

COP 13 decisions containing requests related to national reports

Decision	Title	Relevant Text
XIII/1	Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	<p>13. <i>Further encourages</i> Parties to systematically mainstream gender considerations in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and in associated implementation and reporting mechanisms in line with the 2015–2020 Gender Plan of Action under the Convention on Biological Diversity;</p> <p>21. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant international organizations to submit updated information, including on the use of existing indicators and data sets, on progress towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, through their respective national focal points, making use of the voluntary online reporting tool, preferably by 31 December 2017, to allow the Executive Secretary to synthesize and make available the information for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;</p> <p>29. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to undertake evaluations of the effectiveness of measures undertaken to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, to document experiences, including the methodologies applied, to identify lessons learned, and to provide this information to the Executive Secretary, including through their sixth national report and the clearing-house mechanism;</p> <p>34. <i>Recognizes</i> the need for a comprehensive and participatory process to develop proposals for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 ... and <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the Bureau and for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting, a proposal for a comprehensive and participatory preparatory process and timetable for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, taking into consideration that this work must cover the Convention on Biological Diversity and also consider its Protocols, as appropriate, including options for fostering commitments and strengthened implementation, taking into account the preparation of the fifth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i>, the final assessment of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the national reports, and the thematic, regional and global assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and providing for consultations among Parties, and with other Rio Conventions, other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, and inputs from indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders and sectors;</p>
XIII/3	Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of	<p>104. <i>Also requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with relevant organizations and initiatives, and avoiding duplication of existing work:</p> <p>(b) To identify best practices and successful models of institutional mechanisms in place at the national level, drawing on</p>

	biodiversity within and across sectors	new information from Parties, information available in the fifth national reports, the clearing-house mechanism, and other existing sources of information, to support implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;
XIII/7	Forest biodiversity: the role of international organizations in supporting the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	<p>5. <i>Also invites</i> the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, in preparing the 2017-2030 work plan of the Partnership, to consider ways and means of further enhancing their individual and collective contributions to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and support a coordinated approach to the achievement of the forest-related multilateral commitments and goals, such as the following:</p> <p>(d) Improving monitoring of and reporting on progress, including the harmonization of indicators and reporting processes;</p>
XIII/8	Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management	<p>3. <i>Invites</i> Parties to include in their sixth national reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity information on the use of rights-based management systems and the transfer of these rights and associated management to indigenous peoples and local communities with regard to sustainable wildlife management;</p>
XIII/12	Marine and coastal biodiversity: ecologically or biologically significant marine areas	<p>13. <i>Recalling</i> paragraph 11 of decision XII/22, <i>invites</i> Parties, other Governments and competent intergovernmental organizations to share their experiences in undertaking scientific and technical analysis of the status of marine and coastal biodiversity in areas within their respective jurisdictions or mandates, described as meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and contained in the repository of ecologically or biologically marine significant areas, as decided by the Conference of the Parties, through national reports and/or voluntary reports, and <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism and other means, as appropriate;</p> <p>14. <i>Recalling</i> paragraph (d) of the annex to decision X/29, in which the Conference of the Parties endorsed guidance for the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity, including the indicative list of activities for operational objective 2.4 of programme element 2 on marine and coastal living resources, <i>further encourages</i> Parties and <i>invites</i> other Governments and intergovernmental organizations, within their respective jurisdictions and competencies, to take measures to ensure conservation and sustainable use by implementing relevant tools, in accordance with national law, including area-based management tools such as marine protected areas, environmental impact assessments and strategic environmental assessments, and fisheries management measures, and to share their experience in taking these measures through national reports and/or voluntary reports, and <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism;</p>

XIII/15	Implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production for the work of the Convention	8. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to provide the Executive Secretary with information on relevant national initiatives and activities to promote the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators and <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to compile this information, including information in the national reports, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
XIII/18	Article 8(j) and related provisions MO'OTZ KUXTAL VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES	5. <i>Invites</i> Parties to report on experiences gained by using the Voluntary Guidelines through the national reports;
XIII/20	Resource mobilization	8. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in line with paragraphs 26 and 28 of decision XII/3, to make the financial reporting framework for the second round of reporting available online by 1 July 2017, and invites Parties to report, using the online financial reporting framework, on their further contribution to the collective efforts to reach the global targets for resource mobilization, against the established baseline, in conjunction with their sixth national reports, by 31 December 2018; 23. <i>Recalls</i> its invitation to Parties to report progress in achieving these milestones, as well as any additional milestones and timelines established at the national level, in the context of national circumstances, policies and capabilities, through their national reports or, as appropriate, through the online reporting framework on implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and <i>invites</i> Parties to also include information on national analytical studies that identify candidates for elimination, phase-out or reform of incentives, including subsidies, that are harmful for biodiversity, and that identify opportunities to promote the design and implementation of positive incentive measures, such as appropriate recognition and support for indigenous peoples and local communities that conserve territories and areas, and other effective community conservation initiatives;
XIII/21	The financial mechanism	Sixth national report 27. <i>Requests</i> the Global Environment Facility, in the light of the revised guidelines for reporting under the Convention and its Protocols, to assess the required funding levels for national reporting, and provide financial support to developing countries accordingly in a timely and expeditious manner;

XIII/22	Framework for a communications strategy	<p>2. <i>Invites</i> Parties to use the framework as they seek to develop their own national strategies and report on the results of their work through the clearing-house mechanism;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Annex</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRAMEWORK FOR A COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. Resources</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Official national reports and strategies</i></p> <p>45. The official communications of Parties in support of the CBD, and in response to decisions of the Conference of the Parties, are a key communications resource. These communications have official status and provide information on the state of implementation of the CBD at the national level, as well as communicating the intentions of Parties with regard to implementation. For all official national reports and strategies, actions and national targets should be expressed against the agreed upon indicators.</p> <p>(b) National reports. Much greater use should be made of the information in national reports, both by the Secretariat and by Parties themselves. The information can be used to demonstrate successes in implementation, as well as to identify areas where more work is needed. Efforts should also be made to recover structured data from the reports and use this.</p>
XIII/23	Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and the clearing-house mechanism	<p>3. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to support, facilitate or coordinate with other partners, as appropriate, the implementation of activities contained in the annex (containing the Short-term Action Plan (2017-2020) to Enhance and Support Capacity-Building for the Implementation of the Convention and its Protocols);</p> <p>4. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to contribute to the implementation of the action plan referred to in paragraph 1 above;</p> <p>5. <i>Also invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to consider taking the following complementary measures to enhance the implementation of Article 12 of the Convention:</p> <p>(k) Share relevant information and lessons learned through the clearing-house mechanism, national reports and other relevant means and mechanisms;</p> <p>6. <i>Invites</i> Parties to contribute to technical and scientific cooperation by, inter alia, providing information on priority needs, offering examples of effective practices/bright spots for replication, identifying synergies with their plans, programmes and activities on science, technology, and technical and scientific cooperation, and facilitating the linking of the needs of Parties with available support for technical and scientific cooperation and share this information through the central clearing-house mechanism, and through national clearing-house mechanisms, as appropriate, and</p>

		<p>national reports;</p> <p>15. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:</p> <p>(l) To submit a progress report for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting on the above elements, taking into account information provided through the national reports, the clearing-house mechanism and the Traditional Knowledge Portal;</p> <p>(m) To initiate the process for preparing a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, ensuring its alignment with the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the work of the Protocols, and ensuring its coordination with the time table for the development of this framework, with a view to the timely identification of the priority capacity-building actions, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting and for subsequent consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting;</p> <p>(n) To prepare, in the context of the process referred to in paragraph 15(m) above, terms of reference for a study to provide the knowledge base for the preparation of the long-term strategic framework for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting and subsequently by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, ensuring that the study takes into account, inter alia, the implementation of the short-term action plan for capacity-building referred to in paragraph 1 above and relevant experiences reported by Parties in their national reports;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annex</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Short-term Action Plan (2017-2020) to Enhance and Support Capacity-Building for the Implementation of the Convention and its Protocols</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cross-cutting activities (all Aichi Biodiversity Targets) – National reporting</p> <p>88. Organize capacity-building workshops to support Parties in the preparation of their sixth national reports, including the use of the voluntary online reporting tool (XIII/27, para. 6)</p>
XIII/24	Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations	<p>B. Options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions</p> <p>4. <i>Recognizes</i>, in the context of the ongoing work on synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, the importance of the strategic plans of the conventions, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and any follow-up, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, and related reporting and indicators;</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Annex I</i></p>

**OPTIONS FOR ENHANCING SYNERGIES AMONG THE
BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS AT THE
NATIONAL LEVEL**

A. Introduction

7. Parties could be encouraged to select among the various options for enhancing synergies as appropriate to national circumstance, taking into account their NBSAPs, and to report on any actions taken to enhance synergies at the national level in their national reports, where possible.

16. Such national coordination mechanisms could, inter alia:

(d) Facilitate a national coordination process related to national reporting to the various biodiversity-related conventions to, inter alia:

- (i) Align data collection and reporting, inter alia, through modular reporting;
- (ii) Link focal points and institutions to assist each other in meeting reporting requirements;
- (iii) Foster quality control and consistency of reporting of similar information across conventions where appropriate;

(g) Facilitate coordination among the conventions at the national level with regard to capacity-building, for example the training of national focal points, the conducting of joint workshops on common areas of responsibility among the conventions, such as national reporting and resource mobilization, the identification of common areas of capacity-building needs and the delivery of coordinated capacity-building for implementation of the conventions (see subsection 6 below);

2. Actions in specific issue areas

17. In addition to the options for actions that would be facilitated by enhanced coordination mechanisms, described in paragraphs 14 to 16 above, the following sections outline specific options for action in the areas of: the management of information and knowledge, national reporting, monitoring and indicators; communication and awareness-raising; the science-policy interface; capacity-building; and resource mobilization and utilization.

(a) *Management of information and knowledge, national reporting, monitoring and indicators*

(i) *Rationale*

18. Collaboration in information-sharing and knowledge-management can provide mutual benefits in the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions, particularly with regard to reporting and monitoring. Opportunities to reduce reporting burdens may lie in overlapping data requirements and accessing relevant data from shared sources. The development and

refinement of indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals will have implications for biodiversity-related conventions and agencies that act as custodians for indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals.

(ii) *Options for action*

19. Parties are encouraged:

(a) To develop and/or promote where possible thematic databases, or strengthen existing databases that are open and interoperable between conventions;

(b) To exchange information and experience across conventions on tools, mechanisms and best practices for data collection and reporting as well as information and knowledge management;

(e) To update clearing-house mechanisms to streamline reporting under the different biodiversity-related conventions;

(f) To consider how reporting under each biodiversity-related convention could benefit from the collection of information from other biodiversity-related conventions;

(h) To establish linkages of the national focal points with the agency designated for reporting on achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (national statistical agency in many countries) to harmonize information on the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Indicators;

25. Parties are encouraged:

(c) To conduct joint capacity-building workshops for entities with responsibilities for the biodiversity-related conventions on common areas of responsibility among the conventions, such as national reporting and resource mobilization;

Annex II

ROAD MAP FOR ENHANCING SYNERGIES AMONG THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL 2017-2020

A. Introduction

3. The present annex streamlines these measures into three areas:

(b) Enhancing management of and avoiding duplication related to information and knowledge, national reporting, monitoring and indicators;

B. Enhancing cooperation and coordination mechanisms

1. *Enhancing the work of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions*

6. The Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, comprising the convention secretariats, serves an important function in facilitating cooperation among the

		<p>biodiversity-related conventions. One area for enhanced synergies is to further enhance the work of the liaison group, including among counterpart staff of the respective secretariats to address specific areas as needed, such as resource mobilization, capacity-building and Internet technology. Areas for additional common work could include communications, reporting and indicators, including those related to the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the preparation of guidance materials for Parties outlined in the relevant section below.</p> <p>C. Enhancing management of and avoiding duplication related to information and knowledge, national reporting, monitoring and indicators</p> <p>12. Collaboration in the management of information and knowledge and alignment in national data gathering, reporting, monitoring and indicators, where relevant, would serve as an important foundation to enhancing synergies and efficiencies among the biodiversity-related conventions. Actions aimed to support capacity-building in this regard are outlined in this section rather than in section C below on capacity-building and guidance. Actions would be required of the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions, including in the framework of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and by relevant organizations, including the United Nations Environment Programme through the Multilateral Environmental Agreement Information and Knowledge Management (MEA-IKM) Initiative and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC). The important role of the MEA-IKM and InforMEA to the Convention and to enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions would be emphasized and supported by Parties and other Governments. Such actions would respect the legal autonomy and mandates of the conventions, and could include the measures contained in section B.1 in the table presented in section E below.</p> <p>Table of desirable key actions for enhancing synergies at the international level from 2017 to 2020</p> <p>(This table should be read in conjunction with the full text in annex II)</p> <p>B. Enhancing management of and avoiding duplication related to information and knowledge, national reporting, monitoring and indicators</p>
XIII/25	Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and mechanisms to support review of implementation	<p>4. <i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare, in consultation with Parties and relevant stakeholders, information on the obstacles identified in paragraph 3 above, as well as to identify effective practices related to the implementation of national and global targets, based on national reports, including consideration of possible elements of mechanisms for review of implementation, such as the voluntary peer review mechanism for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and taking into account the views expressed by Parties</p>

		and observers at the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and additional views provided by Parties and observers, including indigenous peoples and local communities, to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;
XIII/26	Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings	<p>2. <i>Also requests</i> the Executive Secretary to continue using, where appropriate, integrated approaches in proposing agenda items and organizations of work, in the preparation of documents, and in planning and implementation of intersessional activities, and especially in addressing common cross-cutting areas, such as capacity-building, national reporting, the administration of clearing-house mechanisms, communication, education and public awareness, resource mobilization and financial mechanisms, with a view to achieving synergies in the consideration of issues and efficiency in processes related to these areas under the Convention and the Protocols;</p>
XIII/27	National reporting	Entire decision
XIII/29	Global Biodiversity Outlook and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	<p><i>The Conference of the Parties</i></p> <p>1. <i>Decides</i> to initiate the preparation for a fifth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i>, which:</p> <p>(c) Should draw upon official and the best available scientific information, such as the following:</p> <p>(i) The sixth national reports;</p>