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COMMITTEE TO THE CLEARING-HOUSE
MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM

1. The present note is a compilation of recent recommendations related to the clearing-house mechanism that will be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting. These recommendations are grouped by tables, as follows:

(a) Table 1 contains recommendations from the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 5);

(b) Table 2 contains recommendations from the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 18);

(c) Table 3 contains recommendations from the third meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ICNP 3).

(d) Table 4 contains additional recommendations found elsewhere.

2. Each table is structured as follows:

(a) The first column (“Ref.”) contains a reference, typically a paragraph number/character within the scope of a recommendation number;

(b) The second column (“Text”) is the official text related to the clearing-house mechanism;

(c) The third column (“To”) indicates to whom the recommendation element is addressed.

Table 1. CHM-related recommendations from WGRI 5		
<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
5/2	Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its Protocols	
	<i>The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention</i>	
1.	Requests the Executive Secretary:	
1 (e)	To complete the ongoing development of the online reporting tool of the clearing-house mechanism in order to make it fully operational as a component of the official website of the Convention on Biological Diversity;	ES
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
11.	With a view to enabling the Conference of the Parties, at each of its meetings through 2020, to review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in line with paragraph 3 (e) of decision X/2, invites Parties and other Governments, on a voluntary basis, to make available, information on progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and related national targets and on indicators and approaches towards assessing progress, including through use of the online reporting tool of the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, and requests the Executive Secretary to report on that voluntary exercise to the Conference of the Parties;	Parties
5/8	Biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development	
A.	<i>Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development</i>	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
7.	Encourages Parties, other Governments, international organizations, and other relevant stakeholders, and indigenous and local communities to identify best practices and lessons learned, on integrating biodiversity, poverty eradication, and development, that can contribute to advancing poverty eradication and development, and to share this information using the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and, as appropriate, other relevant ways;	Parties, IGOs, ILCs & others
8.	Encourages Parties, other Governments, international organizations, relevant stakeholders and indigenous and local communities to take steps to identify and overcome barriers to the implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties, such as lack of cross-sector coordination, resources and political prioritization, in order to effectively integrate biodiversity, poverty eradication and development, and to share lessons learned and the approaches or methods used to overcome barriers using the clearing-house mechanism;	Parties, IGOs, ILCs & others

Table 1. CHM-related recommendations from WGRI 5		
<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
5/9	Retirement of decisions	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
2.	Also decides to refocus the exercise of retiring decisions, using an online decision tracking tool to be developed and maintained in the clearing house mechanism, with a view to supporting the review of existing decisions and improving the development and adoption of new decisions;	
3.	Requests the Executive Secretary:	
3 (a)	To develop, by building on existing tools, as appropriate, and maintain an online decision tracking tool in the clearing-house mechanism with a view to supporting the review of existing decisions and improving the development and adoption of new decisions;	ES
5/11	Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	
	<i>The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention</i>	
2.	Requests the Executive Secretary to compile a list of draft recommendations prepared for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties regarding capacity-building for revising and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and the clearing-house mechanism in order to provide an overview for further consideration by Parties at its twelfth meeting;	ES
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
A	<i>Provision of support for revising and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans and capacity-building</i>	
4.	Requests the Executive Secretary:	
4 (c)	To promote the use of available mechanisms, including the clearing-house mechanism, to further enhance capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;	ES

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<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
B	<i>Technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer</i>	
1.	<i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with partners, taking into account and avoiding duplication with other efforts, such as those of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and subject to the availability of resources, to enhance technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer under the Convention, with a view to supporting the effective implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, by, inter alia:	ES
1 (a)	Facilitating the communication of technical and scientific needs and priorities of Parties, utilizing the clearing-house mechanism and other appropriate means;	ES
1 (b)	Further enhancing the availability and accessibility of information with respect to best practices and expertise for technical and scientific cooperation to make it more readily and effectively available through the clearing-house mechanism and other appropriate means;	ES
2.	Encourages developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, as well as indigenous and local communities, to make available information regarding their technical and scientific needs and priorities and needs for technology transfer, in particular through the clearing-house mechanism;	Parties (DC, LDC, SIDS & EIT) & ILCs
3.	Encourages Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, stakeholders and other entities, taking into account and avoiding duplication with other efforts, to participate in and contribute to technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer under the Convention, and in particular:	Parties, org. & others
3 (a)	To share, including through the clearing-house mechanism, as appropriate, information on good practices and the provision of expertise for technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer;	Parties, org. & others
C.	<i>Clearing-house mechanism</i>	
1.	Invites Parties and other users to submit information through the central clearing-house mechanism and to provide user feedback whenever possible;	Parties & users
2.	Strongly encourages Parties to accelerate the establishment and development of their national clearing-house mechanisms where they have not done so;	Parties
3.	Invites the Global Environment Facility, Parties and other donors to continue to provide financial support for sharing information and knowledge through the clearing-house mechanism, including for content preparation and translation;	GEF, Parties & donors
4.	Requests the Executive Secretary to continue developing the information services of the central clearing-house mechanism, taking into account user feedback as well as recommendations from the informal advisory committee to the clearing-house mechanism;	ES

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
5.	Also requests the Executive Secretary to develop a web strategy to ensure that all information common or relevant to the clearing-house mechanism, the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and the Biosafety Clearing-House, as well as other platforms developed under the Convention, such as the NBSAP Forum, the website for ecologically and biologically significant marine areas and any future similar developments, can be accessed centrally to avoid duplication of efforts, and to provide this strategy to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, for its consideration at its sixth meeting, or to its successor body, in preparation for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.	ES
5/12	Report on an updated Gender Plan of Action to 2020 and progress in gender mainstreaming, monitoring and evaluation and indicators	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
7.	Requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant partners, to collect case studies and best practices, including those from indigenous and local communities, on monitoring, evaluation and indicators on gender mainstreaming regarding biodiversity, including information on biodiversity tailored for women and participatory models, including women in a meaningful, timely and effective manner, and to disseminate it through the clearing-house mechanism;	ES (with partners, incl. ILCs)

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
XVIII/2	Progress in achieving the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
4.	Urges Parties and invites other Governments, members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and other stakeholders to enhance their efforts to implement the Strategy by promoting and facilitating communication, coordination and partnerships between all relevant sectors, including through improved use of the clearing-house mechanism, as well as the following:	Parties, GPPC
7.	Encourages Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to continue sharing relevant examples and case studies, including those made available by Parties through their fifth national reports, through the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation toolkit (www.plants2020.net) and the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and to draw on the available tools and guidance when planning and implementing plant conservation, as appropriate.	Parties

Table 2. CHM-related recommendations from SBSTTA 18		
<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
XVIII/4	Marine and coastal biodiversity: other matters	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
	<i>Impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity</i>	
4.	Requests the Executive Secretary:	
4 (b)	To compile and synthesize relevant scientific and technical information concerning the elements specified in paragraph 3 above, as well as information on related measures taken and best practice examples, provided by Parties, other Governments and competent organizations, and to make this compilation available as information for a future meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to disseminating the results of the synthesis, including successful experiences, through the clearing-house mechanism or other means;	ES
XVIII/5	Management of risks associated with introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, and related issues	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
3.	Invites Parties, Governments and other relevant bodies to make available relevant information, including the results of risk assessments on invasive alien species and lists of species, through clearing-house mechanisms and/or the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership;	Parties, Gov. & others
	<i>Annex - Guidance on devising and implementing measures to address the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food</i>	
	<i>Information sharing</i>	
21.	States should maintain lists of species with the assessed potential to become invasive and associated with unacceptable risks for biodiversity and make it available through clearing-house mechanisms.	Parties
XVIII/7	New and emerging issues: synthetic biology	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
[6.]	[Requests the Executive Secretary to make available the information reported in accordance with paragraphs x and y above through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other means;]	ES

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
XVIII/9	The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
3.	Requests the Executive Secretary:	
3 (d)	To make available, through the clearing-house mechanism, information on progress in the implementation of the work programme 2014-2018 of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including the global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services to be launched in 2018, and to bring this information to the attention of the Subsidiary Body, as appropriate;	ES
3 (e)	To make available, through the clearing-house mechanism, deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services as they become available, with a view to sharing knowledge on biodiversity issues and integrating and mainstreaming these issues into national policy processes, where appropriate;	ES

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
3/4	Modalities of operation of the access and benefit-sharing clearing-house (Article 14, paragraph 4)	
	<i>The Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization</i>	
5.	Requests the Executive Secretary to make the information on access and benefit-sharing measures, competent national authorities, and national focal points currently hosted on the website of the Convention on Biological Diversity available in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House as draft records; and invites Parties to validate and publish the draft records in order to ensure that all national records in the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House are up-to-date and have been validated by the publishing authority by the time of entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol;	ES

Table 3. CHM-related recommendations from ICNP 3		
<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
3/5	Measures to assist in capacity-building and development and the strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol</i>	
8.	Requests the Executive Secretary to:	
8 (b)	Ensure that information on capacity-building and development needs, opportunities and activities can be submitted to and accessed from all platforms under the Convention so that access and benefit-sharing capacity development activities are integrated into the global capacity development activities under the Convention;	ES

Table 4. CHM-related recommendations from other sources		
<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>To</i>
	UNEP/CBD/COP/12/12 Progress report on communication, education and public awareness and United Nations decade on biodiversity	
VII.	DRAFT DECISION	
	<i>The Conference of the Parties</i>	
1.	Calls upon Parties	
(a)	To conduct surveys at the level of the general public, as well as for key target groups, on the level of public awareness of biodiversity, its value and the steps that can be taken to conserve and sustainably use it and share the results through the clearing-house mechanism prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;	Parties