**Template for the Advanced Comments on Draft Documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation**

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 4**

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| **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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| **Comments** |
| Please provide any general comments on the national biodiversity strategy and action plan guidance. Seychelles recognizes that the NBSAP is the main strategy and action plan for implementing national priorities for biodiversity. The NBSAP should be mainstreamed in all sectors and other sectoral plan should refer to the NBSAP. Upon the adoption of the Post 2020 GBF, the NBSAP should be updated to align with the framework. However, more time should be given for this process as more time might be required to update the NBSAP, as this requires multi sectorial stakeholder engagement and producing a coherent document that will facilitate the implementation of national priorities and objectives and the post-2020 GBF. There should be increased synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements, and the Rio conventions and this should be reflected in the NBSAPs. For success in the implementation of the NBSAP, the action plan must be detailed and comprehensive to ensure that all targets are achieved. Nevertheless, there must be increased resources mobilized, through the development or updating of the biodiversity finance plan to ensure that the NBSAPs are implemented. |
| Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template:  |

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| **Section** | **Comment** |
| 1 | Please provide comments on section 1 which includes the elaboration of national targets towards each of the global targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.The headline indicators being used for the targets should also be stated |
| 2 | Please provide comments on section 2 on who is responsible for coordinating implementation and reporting on this target.The CBD Focal points should be reporting on these targets in consultation with other stakeholders and the national focal point for biodiversity-related conventions  |
| 3 | Please provide comments on section 3 on the linkages with other national initiatives and targets.Since the NBSAPs would need to be updated to be reflect the post-2020 GBF, there is no necessity to include the strategic plan for biodiversity 2011-2020, this part should be removed. Targets should be related to the new updated NBSAPs as it will be in line with the post-2020 GBF |
| 4 | Please provide comments on section 4 on involvement of sub-national or other actors beyond national governments. This question needs to be rephrased, and optional and it only needs to show linkages that other initiative/commitments may have with the national target- the national targets should have precedence |