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Twentieth meeting  
Montreal, Canada, 25-30 April 2016  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

### REVISED ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) established under Article 25 of the Convention will be held in Montreal, Canada, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), from 25 to 30 April 2016. Registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 24 April 2016.
2. These annotations to the provisional agenda have been prepared and made available to facilitate preparations for the meeting by Parties and observers. The annotations have been revised in the light of the outcomes of the nineteenth meeting of SBSTTA.

#### ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 25 April 2016.

#### ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

##### 2.1 Election of officers

4. Pursuant to rule 26, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting, held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, in October 2014, elected Mr. Andrew Bignell (New Zealand) as the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for a term of office extending until the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (see UNEP/CBD/COP/12/29, para. 52).
5. The Bureau of the twentieth meeting of SBSTTA will comprise the members elected at the eighteenth and nineteenth meetings.<sup>1</sup>
6. In order to achieve staggered terms of office within the Bureau, SBSTTA will elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the twentieth meeting and ending at the end of the twenty-second meeting. These new members will replace the outgoing members from Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, South Africa, and Turkmenistan.

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<sup>1</sup> Members elected at the eighteenth meeting are Ms. Eugenia Arguedas Montezuma (Costa Rica), Ms. Malta Qwathekana (South Africa), Mr. Horst Korn (Germany), Ms. Shirin Karriyeva (Turkmenistan) and Mr. Endang Sukara (Indonesia).

## 2.2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

7. The draft provisional agenda for the twentieth meeting of SBSTTA was prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau. The agenda was revised in light of the outcomes of the nineteenth meeting of SBSTTA.

8. A list of pre-session documents for the meeting is provided in annex II. As appropriate, the documents, including those that contain scientific assessments, will be peer-reviewed.

9. Regarding the organization of work, the Executive Secretary, in line with the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties<sup>2</sup> and after consultation with the Bureau, proposes to consider all agenda items in plenary (see annex I). Selected agenda items will be introduced by a keynote presentation or a panel of experts in line with decisions of the Conference of the Parties and taking into account experience from the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of SBSTTA.<sup>3</sup>

10. SBSTTA will be invited to consider the revised provisional agenda for its twentieth meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/1/Rev.1) for adoption and to agree on the proposed organization of work (annex I).

11. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties established the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and specified that the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice should carry out their respective functions taking into account their role and functions with a view to ensuring complementarity in their work and avoiding overlap (see decision XII/26, annex). This will be taken fully into account in the preparation for the various agenda items.

### **ITEM 3. SCIENTIFIC REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND RELATED PROGRAMMES OF WORK AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

12. In its decision X/2, paragraph 14, the Conference of the Parties, recalling that the role of the Conference of the Parties is to keep the implementation of the Convention under review, decided that future meetings of the Conference of the Parties would review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, share experiences relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address obstacles encountered, and, in this context, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an analysis/synthesis of national, regional and other actions, including targets as appropriate, established in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (para. 17(b)).

13. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/2) containing an updated assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets for which information is available.

14. SBSTTA will be invited to review the information and draft conclusions contained in the note by the Executive Secretary with a view to providing advice that will facilitate the review of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the work in this regard by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its first meeting, and the formulation by that body of any recommendations for overcoming obstacles.

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<sup>2</sup> Decision XII/32.

<sup>3</sup> Detailed plans will be developed in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and will be communicated to Parties well ahead of the meeting, together with the names of presenters and the scope of the presentations.

## **ITEM 4. MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY**

### **4.1. Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas**

15. Regional workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) through the application of scientific criteria in annex I of decision IX/20 have been carried out according to the procedures set out in decision X/29. At its eleventh and twelfth meetings, the Conference of the Parties considered the summary reports of these workshops prepared by SBSTTA, and requested that they be included in the EBSA repository and submitted to the United Nations General Assembly and particularly its Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, as well as Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations.

16. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in line with paragraph 36 of decision X/29 and paragraph 12 of decision XI/17, to continue to facilitate the description of areas meeting the criteria for EBSAs through the organization of additional regional or subregional workshops where Parties wish workshops to be held (decision XII/22, para. 6).

17. The Executive Secretary was also requested to report on the progress of Parties and other Governments in undertaking national exercises, as appropriate, to describe areas meeting the EBSA criteria, or other relevant compatible and complementary nationally or intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria in areas within national jurisdiction, and in making this information, and other relevant information, available through the EBSA repository or information-sharing mechanism (decision XII/22, para. 7).

18. In addition, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop practical options for further enhancing scientific methodologies and approaches on the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria (decision XII/22, para. 10), and for facilitating technical training, including the organization of regional and/or subregional capacity-building workshops, where Parties wish workshops to be held, on scientific methodologies and approaches for applying the EBSA criteria as well as the compilation and use of scientific and technical information contained in the EBSA repository and information-sharing mechanism, and other relevant information (decision XII/22, para. 12).

19. Pursuant to these requests, workshops have been held for the North-East Indian Ocean region (Colombo, 22-27 March 2015) and the North-West Indian Ocean and Adjacent Gulf Areas (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 19-24 April 2015). Workshops are planned for the East Asian Seas and the Black Sea and Caspian Sea regions.

20. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/3) containing a report on: (a) the process for describing areas that meet the EBSA criteria; (b) the development of practical options for further enhancing scientific methodologies and approaches; (c) related technical training; (d) national exercises on the application of EBSA criteria; and (e) transmission of EBSA-related scientific information to relevant global and regional organizations and the use of such information by recipient organizations. An addendum (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/3/Add.1) containing draft summary reports of the workshops on the areas meeting the EBSA criteria will be issued. The full reports of the workshops will also be made available.

21. SBSTTA will be invited to consider the information and draft conclusions and recommendations provided in the note by the Executive Secretary and, in line with relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, to prepare, on the basis of the addendum, its report on the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas for subsequent consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting with a view to including the reports in the repository and to submitting the reports to the United Nations General Assembly and its relevant working groups.

### **4.2. Specific work plan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas**

22. In decision XII/23, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, a draft specific workplan on

biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas,<sup>4</sup> building upon the elements of a workplan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs, including cold-water corals and in close linkage with relevant work under the Convention and with relevant work of competent organizations (para. 16).

23. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it, for its consideration, a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/4) containing the requested proposal as well as draft conclusions and recommendations.

#### **4.3. Addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity**

24. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to invite submissions on the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats, to compile and synthesize submissions, and to organize an expert workshop to prepare practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats (decision XI/18 A, para. 26). Pursuant to this request, an expert workshop was convened in Baltimore, United States of America, from 2 to 4 December 2014.

25. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate collaboration among Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, on measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate the potential significant adverse impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity. In this context, the Executive Secretary was also requested to compile and synthesize relevant scientific and technical information concerning the specific examples for such measures listed in paragraph 3 of decision XII/23, as well as information on such measures taken by Parties, other Governments and competent organizations.

26. SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/5) containing the draft practical guidance on addressing the impacts of marine debris and relevant compilation of information on underwater noise as well as related draft conclusions and recommendations. The full report of the expert workshop will be issued as an information document.

#### **4.4. Marine spatial planning and training initiatives**

27. In decision XI/18, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to convene an expert workshop to provide consolidated practical guidance and a toolkit for marine spatial planning. In decision XII/23, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to advance work on enhancing methods and tools, including monitoring measures, for marine spatial planning. The Executive Secretary was also requested to facilitate, through technical training and the information-sharing mechanism on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, the use of scientific information compiled for the description of areas meeting the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas to support efforts, at the regional or national level, on the use of marine spatial planning by Parties and competent intergovernmental organizations. Furthermore, in the same decision, the Executive Secretary was requested to organize additional capacity-building workshops and partnership activities within the framework of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative to address priority issues identified for respective regions concerning the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas.

28. SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/6) containing a draft consolidated practical guidance and a toolkit for marine spatial planning as well as a progress report on the implementation of the above-mentioned requests for its consideration and determination of any further action. The full reports of the workshops will be issued as information documents.

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<sup>4</sup> Decision VII/5, annex I, appendix 2.

## **ITEM 5. INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES: ADDRESSING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TRADE; BIOLOGICAL CONTROL; AND DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS**

### *Addressing the risks associated with trade of alien species*

29. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and relevant organizations, to explore ways and means to address the risks associated with trade in wildlife introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, noting that some trade is unregulated, unreported or illegal, including by enhancing cooperation with authorities responsible for the control of wildlife trade (decision XII/16).

30. The Executive Secretary was also requested to explore with relevant partners, including the standard-setting bodies recognized by the World Trade Organization and other members of the inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species, methods of alerting suppliers and potential buyers to the risk posed by invasive alien species sold via e-commerce<sup>5</sup> (decision XII/17, para. 9(d)).

### *Experiences in the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species*

31. In decision XII/17, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile and prepare a synthesis of information from Parties, scientific institutions, and other relevant organizations, on experiences in the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, in particular the release in the wild of alien species for this purpose, including positive and negative cases and cases of the application of appropriate risk assessment (para. 9(g)).

### *Decision support tools*

32. In decision XII/17, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop decision-support tools for assessing and evaluating the social, economic and ecological consequences of invasive alien species; cost-benefit analyses for eradication, management and control measures; and tools for examining the impacts of climate change and land-use change on biological invasions and to develop a user-friendly guide to existing decisions of the Conference of the Parties on invasive alien species and the relevant guidance and standards developed by other relevant organizations (para. 9 (c) and (f)).

33. The Conference of the Parties also invited the Invasive Species Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other technical partners to continue and complete the work on pathway analysis, and to continue to develop a system for classifying invasive alien species based on the nature and magnitude of their impacts (decision XII/17, para. 3).

34. SBSTTA will have before it, for its consideration, a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/7) pertaining to these requests, including draft conclusions and recommendations.

## **ITEM 6. SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY**

35. In decision XII/24, the Conference of the Parties established an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology and requested the Executive Secretary to convene a moderated open-ended online forum to support its work. The Executive Secretary was also requested to prepare an updated report on relevant information on components, organisms and products resulting from synthetic biology techniques that may have impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and associated social, economic and cultural considerations, as well as on possible gaps and overlaps with the applicable provisions of the Convention, its Protocols and other relevant agreements related to components, organisms and products resulting from synthetic biology techniques, for consideration by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group.

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<sup>5</sup> See CPM Recommendation CPM-9/2014/2 - Internet Trade (E-Commerce) in Plants and other Regulated Articles.

36. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/8) containing a summary of the outcomes of the online forum and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group as well as draft conclusions and recommendations. The full text of the reports will be made available as information documents.

#### **ITEM 7. REVIEW OF THE IPBES ASSESSMENT ON POLLINATORS, POLLINATION AND FOOD PRODUCTION**

37. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to bring the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the attention of SBSTTA for its consideration with regard to the relevance of the findings for the work of the Convention, and for the development, as appropriate, of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties (decision XII/25, para. 5(e)).

38. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it the thematic assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production. SBSTTA will also have before it a note by the Executive Secretary on the implications of the findings of the assessment for the work under the Convention (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/9), including draft conclusions and recommendations, for its consideration.

#### **ITEM 8. BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation and enhancing the positive and minimizing the negative impacts of climate-change adaptation activities*

39. In decision XII/20, paragraph 7(d), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop, further to paragraph 8(u) of decision X/33, guidance on enhancing the positive and minimizing the negative impacts on biodiversity of climate-change adaptation activities. The Executive Secretary was also requested to promote ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and to compile experiences with ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction (paras. 7(a) and (c)). In decision X/33, paragraph 9(c), the Executive Secretary was requested to collaborate with relevant international organizations to identify areas of high potential for climate change mitigation, through conservation and restoration of carbon stocks and other ecosystem management measures, and to make this information widely available; and to support, as appropriate, Parties and relevant organizations and processes to design and implement ecosystem-based approaches for mitigation and adaptation as they relate to biodiversity (decision X/33 para. 9(e)).

40. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/10) containing information pertaining to these requests, including a compilation of experiences with ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation and disaster risk reduction, information on the potential of a wide range of biomes that can contribute to efforts on climate change mitigation, as well as potential activities to enhance the climate mitigation function while building the resilience of these ecosystems. SBSTTA will be invited to consider the information, draft conclusions and recommendation contained in the note by the Executive Secretary.

41. Preparations for this item will also take into account the outcomes of the twenty-first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Consideration of this item by SBSTTA will inform, as appropriate, the discussions of the Conference of the Parties under the agenda item covering the implications of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of other relevant international processes for the future work of the Convention (foreseen in the multi-year programme of work, decision XII/31).

*Issues related to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries*

42. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to further develop advice on possible indicators to assess the contribution of reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries<sup>6</sup> to the objectives of the Convention and potential mechanisms to monitor the impacts on biodiversity of these activities and other ecosystem-based approaches for climate change mitigation measures (decision XI/19, para. 18).

43. The Executive Secretary was also requested to compile information on experiences, lessons learned and best practices on the contribution referred to above (decision XII/20, para. 7(e)).

44. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/10/Add.1) containing information pertaining to these requests. Draft conclusions and recommendations will be included in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/13.

### **ITEM 9. SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

45. In decision XII/18, paragraph 13(a), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare technical guidance on the role of sustainable wildlife management for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The Executive Secretary was also requested to prepare an analysis of the impacts of “subsistence use” of wildlife on the survival and regeneration of wild species, in the context of growing human populations and pressures on wildlife resources (para. 13(b)).

46. Further, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to support Parties in developing and implementing integrated sustainable wildlife management programmes; and to enhance communication and information sharing among members of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management and prepare joint awareness-raising and outreach materials, and make them available to Parties.

47. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/11) containing information pertaining to these requests, including draft conclusions and recommendations.

### **ITEM 10. PROTECTED AREAS AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**

48. In decision XI/24, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in partnership with relevant organizations, to continue supporting implementation of national action plans for the programme of work on protected areas and progress towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and other related targets at the national, subregional and regional levels. The Executive Secretary was also requested to make available tools and technical guidance on those areas where progress is lacking, such as: (a) mainstreaming protected areas and defining area-based conservation measures; (b) fostering relevant capacity-building for indigenous and local communities; and (c) supporting the further development of local registries of indigenous and community conserved areas and the Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas Registry maintained by the World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

49. In decision XI/16, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, and requested the Executive Secretary to undertake certain activities to support countries in implementing ecosystem restoration (paras. 2 and 5). Furthermore, in recommendation XIX/1, paragraph 8, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with relevant organizations and stakeholders, including the secretariats of relevant conventions, key elements for a

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<sup>6</sup> Activities referred to in paragraph 70 of decision 1/CP.16 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

short-term action plan on ecosystem restoration, with a view to the submission of a recommendation from SBSTTA to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

50. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/12) containing information pertaining to these requests, including draft conclusions and recommendations. Key elements for a short-term action plan on ecosystem restoration will be provided in an addendum.

**ITEM 11. FIFTH EDITION OF THE *GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK*,  
GUIDELINES FOR THE SIXTH NATIONAL REPORTS, AND  
INDICATORS FOR ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE AICHI  
BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

51. The Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to evaluate the scope, process and findings of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* in the light of, and avoiding duplication with, the ongoing work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services (decision XII/1, para. 19). SBSTTA addressed these matters in its recommendation XIX/5, which will be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

52. SBSTTA will be invited to further reflect on the modalities for the fifth edition of the global biodiversity outlook in the context of the fast track assessment of methodologies for scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which will be considered by the fourth Plenary of IPBES, in February 2016.

53. Furthermore, as requested by SBSTTA in its recommendation XIX/4, paragraph 10(c), SBSTTA will have before it a proposed list of global indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which will have been revised in the light of peer review comments and comments made during the nineteenth meeting of SBSTTA, and taking into account the outcomes of the forty-seventh session the United Nations Statistical Commission.

54. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to develop a proposal on guidelines for the sixth national report (decision XII/1, para. 9(a)). The proposal should take into account the types of information from the fifth national reports used in the preparation of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and gaps that have been identified. At its nineteenth meeting, SBSTTA also requested the Executive Secretary to take into account the lessons learned from the fourth and fifth national reports and the technical considerations on the timing, form and content of the sixth national report as contained in paragraphs 47 to 51 of the note by the Executive Secretary,<sup>7</sup> and to include in the proposal (a) an item on the experiences of Parties in the use of tools to evaluate the effectiveness of specific measures undertaken to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and (b) the consideration of mainstreaming of biodiversity concerns within and across sectors, including cross-cutting policy frameworks on biodiversity and evaluation of their effectiveness, best practices and lessons learned (recommendation XIX/5, para. 3).

55. SBSTTA will be invited to address the technical considerations underlying the proposed guidelines for the sixth national reports. The advice of SBSTTA will inform the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in its preparation of a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties, including draft guidelines.

56. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it, for its consideration, a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/13), containing the requested information and proposals as well as

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<sup>7</sup> “Work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the light of the 2014-2018 work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and relationship with the Subsidiary Body on Implementation” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/9).



draft conclusions and recommendations. The proposal on guidelines for the sixth national report will be contained in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/16/Add.1. Document UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/11, which provides further information on national reporting, will also be available for the information.

#### **ITEM 12. NEW AND EMERGING ISSUES**

57. In accordance with the procedure in decision IX/29, the Executive Secretary invited, through notification 2015-017 (Ref. No. SCBD/SAM/DC/RH/84326), a new round of submissions of proposals for new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources. SBSTTA may wish to review and discuss the proposals in the context of this item and, as appropriate, recommend adding to the agenda of one of its future meetings those new and emerging issues which meet the criteria from decision IX/29.

58. Under this item, SBSTTA will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/14) containing pertinent information.

#### **ITEM 13. MAINSTREAMING OF BIODIVERSITY OF BIODIVERSITY ACROSS SECTORS, INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND FISHERIES**

59. The Conference of the Parties decided, in its multi-year programme of work up to 2020 (decision XII/31), to address at its thirteenth meeting, among other issues, strategic actions to enhance national implementation, in particular through mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity across relevant sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries. In preparation, SBSTTA addressed these issues at its nineteenth meeting, as part of its further consideration of the implications of the findings of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and related reports, on the basis of UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/2 and a number of information documents. In recommendation XIX/1, SBSTTA requested the Executive Secretary to arrange for the peer review of the information documents and to make use, as appropriate, of all this information, as well as the outcomes of the international expert workshop on biodiversity mainstreaming hosted by Mexico, in preparing for relevant agenda items for SBI-1 and SBSTTA-20.

60. Accordingly, SBSTTA will have before it an updated document on the mainstreaming of biodiversity across relevant sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/15), as well as updated information documents. SBSTTA will be invited to consider the conclusions and recommendations therein.

#### **ITEM 14. OTHER MATTERS**

61. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters of relevance to the meeting.

#### **ITEM 15. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

62. Under this item, SBSTTA will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, SBSTTA is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.

#### **ITEM 16. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

63. The twentieth meeting of SBSTTA is scheduled to be closed at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 30 April 2016.

*Annex I*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON  
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

	<b>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>	<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday 25 April 2016</b>	1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters 3. Scientific review of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and related programmes of work and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 13. Mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries	4. Marine and coastal biodiversity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1. Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas</li> <li>4.2. Specific work plan on biodiversity and acidification in cold-water areas</li> <li>4.3. Addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity</li> <li>4.4. Marine spatial planning and training initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 26 April 2016</b>	5. Invasive alien species: addressing the risks associated with trade; biological control; and decision support tools 6. Synthetic biology	7. Review of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production 8. Biodiversity and climate change
<b>Wednesday 27 April 2016</b>	9. Sustainable wildlife management 10. Protected areas and ecosystem restoration	11. Fifth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i> , guidelines for the sixth national reports, and indicators for assessing progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 12. New and emerging issues
<b>Thursday 28 April 2016</b>	<i>Pending issues</i>	<i>Pending issues</i>
<b>Friday 29 April 2016</b>	<i>Pending issues</i>	14. Other matters
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