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

23/3. Sustainable wildlife management

*The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice,
Recalling decision [14/7](#),*

1. *Takes note* of the information presented in the note by the Executive Secretary on actions taken pursuant to decision 14/7 and its associated information documents;¹
2. *Notes* that demand reduction strategies and alternative livelihood approaches to wild meat consumption, and to wildlife use in general, are more likely to be necessary when consumption or use are illegal and/or unsustainable, as sustainable wildlife management can significantly contribute to biodiversity conservation, as opposed to other alternatives that may result in land use changes that may be harmful to the environment and ecosystems;
3. *Invites* the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to consider the following information when developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the second objective of the Convention, “sustainable use of the components of biological diversity”:
 - (a) The report of the Consultative Workshop on Sustainable Wildlife Management Beyond 2020, in particular the recommendation that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should address overexploitation as a driver of biodiversity loss and promote sustainable wildlife management;²
 - (b) The results of the survey on sustainable wildlife management;³
 - (c) The comments made by the Parties at the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice;
4. *Invites* Parties, and *encourages* other Governments and relevant organizations that are in a position to do so, to provide financial assistance and support capacity-building and monitoring initiatives in developing countries for the implementation of decision 14/7, including the development of non-

¹ CBD/SBSTTA/23/5.

² See [CBD/WG2020/1/INF/3](#).

³ See [CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/19](#).

detriment findings of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, among other elements of sustainable wildlife management;

5. *Invites* the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to take into account the outcomes of the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice with a view to integrating issues related to sustainable wildlife management in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a crucial contribution to the sustainable use of biodiversity and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to invite the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to make information available to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fifteenth meeting regarding the progress of the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species, in order to inform the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework with respect to sustainable wildlife management;

7. *Invites* the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management to continue promoting the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector and collating additional examples of practical applications from different contexts, including consumptive and non-consumptive uses, in particular those of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to identify actions to fully reflect, address and integrate the findings of the gender gap analysis in the implementation of the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector;

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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing that the sustainable use of biodiversity, including management of wildlife, contributed to progress towards several of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals and continues to be relevant for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

Recognizing that unsustainable wildlife management hinders progress towards several of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing the progress made on the consideration of the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector in the tropics and the sub-tropics,

Welcoming the existing collaboration on issues related to sustainable wildlife management between the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the work of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, as well as the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime and others involved in law enforcement,

Recognizing that achieving sustainable use of biodiversity requires innovative strategic approaches and topics, efficient implementation and actions to ensure mainstreaming of biodiversity into all relevant sectors,

Noting that demand reduction strategies and alternative livelihood approaches to wild meat consumption, and to wildlife use in general, are more likely to be necessary when consumption or use are illegal and/or unsustainable, as sustainable wildlife management can significantly contribute to biodiversity conservation, as opposed to alternatives that may result in land use changes that may be harmful to the environment and ecosystems,

Taking note of recommendation 23/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on sustainable wildlife management,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, and other relevant stakeholders and right holders, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To complete the work mandated in decision 14/7, including identifying other areas beyond the wild meat sector that may require complementary guidance, such as other geographical areas, species and uses, making full use of the outcomes and the findings of the report of the Consultative Workshop on Sustainable Wildlife Management Beyond 2020⁴ and the results of the survey on sustainable wildlife management;

(b) To continue close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species and its implications for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(c) To collaborate with all relevant actors and stakeholders in order to promote the mainstreaming of the sustainable use of biodiversity, in particular that of wild species, into all relevant sectors;

(d) To further collaborate and enhance synergies in the field of sustainable use of wildlife with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements;

(e) To report on the progress of the activities listed above and formulate recommendations for the future work of the Convention on the issues surrounding sustainable wildlife management for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

⁴ See [CBD/WG2020/1/INF/3](#).