

Template for submitting comments [on the draft manual for Strengthening NBSAPs through Landscape Approaches \(UNU\)](#)

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I think the document will be very helpful. Small comments can be found below.	
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Line number	Comments
201	Potentially missing a parenthesis at the end.
222- 223	Worth considering what it means to be an expert. IP&LC groups / women / farmers can provide expert knowledge, regardless of having or not having formal degrees or other titles that would typically signify "expert" status.
354	I recommend adding under resources the " Integrated Spatial Planning Workbook ", published in 2022 by UNDP. This document relates directly to landscape approaches, providing a guide to UNDP's methodology for integrated spatial planning, which has been piloted in 11 countries. You can add the following text:

	UNDP (2022). Integrated Spatial Planning Workbook . This workbook illuminates how countries can use integrated spatial planning to reveal pathways toward the achievement of multiple nature-based goals at once. Employing step-by-step explanations and case studies from 11 UNDP countries, the workbook shows how nations can develop 'Maps of Hope' that indicate where to protect, manage, and restore ecosystems to meet their unique goals. The result is strengthened decision-making, better coordination across sectors, and increased recognition of nature's pivotal role in addressing our planetary crisis.
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Great document with important information. Would be great to disseminate it broadly to CBD focal points. Specific comments below.	
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158	Great to mention all the sectors that might contribute/benefit from landscape approaches. I would be good to mention the nexus on biodiversity/climate change here (maybe where "forestry" is noted), because landscape approaches can also support in achieving the climate-related goals for a given entity.
173 (whole following para)	Would be good to mention experts in Systematic Conservation Planning, who are the experts that most of the time run prioritization analysis and are able to produce maps to guide decision making.

189	On the considerations to mobilize the right stakeholders, mention the language, as well as the appropriate facilitation for the consultations. Some groups (and/or genders) might want to meet separately.
	Under “convene and establish objective”, second bullet seems to display an error?
	Under “map” it might be good to refer to both national and global data that can support the mapping exercise
218	Recommend having Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on a separate bullet than civil society
220	Experts *and facilitators (they play an important role especially when it comes to the trade-offs)
228	Same, IPLCs could be considered as experts?
279	I would recommend adding to the list “Essential Life Support Areas (ELSAs)”, and could use the sentence “Essential Life Support Areas (ELSAs) that indicate where actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore nature could occur in a country, based on a thorough stakeholder engagement process”. We can also put a link to the website or the workbook or add more information about this UNDP-led work around integrated spatial planning.
353	Would be good to embed links to the titles - i.e. “NBSAP Forum”: www.nbsapforum.net

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There may be some value in clarifying what is meant by the term 'indicator'. Most of my comments below get at specific (duplicate) instances of this, where things like 'progress' towards something is not very clearly defined. For an indicator to be of actual use it must be something more concrete - how can and is progress defined in light of a target? If the BGF text is actually ambiguous on this, then we should press that an indicator is something measurable and that local/national efforts must address what this means in light of both policy and available data.

Please provide other comments indicating the line number below.

Line number	Comments
p. 7; Box 'Map'	Q-GIS should be QGIS, no hyphen.
p 10; Box 'Target 1'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 11; Box 'Target 2'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 11; Box 'Target 3'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 11; Box 'Target 4'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 12; Box 'Target 5'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.

p 12; Box 'Target 6'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 13; Box 'Target 7'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 13; Box 'Target 9'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 14; Box 'Target 10'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 14; Box 'Target 11'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
p 17; Box 'Target 17'	"Progress towards sustainable forest management [25]" is not a quantifiable measure/indicator. Something like total forested area under sustainable management plans, or percent of total forested area under sustainable management plans would be something that is measurable progress.
Bibliography item [25]	Should be: QGIS.org, 2023. QGIS Geographic Information System. QGIS Association. http://www.qgis.org
215	It might be good to reference private landowners and private protected areas as well within 'private sector representation'.

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The report is meaningful in supporting national governments to apply landscape approaches in the planning and achieving of GBF.

Chapter 1 is important for the key definitions. However, both the definition of landscape and landscape approach under the context of GBF are not very clearly explained in the text. Suggest more clarification on landscape, especially the ecological meaning - this may not be accurate to define 'landscapes are local features' (line 138), also not accurate to restrict landscape approaches to local scale only, other than larger spatial scale or national level.

'Conservation' was used as a broad term in the report, but line 153 is not an accurate explanation (see below comments).

General comment on the writing: The Summary and main text need further proofread. There are many verbalized expressions in the text that would be better to switch to written language - such as 'remain useful for some time', 'more of a concept', 'some form of', 'as much as possible', "more or less", and there is an overuse of 'but'.

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31	change 'that' to 'than'
page 4 footprint	the reference link for the definition is not accessible
108-111	"Without landscape approaches....outside protected areas", this part is not rigorous enough.. Protected areas is a broader concept than areas 'formally protected'.
138	"landscapes are local features", this may not be accurate.
139	"Landscape approaches are, therefore, applied at the local level" this may not be accurate, landscape could be multiple spatial scales.
153-155	This sentence is a bit confusing, conservation is not responsible for managing PAs. Generally, PAs established for protecting or maintaining biodiversity serve as important approach / tools for conservation.
Page 7 the 'Map' box	"These maps are at a coarse scale, so they may be of limited use", this is not very accurate. There are high (10m) and mid (30-100m) resolution free land cover maps available that can be applied at local scale.

	Accuracy assessment and/or growth truthing is suggested when using these remote sensing products to support action plans on the ground.
Page 7 the 'Map' box	I don't think 'ArcGIS' is more advanced than 'QGIS'...
306	problem on citation insert

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<p>The document is well organized and easy to follow. Suggest to review the resources listed on https://www.cbd.int/gbf/targets and see if there are any relevant resources that could be added to the 'Annex: additional resources'. Suggest to check for consistency in the citation style in the 'Bibliography'. Please find specific comments below.</p>	
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line 354	Change 'global partnership' for 'community of practice'
line 355	Change 'It is hosted by the Secretariat of the CBD' for 'It is led through a partnership between the Secretariat of the CBD (SCBD)'
line 356	Delete the word 'of' where it says 'Its purpose of is'
lines 357 and 358	Change 'implement effective NBSAPs National Reports' for 'implement effective NBSAPs and prepare National Reports'
