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### RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

#### XX/1. Progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice *recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines, taking into account also any updated information on progress that is available at that time:

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Welcoming* the continued progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11,

*Also welcoming* the Promise of Sydney and other commitments made by the members of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other organizations at the World Parks Congress 2014, held in Sydney, Australia, particularly the commitment to accelerate the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,

1. *Acknowledges* with appreciation the support of partner organizations, donors, host Governments and the Executive Secretary for organizing regional capacity-building workshops and related activities on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12;

2. *Recognizes* that the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 will contribute to the implementation of other Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,<sup>1</sup> relevant targets of the Sustainable Development Goals and Article 5 of the Paris Agreement,<sup>2</sup> as well as means for mitigation and adaptation to climate change;

3. *Notes* the considerable gap in the conservation status assessment of most taxonomic groups, and the general lack of information on species conservation plans;

<sup>1</sup> [General Assembly resolution 69/283](#), annex II.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties, twenty-first session, decision 1/CP.21 (see [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#)).

4. *Invites* Parties, as appropriate and taking into account national circumstances:

(a) To undertake concerted efforts to implement actions identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant strategies and, as appropriate, address gaps identified through regional capacity-building workshops on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12;

(b) To pursue efforts to identify and explore options to protect areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, taking into account progress made in describing ecologically or biologically significant marine areas by the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Standards for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas adopted by the Council of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, as appropriate, and, in establishing new and/or expanding existing protected areas, or taking other effective area-based conservation measures, to give due consideration to areas that: (i) improve ecological representativeness; (ii) increase connectivity; (iii) promote the integration of protected areas into the wider landscape and seascape; (iv) protect the habitats of species, in particular threatened, endemic and migratory species, including through such mechanisms as important bird and marine mammal areas; (v) promote the integration of areas managed under collective action by indigenous peoples and local communities into the wider landscapes and seascapes, as appropriate; (vi) expand the coverage of areas important for biodiversity and ecosystem services; (vii) are identified as centres of origin or centres of genetic diversity; and (viii) have involved the full and effective participation and have received the prior informed consent of indigenous peoples and local communities whose territories, areas and resources overlap wholly or partially with the proposed areas, in accordance with national legislation;

(c) To endeavour to undertake more systematic assessments of management effectiveness and biodiversity outcomes of protected areas, including, where possible, other effective area-based conservation measures, to improve the management effectiveness by addressing the gaps, and to provide, on a voluntary basis, information on the results to the Global Database on Protected Areas Management Effectiveness, maintained by the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre, as appropriate;

(d) To undertake or participate in, where relevant, national protected area governance assessments with a view to promoting, recognizing and improving governance diversity, efficiency and equity in protected area systems;

(e) To strengthen their efforts to complete the assessments of the conservation status of all taxonomic groups and habitats and develop and implement species and habitat conservation plans, in particular for threatened and endemic species;

5. *Invites* the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre to work with Parties and other Governments to update the World Database on Protected Areas and also to contribute to the assessment of progress in the implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, relevant partners, regional agencies, bilateral and multilateral funding agencies, in conjunction with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account information provided by, and in consultation with Parties and other Governments, and subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To undertake a review of experiences on:

(i) Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, taking into account the work of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other appropriate expert bodies;

- (ii) Additional measures to enhance integration of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures into the wider land- and seascapes,
  - (iii) Mainstreaming of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures across sectors;
  - (iv) Effective governance models for management of protected areas, including equity, taking into account work being undertaken under Article 8(j);
- (b) To explore the possibility of developing global or regional projects which could support national assessments of management effectiveness and equity in protected areas;
- (c) To facilitate the completion of assessments of the conservation status of species, in particular threatened and endemic species, and enable their conservation, in accordance with established national processes;
- (d) To facilitate support networks at the regional and subregional level, as appropriate, to build capacity and support the implementation of national actions identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and, as appropriate, through the regional workshops for the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12, to promote the preparation, use and sharing of technical guidance, best practices, tools, lessons learned, and monitoring efforts;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

- (a) To develop voluntary guidance on the elements listed in paragraph 6(a) above;
- (b) To organize, subject to the availability of resources, a technical expert workshop to provide scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures and their role in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11;
- (c) To report on progress on the above to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

8. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to facilitate the alignment of the development and implementation of protected area and other effective area-based conservation projects in its sixth and seventh replenishment cycles with the national actions identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and, as appropriate, through the regional workshops for the achievement of Targets 11 and 12, with a view to facilitating the systematic monitoring and reporting of the results of those projects as they contribute to the implementation of the national action plans for the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 and other related targets.

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