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Dear Mr. De Souza Dias, *Braulio,*

CITES objectives and priorities in support of the Aichi Targets

The recently concluded 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES decided to convey to the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity, CITES' objectives and priorities in support of the Aichi Targets.

I am pleased to send these with this letter.

The CITES Parties invited the CBD COP to take these into account in providing broad strategic guidance to the Global Environment Facility.

We would be happy to collaborate with you and your staff in order to ensure that this documents is deployed at the COP in the most effective way and taken account of in the provision of guidance to the GEF.

I trust that your preparations for COP 13 are proceeding on schedule and wish you all the best for the final few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

JP John E. Scanlon
Secretary-General

Revised mapping of the *CITES Strategic Vision: 2008–2020* objectives and the Aichi Targets in the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2010-2020*.

Analysis of how CITES Strategic Vision objectives contribute to achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets established in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (CBD COP decision X/2)

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Strategic Goal A. Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society	CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020
Target 1: By 2020, at the latest, people are aware of the values of biodiversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably	Objective 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species. Objective 1.8 Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity building programmes in place. Objective 2.2 Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention. Objective 3.2 Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally. Objective 3.3 Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced. Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.
Target 2: By 2020, at the latest, biodiversity values have been integrated into national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems.	Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures. Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings. Objective 3.1 Cooperation between CITES and international financial mechanisms and other related institutions is enhanced in order to support CITES-related conservation and sustainable development projects, without diminishing funding for currently prioritized activities. Objective 3.3 Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced. Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels. Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.
Target 3: By 2020, at the latest, incentives, including subsidies, harmful to biodiversity are eliminated, phased out or reformed in order to minimize or	Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures. Objective 1.2 Parties have in place administrative procedures that are transparent, practical, coherent and user-friendly, and reduce

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<p>avoid negative impacts, and positive incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity are developed and applied, consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, taking into account national socio-economic conditions</p>	<p>unnecessary administrative burdens.</p> <p>Objective 2.2 Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention</p> <p>Objective 3.3 Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.</p> <p>Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.</p>
<p>Target 4: By 2020, at the latest, Governments, business and stakeholders at all levels have taken steps to achieve or have implemented plans for sustainable production and consumption and have kept the impacts of use of natural resources well within safe ecological limits.</p>	<p>Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.</p> <p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 1.6 Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.</p> <p>Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.</p> <p>Objective 3.2 Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally.</p> <p>Objective 3.3 Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.</p> <p>Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.</p> <p>Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.</p>
<p>Strategic Goal B. Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use</p>	<p>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020</p>
<p>Target 5: By 2020, the rate of loss of all natural habitats, including forests, is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero, and degradation and fragmentation is significantly reduced.</p>	<p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 1.6 Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.</p> <p>Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.</p> <p>Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.</p> <p>Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.</p>
<p>Target 6: By 2020, all fish and invertebrate stocks and aquatic</p>	<p>Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.</p>

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<p>plants are managed and harvested sustainably, legally and applying ecosystem based approaches, so that overfishing is avoided, recovery plans and measures are in place for all depleted species, fisheries have no significant adverse impacts on threatened species and vulnerable ecosystems and the impacts of fisheries on stocks, species and ecosystems are within safe ecological limits.</p>	<p>Objective 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.</p> <p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 1.6 Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.</p> <p>Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.</p> <p>Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.</p> <p>Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.</p>
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<p>Target 8: By 2020, pollution, including from excess nutrients, has been brought to levels that are not detrimental to ecosystem function and biodiversity.</p>	
<p>Target 9: By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment.</p>	<p>Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.</p> <p>Objective 1.3 Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.</p> <p>Objective 3.3 Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.</p>
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<p>Strategic Goal C: <i>To improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity</i></p>	<p>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020</p>
<p>Target 11: By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.</p>	<p>Objective 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.</p> <p>Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.</p>
<p>Target 12: By 2020, the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained.</p>	<p>Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.</p> <p>Objective 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.</p> <p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 1.6 Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.</p> <p>Objective 1.7 Parties are enforcing the Convention to reduce illegal wildlife trade.</p> <p>Objective 1.8 Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity-building programmes in place.</p> <p>Objective 2.2 Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention.</p> <p>Objective 2.3 Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to implement capacity-building programmes.</p>

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<p>Target 13: By 2020, the genetic diversity of cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and of wild relatives, including other socio-economically as well as culturally valuable species, is maintained, and strategies have been developed and implemented for minimizing genetic erosion and safeguarding their genetic diversity.</p>	
<p>Strategic Goal D: <i>Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services</i></p>	<p>CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020</p>
<p>Target 14: By 2020, ecosystems that provide essential services, including services related to water, and contribute to health, livelihoods and well-being, are restored and safeguarded, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable.</p>	<p>Objective 1.3 Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 3.3 Cooperation with relevant international environmental, trade and development organizations is enhanced.</p> <p>Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.</p> <p>Objective 3.5 Parties and the Secretariat cooperate with other relevant international organizations and agreements dealing with natural resources, as appropriate, in order to achieve a coherent and collaborative approach to species which can be endangered by unsustainable trade, including those which are commercially exploited.</p>
<p>Target 15: By 2020, ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks has been enhanced, through conservation and restoration, including restoration of at least 15 per cent of degraded</p>	

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ecosystems, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating desertification.	
Target 16: By 2015, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is in force and operational, consistent with national legislation.	Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.
Strategic Goal E. Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building	CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2020
Target 17: By 2015, each Party has developed, adopted as a policy instrument, and has commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan.	Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.
Target 18: By 2020, the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels.	<p>Objective 1.1 Parties comply with their obligations under the Convention through appropriate policies, legislation and procedures.</p> <p>Objective 1.3 Implementation of the Convention at the national level is consistent with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 3.2 Awareness of the role and purpose of CITES is increased globally.</p> <p>Objective 3.4 The contribution of CITES to the relevant Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development goals set at WSSD is strengthened by ensuring that international trade in wild fauna and flora is conducted at sustainable levels.</p>
Target 19: By 2020, knowledge, the science base and technologies relating to biodiversity, its values, functioning, status and trends, and the consequences of its loss, are improved, widely shared and transferred, and applied.	<p>Objective 1.4 The Appendices correctly reflect the conservation needs of species.</p> <p>Objective 1.5 Best available scientific information is the basis for non-detriment findings.</p> <p>Objective 1.6 Parties cooperate in managing shared wildlife resources.</p> <p>Objective 1.8 Parties and the Secretariat have adequate capacity-building programmes in place.</p> <p>Objective 2.2 Sufficient resources are secured at the national/</p>

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<p>Target 20: By 2020, at the latest, the mobilization of financial resources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 from all sources, and in accordance with the consolidated and agreed process in the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, should increase substantially from the current levels. This target will be subject to changes contingent to resource needs assessments to be developed and reported by Parties.</p>	<p>Objective 2.1 Financial resources are sufficient to ensure operation of the Convention.</p> <p>Objective 2.2 Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to ensure compliance with and implementation and enforcement of the Convention.</p> <p>Objective 2.3 Sufficient resources are secured at the national/international levels to implement capacity-building programmes.</p> <p>Objective 3.1 Cooperation between CITES and international financial mechanisms and other related institutions is enhanced in order to support CITES-related conservation and sustainable development projects, without diminishing funding for currently prioritized activities.</p>