

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS FOR A
COMPREHENSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE
POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

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Comments on the draft proposals		
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0	0	General Comment 1: The Strategic Plan and Aichi targets were developed through a participatory and consultative process which facilitated greatly their acceptance at UNGA level and by the other Biodiversity related MEAs. Nevertheless, to optimize political and implementation support we need a strong and widely accepted post-2020 biodiversity framework which can be owned equally by all instruments of the BLG, not just the CBD. The SP & Aichi Targets were indeed well integrated by CMS and even Ramsar but it did not change the overall approach of others such as CITES and the IT. The new post 2020 biodiversity framework should aim to be more effective in aligning the different instruments around common goals/targets while of course respecting their specific objectives and legal identity. Having one common overall framework, developed and adopted by all biodiversity-related conventions would not only enhance synergies across all relevant instruments and support streamlining of implementation and reporting, but also provide for a much stronger political message. This will however only happen if the process as such is not seen as ONLY CBD driven by the different communities. It is not enough to engage the other Secretariats: it's the governing bodies that need to feel ownership. The intersessional process should therefore not only invite other processes to contribute to the CBD process but be designed from the start in such a way that it would engage the entire biodiversity community and lead to a result that is equally acceptable to & owned by the governing bodies of all members of the BLG. The recommendations from SBI2 to COP14 should therefore also include the option that the process for developing the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework is not limited to the CBD but rather a joint process among all interested. Ideally, it could be envisaged that a process is put in place by COP14 that invites all key instruments to develop a framework together which can then be adopted in turn by all of the governing bodies, starting with the CBD COP/MOPs in 2020. Some specific comments to this document are suggested to reflect this general approach.

0	0	General Comment 2: The issue of identifying national commitments before or after adopting the new framework is important but also highly political and should be discussed at COP14 before requesting Parties for submissions. In our view it is important to first set global ambitious goals before breaking it down into national ones. We therefore do not support that SBI2 would already request the ES before COP14 to ask for submissions from Parties regarding national commitments. This is prejudging the discussions at COP14 and without proper consideration of the opportunities and challenges of such commitments , this approach could be disruptive to the process.
9	36	This reference to ask for submissions from Parties before COP14 is fine as it is currently and it should NOT refer specifically to national or other commitments before COP 14. (the recommendation for COP in §37 is OK since that discussion will need to be held then). See General Comment 2.
9	38	This paragraph needs to allow for a more encompassing process to encourage the governing bodies of the other members of the BLG to take ownership of the process as well. See General Comment 1. Suggest to reformulate to reflect this.
9	39	See General Comment 1: We believe that the issue of shared ownership across the biodiversity community should be better reflected in these criteria. This could be done either by adding a new one or by integrating it more in the existing ones.
10	40	In particular under a) there should be provisions to allow the other BLG members to engage their own communities fully to build ownership and allow a more equal acceptance of the post 2020 biodiversity framework by their governing bodies. Suggest to add an extra sentence or rephrase the current one to reflect this.
11	42	Agree that it is very important to fully engage the Nagoya and Cartagena Communities in this process. However, this approach should not be limited to CBD and its Protocol but also involve other focal points of biodiversity related MEAs. Suggest to add an extra sentence to this para to reflect this. See General Comment 1.
11	43	Add an extra bullet on relevant national and other reports from relevant MEAs to help assess their contributions to and experiences with the Aichi Targets
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