing the development of the 6th national reporting guidelines under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)*

### ➤ **Outcomes:**

- A document with draft elements for modular reporting guidelines. Parties are able to more effectively coordinate their work in fulfilling reporting requirements to multiple conventions
- The document showcases how existing reports and reporting processes for a range of intergovernmental agreements can effectively be used in reviewing the contributions to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the national level as well as globally, e.g. through the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.



# Review of intergovernmental assessment and reporting processes 2015-2020

## Projected timeline for future assessments

The dates below are only indicative and reflect the information that has been made available by each one of the corresponding organisations. Note that only the assessments for which there is an agreed deadline are included in this table.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>The second report on the SoW of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture (FAO)</b>		The SoW of the world's biodiversity for food and agriculture (FAO)	IPBES Regional/Sub-regional Assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services	IPBES Global Assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services	GBO-5 (CBD)
<b>The World Ocean Assessment (UN)</b>		The SoW of aquatic genetic resources for food and agriculture (FAO)	GEO-6 (UNEP)		Global forest resources assessment (FAO)
					The Third Report on the SoW of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (FAO)

[SoW](#): State of world's...

## How work is to be continued?

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- Review of the information included in national reports and intergovernmental assessments and analyse their potential relevance to assessment of progress in achieving the ABTs and their component elements;
- Presentation of the results through a mapping of the relationship between the information categories compiled through the assessments, and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and their component elements;
- Identify knowledge gaps that need to be filled by the CBD 6<sup>th</sup> National reports;
- **Presentation of the findings during a side-event at SBSTTA-20.**

This is an ambitious project. Special thanks my colleagues from UNEP-WCMC: **Katharina Bieberstein, Mads Christensen, Daniela Guaras** and **Jerry Harrison** deserve my sincere thanks for their great commitment!