

**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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0	0	Conservation International would like to thank the CBD Secretariat for a clear, comprehensive and well-formulated draft. CI is supportive of the approach outlined in the document, particularly the many links noted between the new global biodiversity framework and other international commitments such as the Sustainable Development Goals, and the emphasis on participation of many actors and need for transparency of process highlighted in the document.
5	18	In addition to being an important enabling framework, it's important to recognize that the 2030 Agenda and many of the Sustainable Development Goals rely on biodiversity and ecosystems to be achieved. This paragraph could be strengthened by recognizing the critical role biodiversity plays in the achievement of the SDGs. Example language of how this could be included as a sentence in line 8: "Additionally, many of the Sustainable Development Goals are dependent on biodiversity and healthy ecosystems to be achieved, and ensuring complementarity between the new global biodiversity framework and the Sustainable Development Goals is therefore critical for efficient implementation of both."
5	19	Similar to the comment on Para 18, in addition to recognizing the relevance of other agreements, it could be noted that biodiversity and healthy ecosystems play a foundational role in the achievement of these other agreements.
6	24	Serve is misspelled in line 6.

6	24	In addition to the new global biodiversity framework not being less ambitious than the current plan, it should not be less ambitious than other international commitments, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, that have been agreed to since the current strategic plan. The sentence ending “the post 2020 global biodiversity framework should not be less ambitious than the current plan” could benefit from the addition of phrasing along the lines of “...or other biodiversity related international agreements.”
8	35	Related to the sentence: “Another process noted were the voluntary commitments put forward for achieving Sustainable Development Goal 14 at the Ocean Conference in June 2017.” We note that following a structure similar to the SDG 14 voluntary commitments allows voluntary commitments for both non-state actors and Parties to <i>complement</i> Party actions or provide concrete examples of how actors are achieving overarching commitments. This could act as an amplification platform for the work done by various actors but would be most effective if it complements the commitments made by Parties. We suggest adding wording to the end of the sentence along the lines of: “...which provides concrete examples of actions by all actors to complement the agreed global targets.”
8	35	To address concerns that commitments may become a compilation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans without global targets, and better reflect some of the suggestions made in the initial input process, we suggest adding the following sentence to the end of this paragraph: “National commitments would likely require some form of overarching global goals and robust guidance on how to formulate national commitments to ensure that such commitments can be adequately monitored and evaluated.”
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