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Joint programme of work on the links between biological and cultural diversity: review and update of the four adopted traditional knowledge indicators

Recommendation adopted by the Working Group on 16 November 2023

12/4. Joint programme of work on the links between biological and cultural diversity: review and update of the four adopted traditional knowledge indicators

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity

1. *Takes note* of the progress made by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including in its work on the headline indicators, component indicators and complementary indicators, disaggregation by indigenous peoples and local communities status, the global indicator collated from binary responses related to Target 22 of the Framework and filling temporal spatial data gaps, including through the use of big data, citizen science, community-based monitoring and information systems, remote sensing, modelling and statistical analysis and other forms of data and diverse knowledge systems;

2. *Notes* that the proposed global indicator collated from binary responses related to Target 22 of the Framework¹ could provide a basis for continuing to track the indicators on the degree to which trends in the traditional knowledge, innovation and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities are respected through their full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation, participation and integration in the national implementation of the Framework;

3. *Invites* the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in their work:

(a) To further develop the indicators, taking into account the submissions received on the traditional knowledge indicators and the views expressed at the twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in particular with regard to:

¹ See [CBD/SBSTTA/25/2, annex](#).

- (i) Headline indicator 9.2 (Percentage of the population in traditional occupations);
- (ii) Headline indicator 21.1 (Indicator on biodiversity information for monitoring the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework), as the indicators on biodiversity information should include the indicators related to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices;
 - (b) To consider gaps in relation to Target 22, including on trends in the degree to which traditional knowledge and practices are respected through their full integration, and the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the national implementation of the Framework;
 - (c) To consider the development of indicators on trends in land-use change and land tenure in the traditional territories of indigenous peoples and local communities;
 - (d) To ensure that indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as their traditional knowledge, innovation and practices, are well reflected in the component and complementary indicators;
 - (e) To consider the need for data disaggregation by sex for all indicators related to the Framework, including the traditional knowledge indicators, and of strengthening, in line with objective 3.2 of the Gender Plan of Action, the evidence-based understanding and analysis of the gender-related impacts of the implementation of the Framework, including insights from the traditional knowledge of women and girls from indigenous peoples and local communities;

4. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments, subnational governments, local authorities, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and relevant organizations to contribute to the online discussions on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular to provide examples of community-based monitoring and information systems;

5. *Stresses* the importance of community-based monitoring and information systems for filling temporal and spatial data gaps and building capacity to implement the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, while acknowledging the need to engage indigenous peoples and local communities in the development and management of those information systems, as well as the need for enhanced international cooperation to address technical and financial gaps in developing countries;

6. *Requests* that the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, and with the full equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as women and youth:

- (a) Facilitate a scientific and technical review of the traditional knowledge indicators and their suggested links with the headline, component and complementary indicators of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

- (b) Provide the results of the review to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators in time for its second in-person meeting, currently scheduled for March 2024, so that the Expert Group may take them into account in the formulation of its recommendations for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting;

7. *Recommends* that, at its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision that includes the following elements, also taking into account the outcomes of the discussions on the monitoring framework held by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the previous work on indicators related to indigenous peoples and local communities, including in its decision [XIII/28](#) of 17 December 2016, on indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and

decision 15/5 of 19 December 2022, on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,

Underscoring the critical importance of engaging indigenous peoples and local communities and of taking into consideration their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices in the review of progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,²

Recognizing the contributions of community-based monitoring and information systems to improving global biodiversity knowledge, data and information, while acknowledging the need to engage indigenous peoples and local communities in the development and management of those information systems, as well as the need for enhanced international cooperation to address technical and financial gaps in developing countries,

Encourages Parties, other Governments, subnational governments, local authorities and relevant organizations to provide support for community-based monitoring and information systems, including in the use of data from those systems in the implementation of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

² Decision 15/4, annex.