

Overview of the Guidelines for the Sixth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity

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Background

Article 26: The objective of national reporting is to provide information on measures taken for the implementation of the Convention and the effectiveness of these measures

Decision X/2: Monitor and review the implementation of NBSAPs in accordance with the Strategic Plan and national targets and report through 5NR and 6NR; Analyse/synthesize national, regional and other actions, including targets, to assess the contribution of such national and regional targets towards the global targets



Process

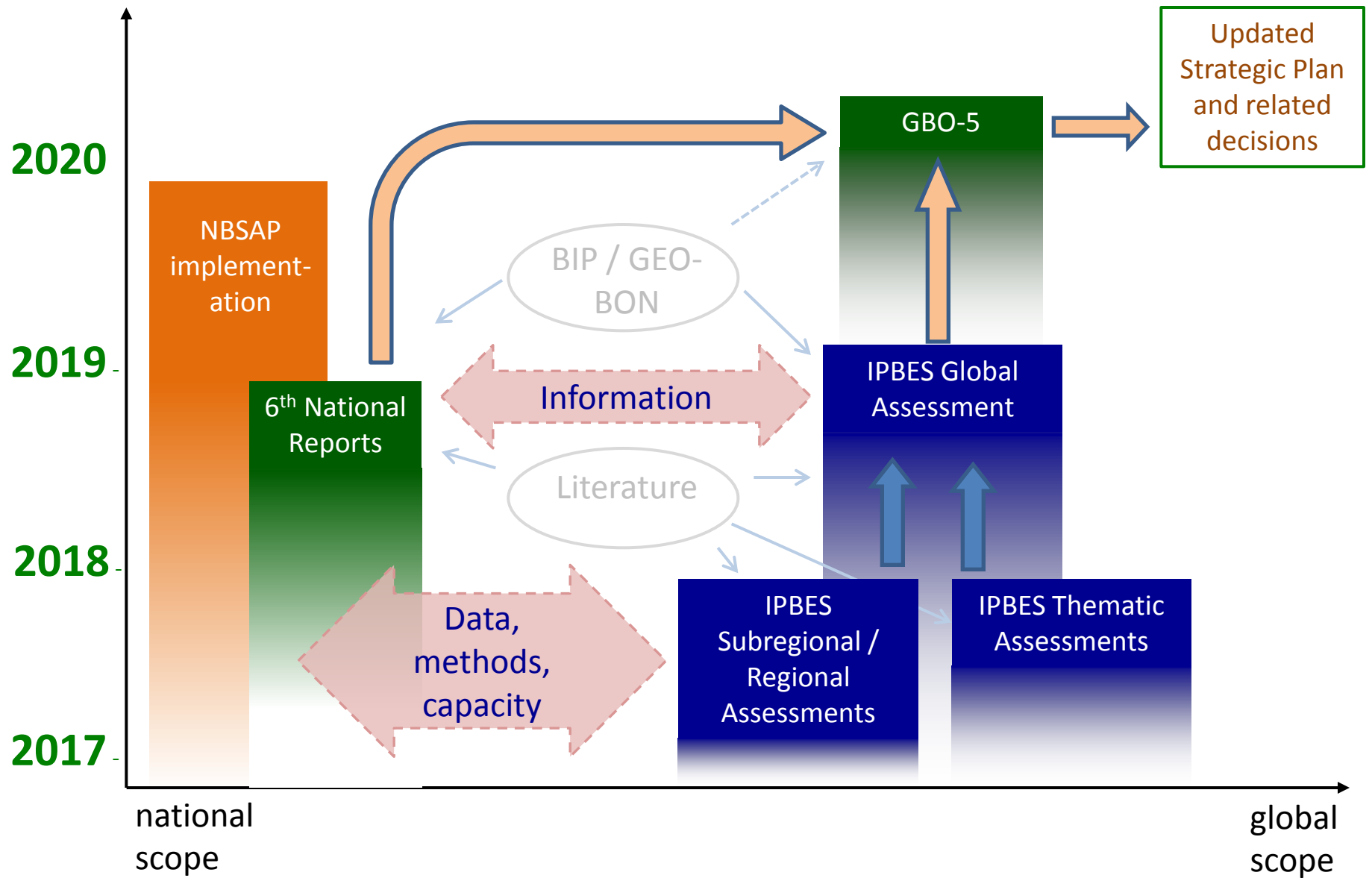
Draft guidelines: Prepared on the basis of experiences with previous reports, informal consultations, meetings, side events, testing of online tool etc.

Consideration by SBSTTA-20 and SBI-1:

SBI recommendation 1/10 took note of draft guidelines and requested a further round of review

Review: June 2016: over 50 individual comments from 9 Parties

COP13: Expected to adopt the guidelines on the basis of the draft contained in UNEP/CBD/COP/13/2 (Item 19 of the provisional agenda)





Reporting format

Mix of free text and multiple choice questions to collect information on:

- Progress towards national biodiversity targets
- Effectiveness of the NBSAP implementation measures taken, the identification of lessons learned, and of technical, scientific and capacity needs, as well as needs for implementation support
- National contributions towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the targets of the GSPC



Six sections:

Section I. Information on the targets being pursued at the national level

Section II. NBSAP implementation measures taken, assessment of their effectiveness, associated obstacles and scientific and technical needs

Section III. Assessment of progress towards each national target

Section IV. Description of the national contribution to the achievement of each Aichi Biodiversity Target

Section V. Description of the national contribution to the achievement of the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (completion of this section is optional)

Section VI. Updated biodiversity country profiles



Section I: Targets being pursued at the national level

- Has your country adopted national targets?
- At which level do they apply?
- How do these relate to the Aichi Targets?

Decision X/2: Urges Parties to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan and its Aichi Targets, as a flexible framework, in accordance with national priorities and capacities... with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets



Section II: Implementation measures, their effectiveness, and associated obstacles or needs

- What measures have been taken to implement the NBSAP and/or to attain national biodiversity targets?
- How effective have these measures been in achieving desired outcomes?
- What needs or obstacles have been identified or encountered when taking these measures?

Article 26: Parties are to submit national reports to the COP on measures taken and their effectiveness



Section III: Assessment of progress towards national targets

- Progress in implementation of targets using pre defined categories and supporting information:
 - Relevant information
 - Indicators
 - Tools
 - Monitoring information
 - Level of confidence

Decision XII/29:...invites Parties 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



Section IV: Description of the national contribution to the achievement of each Aichi Biodiversity Target

- Description of how and to what extent Parties have contributed to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Description of how and to what extent these contributions support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Decision XII/29:...invites Parties to make available information on progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets



Section V. Description of national contributions to the achievement of the GSPC (optional)

- Description of how and to what extent Parties have contributed to the attainment of the GSPC Targets

Decision X/17: Decides to pursue the implementation of the GSPC as part of the broader framework of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020



Section VI: Updated biodiversity country profiles

- Update of country profile accessible from <https://www.cbd.int/countries/>:
 - Status and trends of biodiversity,
 - Main pressures and drivers of change
 - Implementation of the NBSAP
 - Actions taken to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
 - Support mechanisms for national implementation
 - Monitoring and review mechanisms



Online reporting tool

- Developed to facilitate the reporting process
- Will be available in six UN languages and its use is optional
- Allows multiple national users with one authorized publishing authority
- Drafts can be saved
- Some fields automatically filled
- Allows for information to be published as available/to be updated as needed
- Accessible from <https://chm.cbd.int/>

Sixth National Report

English ▾

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Information on the targets being pursued at the national level

The first section of the sixth national report guidelines seeks to collect information on the national targets that countries have adopted in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (paragraph 3(b) of decision X/2). The targets reported in this section will be used in other sections of the reporting guidelines. If Parties decide to prepare their national report with the online reporting tool, some of sections of the national report will be completed automatically based on the information entered in section I. If your country has set and/or adopted national targets or equivalent commitments related to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 please use the following template to describe them. Please complete this template for each of your country's national targets. National targets entered in this section will be linked to section III so that progress in their implementation can be assessed. If your country has not set or adopted any national targets related to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 please indicate so in the first box and move to section II

General information

Country *

Please select country ▾

- My country has adopted national biodiversity targets or equivalent commitments in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets ⓘ
- My country has not adopted national biodiversity targets and is reporting progress using the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. (Move to section II. In section III, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets should be considered as the national targets and progress should be assessed towards their achievement in the national context.) ⓘ



Assessment of the effectiveness of the implementation measure taken in achieving desired outcomes

Please indicate the effectiveness of the measure in bringing about the change anticipated. Anticipated changes could include, among other things, changes to the status and trends of biodiversity, changes to the drivers of biodiversity loss, changes in behaviour, or changes in policies.

- ☒ - Measure taken has been effective
- ☐ - Measure taken has been partially effective
- ☐ - Measure taken has been ineffective
- ☐ - Unknown

Please explain the selection and where possible indicate the tools or methodology used for the assessment of effectiveness above

Please provide substantiating information for the selection above on the measure's effectiveness. For example, this could include information related to changes to the status and trends of biodiversity or changes to pressures on biodiversity or the drivers of its loss. It could also include changes to socio-economic conditions, such as awareness of biodiversity, changes in resource availability, changes to government policies, or changes in the behaviour of major sectors in the country.

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Relevant websites, links, and files

(Please use this field to indicate any relevant websites, web links or documents where additional information related to this assessment can be found). Please provide any relevant documents or web links to additional information related to the assessment of the effectiveness of the measures taken. For example, this could include directly attaching scientific articles, providing web links and publication citations.

 Add link

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Other relevant information

Including case studies to illustrate how the measure taken has resulted in (or is expected to result in) outcomes that contribute to the implementation of the NBSAP. Please provide any relevant documents or web links to additional information, such as case studies related to the measures taken. Elements of case studies could include a brief introduction to the topic or problem, a description of what is being done to address it, information on which actors are involved, information on why the issue is relevant to the national targets or the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and overall conclusions and lessons learned. Case studies can also be accompanied by figures, maps and pictures.

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Resource Manual:

Assist Parties in preparing their sixth national reports and complements the national report guidelines (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/21)

Incorporated into the online reporting tool for the sixth national report

Provides guidance on:

- Reporting requests from COP, SBSTTA and SBI
- Related reporting and assessment processes
- Indicators and information managed or maintained by international organizations.
- Guiding questions



Aichi poster tool

- Summary of progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
 - National or project level
 - List of national targets
 - Key activities undertaken
 - Level of progress made
 - Tool to facilitate consultations
 - Tool to communicate results





Next steps

- Reporting guidelines including reporting templates to be adopted at COP13
- Final reporting guidelines and online reporting tool available in early 2017
- Capacity building plan to support the preparation of the sixth national reports finalized and implemented from 2017



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