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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION

1/10 National reporting

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Takes note* of the draft guidelines, including draft reporting templates, for the sixth national report contained in the annex to the present recommendation;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to arrange for peer review by Parties of the draft reporting guidelines, including draft reporting templates, for the sixth national report and the draft resource manual, and to revise them in the light of comments received, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, also taking into account any suggestions from other biodiversity-related conventions;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to make the draft guidelines including draft reporting templates and the draft resource manual available to the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions and to the Liaison Group of biodiversity-related conventions and to invite their input on potential synergies in reporting in order to facilitate the harmonization of reporting processes through common data sources, indicators and other relevant information;

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

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopts* the guidelines, including the reporting templates, for the sixth national report;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To make the guidelines, including the reporting templates, for the sixth national report available to Parties in the six official languages of the United Nations no later than 31 March 2017, including through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and the voluntary online reporting tool;

(b) To further develop the voluntary online reporting tool with a view to fully aligning it with the reporting templates for the sixth national report, by 31 March 2017 at the latest;

(c) To finalize the resource manual for the sixth national report, taking into account, among other relevant elements, guidance on common data sources, indicators and other relevant information provided by the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions and to the Liaison Group of biodiversity-related conventions, and to make it available through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other means;

3. *Encourages* Parties to submit their sixth national report by 31 December 2018, taking into account preparations for the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, and *encourages* Parties to submit elements of their sixth national report as soon as they are ready, as appropriate, through the voluntary online reporting tool;

4. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to provide adequate funding for the preparation of the sixth national report in a timely and expeditious manner to developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States as well as Parties with economies in transition;

5. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to provide, including through the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, where possible, support for developing countries in the preparation of their sixth national reports, in particular with regard to the development of indicators and the use of scientifically sound data for reporting and the assessment of progress in the achievement of national targets;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, and, where possible and appropriate, in collaboration with relevant partners and related processes, to organize capacity-building activities to support developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States as well as Parties with economies in transition, in the preparation of their sixth national reports, including the use of the voluntary online reporting tool;

7. *Invites* Parties to facilitate, as appropriate, the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders, including focal points for other biodiversity-related conventions and Rio conventions, in the preparation of the sixth national report to ensure that national reports reflect national implementation, and to increase alignment and coordination in reporting to the Convention and its Protocols and synergies in reporting among related conventions;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to develop, subject to subsequent endorsement by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, proposals for the alignment of national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols, and to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting, taking into account the following elements:

(a) Synchronized reporting cycles for the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, with common deadlines for submission of the reports after the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, in 2020;

(b) A common approach to the format of the national reports under the Convention and its Protocols;

(c) Gradual integration of the reporting facilities available in the clearing-house mechanism, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House, including unified user accounts, a single portal to access the reports for each of the three instruments, a common branding and design for all national reports, and a common system to analyse and display national report submissions;

(d) Appropriate cross-linkages between future strategic plans of the Convention and its Protocols with a view to facilitating alignment in reporting to the Convention and its Protocols;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions and Rio conventions, and the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre, to explore options for enhancing synergy on national reporting among these conventions, including consideration of the following possibilities:

- (a) Common sets of indicators, where appropriate;
- (b) Common reporting modules on shared issues;
- (c) Interoperability of information management and reporting systems;
- (d) Harmonization of tools for national reporting;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the progress of the activity referred to in paragraph 9 above to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting.

*Annex***DRAFT REPORTING TEMPLATES FOR THE SIXTH NATIONAL REPORT****Section I. Information on the targets being pursued at the national level**

If your country has set and/or adopted national targets or equivalent commitments related to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 please use the following template to describe them. Please complete this template for each of your country's national targets. If your country has not set or adopted any national target related to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 please indicate so in the first box and move on to section II.

National targets entered in this section will be linked with Section III so that progress in their implementation can be assessed.

<p>I. Information on the targets being pursued at the national level</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My country has adopted national biodiversity targets or equivalent commitments in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets</p> <p>or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My country has not adopted national biodiversity targets. I wish to use the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. (Move to section II. In section III, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets should be considered national targets and progress should be assessed towards their achievement in the national context.)</p>
<p>National Target (Please use the official title, if available):</p> <p><Text entry></p>
<p>Rationale for the National Target</p> <p><Text entry></p>
<p>Level of application (Please specify the level to which the target applies):</p> <p>Select level of application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional/multilateral – please indicate area concerned <Text entry></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National/federal</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subnational – please indicate area concerned <Text entry></p>

Relevance of National Targets to Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Links between national targets and Aichi Biodiversity Targets.)

Main related Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Note: Please tick one or more Aichi Targets to which your national target is wholly or partially related. Parties can select an entire target or a target component (not shown))

1 6 11 16
 2 7 12 17
 3 8 13 18
 4 9 14 19
 5 10 15 20

Other related Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Please tick one or more Aichi Biodiversity Targets to which your national target is related indirectly.)

1 6 11 16
 2 7 12 17
 3 8 13 18
 4 9 14 19
 5 10 15 20

or

National target has no corresponding Aichi Biodiversity Target or relates to other parts of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity – please explain <Text entry>

Other relevant information (Please use this field to provide any other relevant information, such as the process of developing and adopting national targets, stakeholders involved and the strategies and plans in which this national target has been included.)

<Text entry>

Relevant websites, web links, and files (Please provide below websites or web links by which information related to this national target can be accessed or found, or attach documents related to this national target.)

<Add link> <Add file>

Section II. Implementation measures taken and assessment of their effectiveness, and scientific and technical needs

Using the template below, please indicate the actions your country has taken to achieve its national targets and/or to implement its national biodiversity strategy and action plan. Please also provide an assessment of the effectiveness of these actions. The template should be replicated for each of your country's national targets.

<p>II. Implementation measures taken and assessment of their effectiveness, and scientific and technical needs</p>
<p>Actions or measures undertaken to achieve this national target, including actions in implementation of the updated NBSAP, mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors, and legislative measures taken (Parties can describe below all the actions taken to contribute to the implementation of this national target, including relevant actions taken to implement the updated NBSAP, mainstreaming of biodiversity and relevant legislations, policies, strategies and plans.)</p> <p><Text entry></p> <p>Relevant websites, web links and files (Please provide below websites, web links or documents where more information related to the implementation of this national target can be found).</p> <p><Add link> <Add file></p>
<p>For each action or measure, please indicate to which national target or targets the action contributes significantly</p> <p><Please select one or several targets> The list of targets entered in Section I will be displayed here automatically for selection</p>

Assessment of the effectiveness of actions or measures taken in achieving desired outcomes:

- Measures taken are highly effective
 Measures taken are partially effective but will need time to take effect
 Measures taken are partially effective but insufficient in scale
 Measures taken are partially neutralized by other factors
 Measures taken are ineffective
 Unknown

Please explain the selection and where possible indicate the tools or methodology used for the assessment

<Text entry>

Relevant websites, web links and files. (Please provide below websites, web links or documents where more information can be found in relation to the assessment made above).

<Add link> <Add file>

Relevant documents and information, including case studies¹ to illustrate how the actions taken have resulted in (or are expected to result in) outcomes in the implementation of national targets, including relevant cases from the implementation of the updated NBSAP or the mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors:

Relevant information

<Text entry>

Relevant websites, links and files (Please provide below websites, web links or documents where such information including cases can be found)

<Add link> <Add file>

Scientific and technical needs: Are there any obstacles that may be overcome by technical and scientific cooperation, capacity development activities or the development of guidance materials?

Please describe these obstacles and needs as specifically as possible

<Text entry>

If there is documentation on these obstacles and needs assessments, please provide relevant websites, links and files

<Add link> <Add file>

¹ Proposed criteria or possible elements for cases or case studies will be included in a resource manual for the sixth national report.

Section III. Assessment of progress towards each national target

Using the template below, please assess the level of progress made towards each of your country's national targets or similar commitments. The template should be replicated for each national target. If your country has not set national targets please use the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

III. Assessment of progress towards each national target
<p>Target</p> <p><Please select one target> The list of targets entered in Section I will be displayed here automatically for selection</p>
<p>Category of progress towards the implementation of the selected target:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On track to exceed target</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On track to achieve target</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Progress towards target but at an insufficient rate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No significant change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Moving away from target</p>
<p>Date the assessment was done:</p> <p><Date></p>
<p>Summary of evidence used (Please provide information on the evidence you have used to support your assessment, drawing upon relevant information provided in Section III).</p> <p><Text entry></p>
<p>Indicators and other tools used in this assessment</p> <p><i>Indicator(s) used in this assessment</i></p> <p><Indicator(s) used> Please provide a list of indicators used for the assessment above.</p> <p>Or:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No indicator used</p>
<p>Please describe any other tools or means used for assessing progress</p> <p><Text entry></p>

Please provide relevant web links and/or files where additional information can be found to support the assessment.

<Add link> <Add file>

Level of confidence of the above assessment

- Based on comprehensive evidence
- Based on partial evidence
- Based on limited evidence

Please provide an explanation for the level of confidence indicated above.

<Text entry>

Adequacy of monitoring information to support assessment

- Monitoring related to this target is adequate
- Monitoring related to this target is partial (e.g. only covering part of the area or issue)
- No monitoring system in place
- Monitoring is not needed

Please describe the monitoring system (if it exists)

<Text entry>

Relevant websites, web links and files (please provide below websites, web links or documents related to the monitoring system described above)

<Add link> <Add file>

Section IV. Assessment of the national contribution to the achievement of each Aichi Biodiversity Target

Using the template below, please indicate your assessment of your country's contribution towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. This template should be replicated for each of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. For assessment of progress towards *Aichi Target 20*, Parties should use the financial reporting framework contained in annex II to decision XII/3: <http://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop/?m=cop-12> and accessible online at <https://chm.cbd.int>.

In this section, please report on actions taken and progress made in the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and assess your Party's contributions to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Target.

IV. National contribution to the achievement of each Aichi Biodiversity Target
Aichi Biodiversity Target 1: Awareness increased
<p>List of national targets with main link to this Aichi Biodiversity Target (generated automatically for each Aichi Biodiversity Target)</p> <p>List of national targets also related to this Aichi Biodiversity Target (generated automatically for each Aichi Biodiversity Target)</p> <p>Please refer to relevant information provided in Section I. Countries that have not adopted national targets can skip this box.</p>
<p>Please describe how your country has contributed to the achievement of this Aichi Biodiversity Target and the evidence used to support this description:</p> <p>(For Parties with national target(s) related to this target, please provide a description of national contributions to the achievement of this Aichi Biodiversity Target, drawing upon relevant information in Sections II and III.</p> <p>For Parties that have adopted all or some of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets as national targets or that have worked towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets without necessarily having adopted them as national targets, please report here on actions taken to achieve this Aichi Biodiversity Target)</p> <p><Text entry></p>
<p>Date the assessment was done:</p> <p><Date></p>

Indicators and other tools used

Indicator(s) used

<Indicator(s) used> Please provide a list of indicators used for the description above.

Or:

No indicator used

Section V. Assessment of the national contribution to the achievement of each target of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation²

Using the template below, please indicate your assessment of your country's contribution towards the achievement of the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. This template should be replicated for each of the 16 targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.

<p>V. Assessment of the national contribution to the achievement of each target of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation</p>
<p>Assessment of progress made towards related target of the updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation</p> <p>Does your country have a national target related to this GSPC Target?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please provide details:</p> <p><Text entry></p> <p>Or:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, there is no related national target</p>
<p>Please describe the extent to which your country has contributed to the achievement of this target (Parties can report on actions taken to implement this target if they are not covered in sections II, III or IV):</p> <p><Text entry></p>
<p>Category of progress towards the target of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation at the national level:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On track to exceed target at national level</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On track to achieve target at national level</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Progress towards target at national level but at an insufficient rate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No significant change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Moving away from target</p> <p>Please explain the selection above:</p> <p><Text entry></p>

² This section of the sixth national report is voluntary.

Section VI. Updated biodiversity country profiles

Using the template below, please provide an update of your country's biodiversity profile using the text provided as a starting point and guide regarding length and level of detail. Where relevant, you can summarize information provided in previous sections. Biodiversity country profiles, which will be uploaded on the Convention's website, provide an overview of information relevant to the country's implementation of the Convention and its Protocols.

VI. Updated biodiversity country profile (update information from the version currently displayed at <https://www.cbd.int/countries>. *Note:* the text of the current version will be displayed for updating. A time stamp will be added to each section to indicate the date when the update was published.)

Biodiversity facts

Status and trends of biodiversity, including benefits from biodiversity and ecosystem services and functions:

<Text provided for possible update>

Main pressures on and drivers of change to biodiversity (direct and indirect):

<Text provided for possible update>

Measures to enhance implementation of the Convention

Implementation of the NBSAP:

<Text provided for possible update>

Overall actions taken to contribute to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020:

<Text provided for possible update>

Support mechanisms for national implementation (legislation, funding, capacity-building, coordination, mainstreaming, etc.):

<Text provided for possible update>

Mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing implementation:

<Text provided for possible update>

Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and related obligations under the Convention (Note: this will draw on the country profiles from the Biosafety Clearing-House <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>)

<Text entry> or <Text provided for possible update>

Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and related obligations under the Convention (Note: this will draw on the country profiles from the ABS Clearing-House <https://absch.cbd.int/search/countries>)

<Text entry> or <Text provided for possible update>
