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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION

1/8. Options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. Welcomes the report of the Workshop on Synergies among the Biodiversity-related Conventions held in Geneva in February 2016;¹

2. Also welcomes the options identified by the Workshop on Synergies among the Biodiversity-related Conventions, and takes note of views expressed by Parties at the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;

3. Recognizing the importance of undertaking further prioritization of options for action in a manner that continues to enable the full and equal involvement of all the biodiversity-related conventions in the process;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to draw the attention of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora at its seventeenth meeting to the synergies process established under decision XII/6, and invites the Secretariat and the Parties to that Convention to participate in that process;

5. Also requests the Executive Secretary to undertake further analysis of the outcomes of the workshop on synergies and actions as presented in the note by the Executive Secretary on possible recommendations arising from the options for action identified by the Workshop on Synergies among the Biodiversity-related Conventions² and, in consultation with the Informal Advisory Group established under decision XII/6 of the Conference of the Parties, in collaboration with the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and in consultation with Parties to the biodiversity-related conventions through appropriate channels, to refine, consolidate and streamline the outcomes of the workshop, including synergies that may be relevant between two or more of the biodiversity-related conventions as well as the Protocols to the Convention, including:

¹ [UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/INF/21](#).

² [UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/9/Add.1](#).

(a) Options for actions by Parties which may include voluntary guidelines for synergies at the national level;

(b) Options for action at the international level that includes a road map for the period 2017-2020 that prioritizes and sequences actions and identifies actors and potential mechanisms involved;

6. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to present the result of the collaborative work outlined in paragraph 5 above, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;

7. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision XII/6,

1. *Appreciates* the work of the governing bodies and their bureaux, standing committees and equivalent bodies in contributing to the Party-led process established under decision XII/6;

2. *Recognizes*, in the context of the ongoing work on synergies, 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 Development³ and the Sustainable Development Goals, and related reporting and indicators;

3. *Acknowledges* the work done by the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre and their valuable contribution and inputs provided to the workshop held in February 2016 in Geneva on promoting synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions;⁴

4. [*Takes note* of the resolution XX of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its second session];

5. *Welcomes* the options for action to enhance cooperation and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions elaborated by the workshop held in Geneva in February 2016;

6. [*Welcomes* the refined options for actions by Parties and *endorses* the road map elaborated through consultations pursuant to recommendation 1/--, paragraph 5, of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation];

7. *Invites* the governing bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions to further strengthen cooperation at the global level within their respective mandates and enhance synergies among them, to encourage mutually supportive decisions, pursue their efforts to align their own strategies with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, where appropriate[, and to endorse the options for action by Parties and the road map referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision];

³ [General Assembly resolution 70/1](#) of 25 September 2015 entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", annex.

⁴ The results of the United Nations Environment Programme project on "improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies": Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the Biodiversity-related Conventions at national and regional levels (UNEP, 2015) and Elaboration of options for enhancing synergies among biodiversity-related conventions.

8. *[Invites Parties to implement options for action at the national level resulting from the work mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present decision and to establish or strengthen, at national level, mechanisms to enhance the effective coordination among national biodiversity authorities and focal points and support mainstreaming;]*

9. *[Invites the Secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions, the governing bodies of the conventions, and the international organizations that provide the secretariats for these conventions, as well as representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, global non-governmental organizations and other relevant international organizations, to implement, where appropriate, the road map at the international level resulting from the work mentioned in paragraph 6 of the present decision];*

10. *[Requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to implement the relevant actions of the road map resulting from the consultative process referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision];*

11. *Calls on the Biodiversity Liaison Group, in close collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, to continue and strengthen its work to enhance coherence and cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions, including in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and any follow-up to this strategic plan, and requests the Executive Secretary to provide information on progress made to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, including any proposals to further advance this work.*
