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GUIDANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

Note by the Executive Secretary

SUMMARY

In paragraph 1 (b) of its decision VIII/8, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider, at its ninth meeting, consolidated guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the effective integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors.

This note reviews existing guidance noting that the Conference of the Parties has established general guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans as well as guidance related to programmes of work and cross-cutting issues. This existing guidance is compiled in an annex to the note. A few gaps in guidance are identified in the light of the review of goals two and three of the Strategic Plan.

The following approach has been taken in preparing consolidated and updated guidance contained in the suggested recommendations set out below:

- (a) Existing general guidance has been retained with minor editing;
- (b) Text has been consolidated where necessary to reduce redundancy;
- (c) Generic guidance has been developed in relation to programmes of work and cross-cutting issues, while no attempt has been made to replace existing decisions that provide more detailed guidance specific to individual to programmes of work and cross-cutting issues; and
- (d) Additional guidance has been developed to address the gaps identified in the review.

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SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

The Working Group may wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties, at its ninth meeting, adopts the following consolidated and updated guidance:

In developing, implementing and revising their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), Parties are urged to:

- (a) Ensure that NBSAPs provide an effective national framework for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and to set clear national priorities;
- (b) Include within the scope of their NBSAPs all relevant provisions of the Convention and all relevant thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work of the Convention, and to make use of all relevant guidance developed under the Convention; 1/
- (c) Give priority to the integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as well as the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources, into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies; 2/
- (d) Take fully into account the ecosystem approach, as the primary framework of action to be taken under the Convention, when developing, implementing and reviewing national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (e) Highlight in NBSAPs the contribution of biodiversity and ecosystem services to human well-being;
- (f) Identify the main threats to biodiversity, including, as appropriate, direct drivers such as land-use change, climate change, over-exploitation, invasive alien species, pollution and nutrient loading, and indirect drivers such as unsustainable production and consumption patterns, and include strategic approaches or actions for addressing the identified threats;
- (g) Establish national targets, including as appropriate, quantified and time bound targets, and related indicators. A limited number of targets should be selected focussing on national priorities. Where possible, targets should be quantitative and measurable, and be accompanied by corresponding indicators. They should be ambitious but achievable. The framework of goals, targets and indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target and the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation provide flexible frameworks within which national targets can be set. Similarly, national targets can provide a framework for local targets. Guidance, lessons learned and list of indicators is provided in note by the Executive Secretary on the subject prepared for the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10);
- (h) Identify priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant national strategies, and develop a funding plan for the implementation of priority actions;
- (i) Develop a communication plan for NBSAPs;
- (j) Engage all relevant stakeholders in the development, implementation, monitoring and review of NBSAPs, including representatives of all sectors of society and the economy that have a significant impact on, use biodiversity, or benefit from the ecosystem services delivered, such as sectors of government, local authorities, indigenous and local communities, civil society and the private sector;
- (k) Coordinate NBSAPs with other national strategies including in particular poverty reduction strategies, national strategies for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

1/ A list of relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, along the lines of the annex to the present note, will be developed and maintained by the Secretariat.

2/ While Article 6 refers only to the first two objectives of the Convention, in decision VI/27A, paragraph 2, the Conference of the Parties also urged Parties to include benefit sharing in the integration of into relevant plans, programmes and policies.

sustainable development strategies, and strategies to adapt to climate change and combat desertification, as well as sectoral strategies, and strategies developed under other biodiversity-related conventions;

(l) Make use of or develop, as appropriate, regional, subregional or bioregional mechanisms and networks to support implementation of the Convention;

(m) Promote local action on biodiversity, by integrating biodiversity considerations into sub-national and local level planning processes, and, as and where appropriate, the development of sub-national and local biodiversity strategies and/or action plans;

(n) Identify constraints and impediments to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and reflect them in national reports;

(o) Make their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including periodic revisions, and reports on implementation, available through the clearing-house mechanism.

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity requires each Party to develop or adapt national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and to integrate, as far as possible and as appropriate, the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies.

2. In its decisions VI/26, on the Strategic Plan for the Convention, and VI/27 A, on implementation of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties of the Convention stressed that the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans constitute the cornerstone of national implementation of the Convention. This is reflected in goal 3 of the Strategic Plan, namely, that “national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors serve as an effective framework for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention”.

3. Since considering the issue of national biodiversity strategies and action plans at its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties has issued guidance on the preparation and implementation of such strategies and plans and endorsed third-party guidelines developed to assist countries to fulfil their obligations under Article 6 of the Convention. However, existing guidance on the preparation and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans is scattered and incomplete in certain areas.

4. Given the central importance of national biodiversity strategies and action plans to the Convention’s Strategic Plan and its implementation, the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention considered the need for consolidating and updating the available guidance and guidelines on them. More specifically:

(a) Guidance relating to the substantive scope of national biodiversity strategies and action plans is scattered among a large number of individual decisions, particularly among those dealing with the thematic programmes of work;

(b) There are a number of tools developed by the Conference of the Parties (including, for example, the principles and guidance on the ecosystem approach and the guidelines on environmental assessments) that are probably not used to their full potential in developing and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(c) Parties have been encouraged to promote national biodiversity strategies and action plans with corresponding plans and strategies under other conventions (including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) and to include elements relevant to the other biodiversity-related conventions,^{3/} but little specific guidance has been made available regarding this issue;

(d) In the light of this analysis, Conference of the Parties decided to consider, at its ninth meeting, consolidated guidance for the development, implementation and evaluation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the effective integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors (decision VIII/8, paragraph 1 (b)).

5. The present document presents an overview of existing guidance (section II) and identifies possible additional guidance based on the review of the status of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan arising from the notes by the Executive Secretary on status of implementation of goals two and three of the Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/2/2) and obstacles to implementation of NBSAPs, (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/2/2/Add.1) (section III). Draft consolidated guidance has been prepared and is included in the suggested recommendations at the beginning of the present note.

^{3/} In addition to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the “global biodiversity-related conventions” are the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and the World Heritage Convention.

II. EXISTING GUIDANCE

6. At its second meeting, held in 1995, when the Conference of the Parties considered Article 6 for the first time, Parties were encouraged to collaborate with relevant organizations and, if so desired, to take into consideration existing guidelines, such as those published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Resources Institute and IUCN. ^{4/}

7. Since that meeting, the Conference of the Parties has issued additional guidance on the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in a large number of decisions, including (a) general guidance and (b) guidance relating to specific programmes of work of the Convention, and on some crosscutting issues. This guidance is summarized in annex 1 to this document.

General guidance

8. The Conference of the Parties addressed national biodiversity strategies and action plans most comprehensively at its sixth meeting, held in 2002, when, in decision VI/27 A, paragraph 2, it urged Parties:

(a) To develop and adopt national biodiversity strategies and action plans, where they have not yet done so;

(b) To give priority to the integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as well as benefit-sharing, into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies, in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention;

(c) To identify priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant national strategies;

(d) To implement national biodiversity strategies and action plans; and to periodically revise them in the light of the experience of implementation;

(e) To establish national mechanisms or consultative processes, with particular regard, where appropriate, to the special needs of indigenous and local communities, for coordinating, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and periodically revising national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(f) To identify constraints and impediments to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to reflect them in the national reports;

(g) To make their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including periodic revisions, available through their national clearing-house mechanism and the Convention website.

9. At the same meeting, the Conference of the Parties also adopted a Strategic Plan for the Convention. One of the four goals is that national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors serve as an effective framework for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention.

10. Parties have also been invited to “set measurable targets to achieve biodiversity conservation and sustainable use objectives”. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties emphasized that the goals and targets of the framework adopted should be viewed as a flexible framework within which national and/or regional targets may be developed, and invited Parties and Governments to develop national and/or regional goals and targets, and, as appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans (decision VII/30, paras. 14, 15). This request was re-iterated by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, in 2006, in decision VIII/15.

^{4/} Decision II/7.

Guidance related to programmes of work and cross-cutting issues

11. Guidance developed by the Conference of the Parties with respect to the integration of the thematic programmes of work and cross-cutting issues is uneven. For most, but not all, thematic programmes of work, Parties are encouraged to integrate the programmes of work, as appropriate, into NBSAPs. For some programmes of work (for example, the programme of work on island biodiversity), there is much more specific guidance. Comprehensive guidance is provided with respect to invasive alien species but not for most other cross-cutting issues or articles of the Convention. Similarly, recommendations for the use of the tools and guidance developed by the Conference of the Parties vary in the degree to which the link with NBSAPs is made.

III. GAPS IN EXISTING GUIDANCE

12. From the review of the status of NBSAPs (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/2/2) and the synthesis and analysis of obstacles to implementation and lessons learned from the review (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/2/2/Add.1), a number of points emerge that are not fully reflected in the existing guidance. These are:

- (a) The need for a communication plans for promoting NBSAPs (in addition for NBSAPs to include strategies for communication, education and public awareness);
- (b) The need to make the case for biodiversity by linking biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well being;
- (c) The need for funding plans for priority activities;
- (d) The need to engage all stakeholders in the development, updating and implementation of NBSAPs; and
- (e) The need for local-level action on biodiversity, including by linking NBSAPs with local planning processes, and or developing local biodiversity strategies or action plans.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF UPDATED AND CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE

13. In developing the consolidated and updated guidance as contained in the suggested recommendations on pages 2-3 above, the following approach has been taken:

- (a) The existing general guidance has been retained with minor re-editing (in particular decision VI/27 A, paras. 2 and 3);
- (b) In some cases existing text has been consolidated to reduce redundancy. For example, existing text on the integration of the 2010 biodiversity target and the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation have been consolidated in the draft guidance;
- (c) Generic guidance has been developed calling for the integration of the thematic programmes of work and cross-cutting issues into NBSAPs. It is assumed that all programmes of work should be integrated into NBSAPs in so far as they are relevant to the Party concerned. However, it should be noted that the existing specific guidance remains in the original decisions; it is not the intention that such guidance be retired; and
- (d) Additional guidance has been developed to address the issues identified in section III above.

Annex

DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ON PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO PARTIES ON NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS ^{5/}

CBD Article/ programme of work/cross-cutting issue	Decision	Guidance
Articles 6 and 8	II/7 (para. 5)	<i>Encourages</i> Parties, in preparing and implementing their national strategies and action plans, to collaborate with relevant organizations and, if so desired, to take into consideration existing guidelines such as “National Biodiversity Planning” published by the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Resources Institute and the World Conservation Union (IUCN)
Articles 6 and 8	III/9 (para. 2)	<i>Urges</i> Parties to include in their national plans, strategies or legislation measures for a) <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex situ</i> conservation, b) integration of biodiversity objectives in relevant sectoral policies to achieve conservation and sustainable use, and c) equitable sharing of benefits from the use of genetic resources
Targets	III/9 (para. 5)	<i>Invites</i> Parties to set measurable targets to achieve biodiversity conservation and sustainable use objectives
Agricultural biodiversity	III/11 (para. 15)	<i>Encourages</i> Parties to develop national strategies, programmes and plans which identify key components of biodiversity in agricultural production systems, encourage the adoption of repairing practices, and integrate with other plans, programmes and projects relating to the conservation and sustainable use of other terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems
Cooperation	III/21 (para. 8)	<i>Urges</i> the Parties to ensure that the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands, and of migratory species and their habitats, are fully incorporated into national strategies, programmes and plans ⁷
Marine and coastal biodiversity	IV/5, annex (para. 10) (retired)	Parties should, in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention, develop national strategies, plans and programmes in order to promote the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity
Public education and awareness	IV/10 B (para. 1(a))	<i>Urges</i> Parties to place special emphasis on the requirements of Article 13 of the Convention in the development of their national strategies and action plans
Ecosystem approach	V/6, annex, section C (para. 12)	<i>From the operational guidance for application of the ecosystem approach:</i> As the primary framework of action to be taken under the Convention, the ecosystem approach should be fully taken into account in developing and reviewing national biodiversity strategies and action plans.
Education and public awareness	V/17 (para. 6)	<i>Invites</i> Parties, Governments, organizations and institutions to support capacity-building for education and communication in biological diversity as part of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, taking into account the global initiative
Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity	V/23, annex I (para. 2(f))	<i>From the programme of work:</i> Support the development of national strategies and programmes, and to promote the integration of biological diversity concerns in sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies, in furtherance of Article 6 of the Convention, in seeking harmonization and avoiding duplication when undertaking activities relevant to other related conventions...
Access and benefit-sharing	V/26 (para. 3)	<i>Urges</i> Parties to ensure that national biodiversity strategies as well as legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing contribute to conservation and sustainable-use objectives
Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity	VI/4 (para. 2)	<i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the secretariats of relevant conventions, to prepare a proposal for the development of a mechanism to coordinate activities in these areas, and for linking and ensuring integration of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the national action programmes under the Convention to Combat Desertification

^{5/} This table does not include short-term purely procedural requests to Parties for information. Please note also that additional guidance is available in relation to invasive alien species (decision VI/23, para 10), island biodiversity (decision VIII/1, annex) and CEPA (decision VIII/6, annexes II and III).

CBD Article/ programme of work/cross-cutting issue	Decision	Guidance
Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	VI/9 (para. 4)	<i>Invites</i> Parties and Governments to develop national and/or regional targets, and, as appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans
Forest biodiversity	VI/22 (para. 10)	<i>Urges</i> Parties and other Governments to incorporate relevant objectives and related activities of the programme of work into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national forest programmes and promote compatibility and complementarity between these plans/programmes and other related initiatives
Invasive alien species	VI/23 (para. 10)	<i>Urges</i> Parties and other Governments, in implementing the Guiding Principles, and when developing, revising and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans to address the threats posed by invasive alien species, to... (Further guidance provided in VI/23(10) but not reproduced here)
Strategic Plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity	VI/26 (Annex)	Goal 3: National biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors serve as an effective framework for the implementation of the objectives of the Convention. 3.1 Every Party has effective national strategies, plans and programmes in place to provide a national framework for implementing the three objectives of the Convention and to set clear national priorities. 3.4 The priorities in national biodiversity strategies and action plans are being actively implemented, as a means to achieve national implementation of the Convention, and as a significant contribution towards the global biodiversity agenda
Implementation of the Convention, in particular, implementation of priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans	VI/27A (para. 2)	<i>Urges</i> Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity: (a) To develop and adopt national biodiversity strategies and action plans, where they have not yet done so; (b) To give priority to the integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as well as benefit-sharing, into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies, in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention; I To identify priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant national strategies; (d) To implement national biodiversity strategies and action plans; and to periodically revise them in the light of the experience of implementation; (e) To establish national mechanisms or consultative processes, with particular regard, where appropriate, to the special needs of indigenous and local communities, for coordinating, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and periodically revising national biodiversity strategies and action plans; (f) To identify constraints and impediments to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to reflect them in the national reports; (g) To make their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including periodic revisions, available through their national clearing-house mechanism and the Convention website
Regional cooperation	VI/27A (para. 3)	Parties are encouraged to: develop regional, subregional or bioregional mechanisms and networks; and to support implementation of the Convention including, as appropriate, through the development of regional or subregional biodiversity strategies and action plans, the identification of common constraints and impediments to implementation; and promotion of joint measures for addressing these
Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity	VII/2 (para. 5 I)	<i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary ... to integrate activities related to national biodiversity strategies and action plans with national action programmes for the Convention to Combat Desertification, national adaptation programmes of action under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Ramsar wetland policies and other relevant programmes, including national strategies for sustainable development and poverty reduction
Marine and coastal biodiversity	VII/5 (para. 44)	<i>Urges</i> Parties and other Governments to adopt the use of relevant methods and techniques for avoiding the adverse effects of mariculture on marine and coastal biological diversity, and incorporate them into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans

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Monitoring and indicators	VII/8 (para. 8)	<i>Urges</i> all Parties that have not done so to develop a set of biodiversity indicators as part of their national strategies and action plans, taking into account, as appropriate, the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the target to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level, as well as the guidance, lessons learned and list of indicators provided in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/10
Biological diversity and tourism	VII/14 (para. 10)	<i>Invites</i> all Governments to integrate these Guidelines in the development or review of their strategies and plans for tourism development, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and other related sectoral strategies, at appropriate levels in consultation with interested stakeholders including tourism operators and all members of the tourism sector
Global strategy for plant conservation	VII/10 (para. 6(a))	<i>Encourages</i> Parties ... to promote and facilitate implementation and monitoring of the Strategy at national level, including the identification of national targets and their integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and sectoral and cross-sectoral plans programmes and activities
Mountain biodiversity	VII/27 (para. 3)	<i>Invites</i> Parties to identify priority actions among the actions recommended in the programme of work depending on the particular national or local conditions and <i>urges</i> Parties to incorporate them into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as national programmes and activities on the implementation of regional mountain conventions and initiatives, and implement them taking into account the ecosystem approach
Island Biodiversity	VIII/1 (para.3)	<i>Urges</i> Parties ...to implement the programme of work primarily through its incorporation into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and to mainstream it into national sustainable development strategies. (Further guidance provided in the Programme of Work, Annex to VIII/1)
Global Taxonomy Initiative	VIII/3 (para. 9)	<i>Urges</i> Parties and other Governments that have not done so to: [.] Undertake or complete or update, as a matter of priority, national taxonomic needs assessments, including related technical, technological and capacity needs, and establish priorities for taxonomic work that take into account country-specific circumstances. These assessments should take into account ongoing national biodiversity strategies and action plans as well as regional strategies and initiatives under development, with particular regard to user needs and priorities
Global Initiative on Communication, Education and Public Awareness	VIII/6 (Annex II, para. 2)	CEPA strategies should be developed and implemented, wherever possible, as components of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Where countries have yet to develop national biodiversity strategies and action plans, any CEPA strategies should take the potential of this into account. (Further guidance provided in Annexes II and III of VIII/6)
Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism	VIII/11 (Programme of work of the CHM)	<i>Actions by national clearing-house mechanisms:</i> 1.1.8. Identify and implement opportunities to facilitate scientific and technical cooperation that will enhance the capacity to implement priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans 1.2.3. Identify and implement opportunities to facilitate the transfer of technology that is needed to implement priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans 3.3.4. Identify work areas where active networking between experts would facilitate implementation of priority actions in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and seek to establish such networks
Financial resources and financial mechanism	VIII/13 (para. 2)	<i>Affirms</i> that Parties and Governments should determine their own funding priorities for national biodiversity activities based on the Strategic Plan, and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and taking into account relevant elements of the Convention's programmes of work
National Reporting	VIII/14 (para	Decides that the fourth and subsequent national reports should be outcome-oriented and focus on the national status and trends of biodiversity, national actions and outcomes with respect to the achievement of the 2010 target and the goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention, and progress in implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans

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Framework for monitoring implementation of the achievement of the 2010 target and integration of targets into the thematic programmes of work	VIII/15 (para. 10)	<i>Emphasizes</i> that the targets ... should ... be viewed as a flexible framework within which national and/or regional targets may be developed, relevant to the implementation by Parties of the programmes of work and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, according to national and/or regional priorities and capacities, taking into account differences in biological diversity between countries;
Ibid	VIII/15 (para. 11)	<i>Urges</i> Parties and <i>invites</i> other Governments to develop national and/or regional goals and targets and related national indicators ... and to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans ...
Ibid	VIII/15 (para. 15)	<i>Emphasizes</i> that the elaborated technical rationale and proposed indicators for the outcome oriented targets for the programme of work on the biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands provided in the annex to the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4/Add.2) are intended as guidance to Parties in their implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans
Ibid	VIII/15 (para. 23)	<i>Emphasizes</i> that the technical rationale and proposed global indicators for the global outcome-oriented targets for the programme of work on mountain biological diversity contained in the note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/10) are intended as guidance to Parties in their implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans
Private-sector engagement	VIII/17 (para. 1)	<i>Urges</i> national focal points, working with relevant government departments, to communicate the importance of biodiversity to companies operating within the jurisdiction of Parties, including state-owned companies and small and medium enterprises, to engage such companies in the development of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and to encourage such companies to adopt practices that support the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the objectives of the Convention
Agricultural biodiversity	VIII/23 (para. 5)	<i>Urges</i> Parties and other Governments to integrate biodiversity, food and nutrition considerations into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other national plans and activities, including national plans of action for nutrition and strategies for achievement of the Millennium Development Goals
