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Dear Mrs. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema Greetings from International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
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Following the notification SCBD/IMS/JMF/JC/MC/90056 (4 April 2022) the IIFB has a great pleasure to submit its views on the following items, as annex of this letter:

- National reporting under the Convention: Revised guidance and draft template for the seventh and eighth national reports (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.1/Amend.1) (ANNEX C)
- Draft guidance for updating or revising national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4) (ANNEX A)
- Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5) (ANNEX D)
- Commitments from actors other than national governments in the context of an enhanced planning, monitoring, review and reporting mechanism (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.6) (ANNEX B)

Many thanks for your attention.

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National reporting under the Convention: Revised guidance and draft template for the seventh and eighth national reports (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.1/Amend.1) (ANNEX C)

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Revised guidance and template for the seventh and eighth reports contained in annex to CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD1/AMEND1

Advanced comments on the draft documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation	
Scope of this template for comments	Revised guidance and template for the seventh and eighth national reports, contained in annex to the document CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD1/AMEND1 which includes a draft of Annex C to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5. This template aims to collect feedback on that Annex.
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Comments	
<i>Please provide any general comments on the structure of the draft template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as well as the introduction to the template.</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The process for updating and revising NBSAPs to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should also reference expert guidance provided to Parties, including OHCHR guidance <i>Integrating Human Rights in Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans</i>, March 2022 (Available at: https://www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Integrating-Human-Rights-in-NBSAP.pdf) 	



2. Many indicators relevant to monitor IPLC contributions would not qualify as headline indicators. IIFB would like to seek clarification on the relationship between the different levels of indicators as reflected in para. 3 and para. 11 of CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.1/Amend.1. We also recommend the following suggestion:

- In para. 3 of the annex (page 2), in the last sentence, we suggest the following text change;

Para 3...Parties should use the headline indicators of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in assessing their progress at the national level.¹ They may also wish to use the component and complementary indicators, and other national indicators, **as well as indicators relevant to indigenous peoples and local communities**, as relevant and appropriate.

3. In general, terminology used for non-state actors should be consistent across all documents, and recognise the specific circumstances of rights-holders. . In paragraphs where only “stakeholders” is used, we suggest to include “rightsholders”, to recognize indigenous peoples and local communities.
4. Involvement of rightsholders and stakeholders in the preparation of the national reports is crucial to ensure responsibility and transparency. Aside from participation of IPLCs and stakeholders in the national reporting process, we also suggest that reports by IPLCs such as those generated from community-based monitoring information systems (CBMIS) like Indigenous Navigator be also be considered in the formulation of national reports. We suggest the following text changes in red on para. 5 of the annex:

Para 5. Further to decision 14/27, in which the Conference of the Parties decided that the submission of the next reports under the Convention and its Protocols would be synchronized, Parties should involve the respective national focal points for the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols (if different from the primary national focal point for the Convention) in the preparation of the seventh and eighth national reports. In addition, Parties ~~are encouraged to involve~~ **should ensure involvement of relevant rightsholders and** stakeholders in the preparation of their seventh and eighth national reports. This includes representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, subnational governments, representatives of relevant sectors, national statistical offices, business, academia, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations. Parties are also encouraged to involve the national focal points of the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions, in addition to the national focal points for the Sustainable Development Goals and other relevant international and regional conventions. Parties are further encouraged to use national reports, reviews or communications submitted under these conventions and in connection with the Sustainable Development Goals, **as well as those generated by indigenous peoples and local communities through tools such as community based monitoring and information systems and Indigenous Navigator**, as an important basis for assessing progress in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

5. We agree that contributions, like those from IPLCs, may come from outside the voluntary commitments to the Sharm El Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda. To reinforce this, we have a specific text suggestion to the introductory text of Section V. (see text change on template

¹ CBD/WG2020/3/3/Add.1.



below), and to further highlight contributions of IPLCs, we suggest the following text change in Para. 6 of the annex:

Para. 6 The actions taken by non-state actors, **especially indigenous peoples and local communities**, will also contribute to implementation of national and global targets and, therefore, should be reflected in the national report where relevant and appropriate, including the voluntary commitments made in the context of the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People.

6. We suggest that a new section be added to the template, which details the progress of elements contained in Sections H-K and Section Bbis.. It would also be reflected as follows in text in the annex, para.7 as follows:

The seventh and eighth national reports contain five sections:

Section I Executive summary of the report;

Section II Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report;

Section III Status of the updated or revised national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in the light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;²

Section IV Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals;

Section V Assessment of progress towards the 2030 action targets;

Section VI. Assessment of progress on [guidance on implementation], enabling conditions, implementation support mechanisms, responsibility and transparency, outreach awareness and uptake

Annex Responses to requests related to the seventh national report contained in respective decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.³

Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template:

Section	Comment
I	<i>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section I. Executive summary of the seventh and eighth national reports.</i> None.
II	<i>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report</i> The activities listed under this process should be the bare minimum for a participatory and whole-of society approach in the preparation of national reports. We therefore suggest the following text suggestion in the red:

² This section may not be needed for the eighth national report.

³ List of the information to be included in the seventh national report and the list to be updated for the eighth national report according to relevant decisions at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.



	<p>Please briefly describe the process undertaken for the preparation of this report (responses should include the following, suggested word count: 100-300 words):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordination mechanisms employed (if applicable); ○ Consultations undertaken at various levels for preparing this report; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focal points for related conventions, Sustainable Development Goals and relevant agreements/processes; ○ Indigenous peoples and local communities engaged and involved; ○ Women’s groups engaged and involved; ○ Youth groups/organizations involved ○ Subnational and local governments engaged and involved; ○ Economic and other sectors engaged and involved; ○ Research institutions / academics; ○ Media / communications sector; ○ Other partners and stakeholders engaged and involved; ○ Plan for using the report for communication and outreach activities as well as national planning process. <p>Furthermore Parties should be encouraged to include the specific organization that participated in the process, and elaborate on the process of the report, as well as well as specify what is related to these different rightsholders and stakeholders, in the template or perhaps in an annex document.</p>
III	<p><i>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section III. Status of the updated or revised NBSAP in the light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (This section is for the seventh national report only)</i></p>
IV	<p><i>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If milestones are retained in the Global Biodiversity Framework, then associated milestone indicators should be reported Section IV.



V	<p><i>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be consistent with para. 6, which states that contributions from non-state actors may not only come from those voluntarily committed in the Sharm El Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda, such as other local collective actions by IPLCs, we propose the following text change in red: <p>Please use the following template to report on progress in the implementation of national ambitions/targets and the extent to which the implementation of these national targets has contributed or is contributing to the achievement of each action target for 2030 included in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. If needed, templates can be replicated for all national targets developed in line with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It should be noted that assessment of national progress and contributions could draw on information related to implementation of the Convention, NBSAPs or similar strategies and plans, as well as actions taken by relevant sectors and stakeholders and indigenous peoples and local communities to contribute to the implementation of the Convention, including through to implementing their voluntary commitments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The cross-cutting nature of participation of IPLCs, women and youth should also be translated into the national reporting template. We therefore suggest that an additional row be included to reflect their contributions, after the row on “Please describe how the implementation of this national target has contributed to or is contributing to achieving the associated global target (suggested word count: 100- 300 words).”. It should read as: <p>“Please provide details of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and relevant stakeholders have contributed to the achievement of this target.”</p>
New Section VI	<p>We suggest the following text for the introduction of the section:</p> <p>“Please provide below an assessment of progress on the [guidance on implementation], enabling conditions, implementation support mechanisms, responsibility and transparency, outreach awareness and uptake</p> <p>We suggest that the template for this section then include a two column table, containing the identified sections Bbis, H-K in the first column, and blank cells for answers in the second column</p>

Draft guidance for updating or revising national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4) (ANNEX A)

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 4

Advanced comments on the draft documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation



Scope of this template for comments	Guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4 which includes a draft version of Annex A to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5.
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<p>Please provide any general comments on the national biodiversity strategy and action plan guidance.</p> <p>The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) welcomes the development of a guidance for updating or revising NBSAPs, including its template, in the light of the post-2020 GBF. Underlining the importance of the whole-of-society approach, we believe that this is an opportunity for Parties to take into account the full, equitable and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in the work of the Convention and in national planning, implementation, reporting and review process.</p> <p>Recalling Decision 14/8 which defined rights holders as actors with legal or customary rights to natural resources and land, in accordance with natural legislation and stakeholders are actors with interest and concerns over natural resources and land, the IIFB would like to be consistently referred as rights holders and proposes the adoption of these definition in the document and in the post-2020 GBF glossary.</p> <p>Further, the IIFB calls for the recognition of the IPLCs initiatives on community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS) as a collective and participatory process of generating, analyzing, monitoring and evaluating data as a powerful tool to link traditional knowledge, science and policy.</p>	



The new OHCHR research on integrating human rights in NBSAPs presented during the Geneva meetings is also an important document and needs to be recognized as it provide guidance on how states and other stakeholders plan and implement rights-based biodiversity.

IIFB also suggests that the NBSAPs should also consider the different plans being made in conjunction with the Post-2020 GBF, including the CBD Gender Action Plan.

On this basis, the IIFB would like to recommend the following text changes in the document:

Note by the Executive Secretary:

1. On paragraph 3, add the following sentence at the end of paragraph:
‘Additional or supportive work by relevant agencies, including the OHCHR research on integrating humn rights in NBSAPs, can also be taken into consideration and has been incorporated in this draft guidance.’

Annex:

1. On paragraph 2, line 3:
Add **‘and rightsholders’** after ‘stakeholders to be consistent with paragraph 5
2. On paragraph 2, line 5:
Add **‘Additional or supportive work by relevant agencies, including the OHCHR research on integrating humn rights in NBSAPs, can also be taken into consideration and has been incorporated in this draft guidance’** after ‘attained’
3. On paragraph 5, line 5:
Add **“and related strategies and action plans, including the Gender Action Plan”** at the end of the first sentence, after “new framework”
Add **‘traditional’**, before ‘knowledge systems’
Add **‘and community-based monitoring and information systems’** after knowledge systems
4. On paragraph 6a:
Add **“and related strategies and action plans, including the Gender Action Plan”** at the end of the first sentence, after “Post-2020 framework”
5. On paragraph 12:
Add **‘voluntary’** before commitments

Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template:

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1	Please provide comments on section 1 which includes the elaboration of national targets towards <u>each of the global targets</u> of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
2	Please provide comments on section 2 on who is responsible for coordinating implementation and reporting on this target.
3	Please provide comments on section 3 on the linkages with other national initiatives and targets.
4	Please provide comments on section 4 on involvement of sub-national or other actors beyond national governments.



	The commitments are voluntary thus would like to propose the addition of the word ‘ voluntary ’ before commitment to make it more explicit.
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Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5) (ANNEX D)

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 5

Advanced comments on the draft documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation	
Scope of this template for comments	Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation, contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5, which includes a draft of Annex D to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5. This template aims to collect feedback on that Annex.
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Please provide any general comments and specific suggestions on the proposed modus operandi of the open-ended forum of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for country-by-country review of implementation.	



In general, we would like to seek clarification on the difference of the voluntary peer review already in place and the country by country review, and how indigenous peoples and local communities and other major groups can engage in both.

As it is currently worded, the document is unclear as to how IPLCs and other major groups can participate in each phase of the country-by-country review process. IPLCs and other major groups should be able to participate in all of the phases, and there needs to be a detailed description of engagement of IPLCs and other observer groups in each of the phases.

We therefore suggest to include “participation by and engagement with IPLCs and other observer groups” in the following paragraphs, in red:

Para 3. The first phase would consist of a series of online dialogues⁴ in which a number of Parties⁵ would each present on various aspects of the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). The online dialogues would be held in a number of sessions ahead of each meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation with a view to all Parties having the opportunity to participate at least once during the decade. The online sessions would include a discussion of successes and challenges in order to clarify as much as possible the contributing factors, the measures of success and the lessons learned in the case of the successes, and the possible strategic actions, solutions or support that could be useful in the case of the challenges, **with participation by and engagement with IPLCs and other observer groups**. This would be an opportunity for in-depth discussions on the effectiveness of measures implemented at the national level to achieve the goals and targets of the global biodiversity framework, and an opportunity to present, and/or to develop, well-elaborated proposals for capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and/or other support as needed. Experiences would be compiled and summarized.

Para 4. The second phase would consist of an in-session open-ended forum on review of implementation to be held during the meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, **with participation by and engagement with IPLCs and other observer groups**. During the open-ended forum, an aggregate summary of the successes and challenges discussed during the online dialogues would be presented and discussed. The aggregate summary of successes and challenges would be presented to the plenary of the Subsidiary Body under the agenda item on progress on implementation. This summary would complement or contribute to the initial stages of the global stocktakes on ambition and implementation, and the Subsidiary Body would recommend a global policy response from the Conference of the Parties as appropriate.

Para 5. The third phase of the country-by-country review would consist of an implementation exhibition to be held on the margins of each meeting of the Conference of the Parties in the post-2020 period, featuring the implementation successes and the challenges that have either been resolved or show promise of being resolved, **with participation by and engagement with IPLCs and other observer groups**. An international panel of experts, including experts nominated by Parties, would review the submissions to the exhibition and select cases which would be featured as notable stories about implementation of the Convention. These stories could also be submitted for consideration for related international biodiversity awards, such as the Equator Initiative and Midori Prize for Biodiversity.

⁴ These dialogues and the [implementation support forum] proposed for phase 2 could be conducted virtually, in person or in hybrid form, subject to the availability of resources.

⁵ The exact number of Parties to present at each dialogue would be determined depending on the number of dialogues that would be held each year in order to allow each Party to present once in the decade.



Moreover, IPLCs should have the opportunity to participate in the country by country review process by submitting/presenting their own reviews. We therefore suggest the following text change in red:

Para 9. All relevant stakeholders and indigenous peoples and local communities would be encouraged to contribute to the country-by-country reviews, which are led by Parties, **including through submitting their own reviews**. Inputs from stakeholders would be through a consultative national process depending on national circumstances.

Commitments from actors other than national governments in the context of an enhanced planning, monitoring, review and reporting mechanism (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.6) (ANNEX B)

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for capturing commitments from actors other than national governments in the context of enhanced planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing mechanisms contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 6

Advanced comments on the draft documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation	
Scope of this template for comments	Draft guidance for capturing commitments from actors other than national governments in the context of enhanced planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing mechanisms contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.6, which includes a draft of Annex B to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5. This template aims to collect feedback on that Annex.
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<p>Please include general comments on capturing commitments from actors other than national governments.</p> <p>In general, commitments from actors other than national governments should be additional and voluntary, and that it should be clear that governments are the primary actors in the implementation of the new global biodiversity framework. We therefore suggest that the words “voluntary commitments” be used consistently in this document and in other documents referring to commitments from actors other than national governments.</p> <p>We support the facilitation of partnerships with different stakeholders as well as rightsholders, and reiterate that this requires resource mobilization and other means of implementation. We therefore suggest that part of the conditions to capture additional voluntary commitments should include accessible opportunities to direct funding for local collective actions, capacity building and development, culturally-appropriate technology transfer and others, particularly for indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth. This could be reflected explicitly in this document in <i>9ebis</i> or elsewhere. Furthermore, collaboration with other agreements and processes, should also include those working on culture-nature linkages such as UNESCO, as well as relevant international human rights processes and mechanisms.</p> <p>We see the value of alignment with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a way to enhance accountability and transparency of these additional voluntary commitments; however, to effectively capture additional voluntary commitments from indigenous peoples and local communities, their rights and contributions should be reflected across the targets and the whole framework. As the whole post-2020 GBF is still under discussion and that indicators are still to be determined, we suggest that actors who plan on making additional voluntary commitments should be able to do so in all levels of indicators.</p> <p>On the reporting process, we would like to seek clarification on what qualifies as “existing reporting processes”, and would like to emphasize that there may be existing reporting initiatives by IPLCs and stakeholders that do not have government recognition or do not necessarily feed into government processes. On that note, we would like to highlight that community-based monitoring information systems (CBMIS) is recognized in CBD COP decision XII/12, and that the Local Biodiversity Outlooks is also recognized as complementary to the Global Biodiversity Outlooks, and that the reports from both be recognized as examples of existing reporting processes. There are initiatives such as the Indigenous Navigator by IPLCs that report on the SDG Action Agenda in the experience of indigenous peoples that may also be a relevant reference in this endeavor.</p>	



We would also like to seek clarification on the “stakeholder coalition” referenced in the introductory note of the Annex as a reporting mechanism and its modus operandi. We suggest that there should be possibility for other agreed means of reporting.

There should be openness to capture data gathered by other sources apart from government, and therefore recognition of indicators to be developed by IPLCs and stakeholders as well as community initiated monitoring and reporting.

We therefore suggest the following text changes in red:

In para. 7: “...measures could build on existing data gatherers and providers, using agreed indicators to **measure performance against the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and additional specific indicators developed by actors other than national governments, including indigenous peoples and local communities.**”

In para. 8:

“The collation of commitments from actors other than national Governments should build upon the experiences under the Action Agenda, **while encouraging additional avenues for new commitments**, with existing reporting processes for actors other than national Governments, including sustainability standards, to reinforce alignments with the post-2020 goals, targets and indicators and assessments of the direct and indirect contributions to the post-2020 framework. The Action Agenda could also be used to incentivize existing commitments from actors other than national Governments and to continue to provide a space for dialogue and exchange on collaborative initiatives, challenges and developments to reach the framework’s goals and targets.

In para. 9a:

- (a) Standardized guidelines and templates for reporting and verifying commitments which can be used to improve global level analysis and aggregation into coalition stocktakes and gap reports, **developed in consultation with indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders.** This could also help facilitate access to information which can be used as a basis for national and regional analyses;

In para 9e:

- (e) Enhancing collaboration with related multilateral environmental agreements, ~~and~~ intergovernmental sustainability processes, **international organizations working on culture-nature linkages and international human rights processes and mechanisms** working with actors other than national Governments and multi-stakeholder initiatives, inter alia, to benefit from cross-thematic stocktakes and dialogues and to identify and promote sector specific reporting; among other pilot project activities associated with non-State actors (such as TNFD, Science-based Targets Network (SBTN), the pledge by multilateral development banks on biodiversity and climate, the Protecting Our Planet Challenge, the Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance, the Clydebank Initiative for Green Shipping Corridors, and the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forest and Land Use, etc.).

Proposed para 9ebis:



(ebis) Identifying means of implementation, financial and non-financial, directly accessible by rights holders and stakeholders to support existing voluntary commitments and additional voluntary commitments

In the introduction to the template:

Note: Reporting of actors other than national Governments may occur via the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People or via ~~reporting through a stakeholder coalition~~ other agreed means of reporting. The fields identified below represent a minimum set of pieces of information which are needed in order to analyse the commitment in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including for global aggregation. Additional information may be included in the various reporting initiatives which go beyond this core set of information. Commitments which do not include this minimum information may still be included in various reporting initiatives; however, commitments without these core elements are not included in the enhanced planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanism under the Convention.

Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template:

Section	Comment
1	Please provide comments on section 1 on general information on the actor.
2	Please provide comments on section 2 which includes the section on specific commitments from actors other than national governments.
3	Please provide comments on section 3 on progress tracking.