HARNESSING THE POWER OF SPATIAL DATA

Rio Pavilion (Rideau Room, 220B), 2 – 6pm 16 December

GBF early action support

BACKGROUND

Time is running out for the global community to address our planetary crises. The implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (GBF) is of vital importance to our response. But where should Parties prioritize action based on their unique national context and targets? What is needed to develop comprehensive spatial planning as called for to accomplish draft Targets 1-3? How can countries draw on existing data and tools to create a comprehensive monitoring plan that meets national needs? Spatial data have the power to support Parties to respond to these questions and take transformative action around the post-2020 GBF.

The Rio Pavilion will host an afternoon designed to highlight how Parties are using existing spatial data and tools to develop comprehensive plans, prioritize action, monitor the impact of these actions, and report on the status of biodiversity and nature's services to humanity. Bringing together over 10 different tools and over 15 Parties who are leaders in spatial data and planning, this interactive series of events is designed to foster peer-to-peer exchange to spotlight existing resources and identify needs for early action on the post-2020 GBF.

Organized during the second day of the high-level segment, this series of events aims to bring attention to the critical role of spatial data for the post-2020 GBF.

Participants are encouraged to attend the elements of the series most relevant to their work:

- **PART 1: SPATIAL DATA FOR POST-2020 GBF PLANNING**
(Start time – 14:00): Join us to explore tools for spatial prioritization and planning used by Colombia, China, the European Commission, and South Africa.

- **Part 2: Spatial Data for Monitoring & Reporting**
(Start time – ca. 15:15): Join us to explore tools for spatial monitoring and reporting in use by Cameroon, Colombia, Jordan, and the Netherlands.

- **Part 3: Spatial Data for Policy Coherence: Mapping Hope**
(Start time – ca. 16:30): Join Chile, Costa Rica, South Africa, and Uganda who, as part of a cohort of 13 countries, have produced 'maps of hope' that identify where nature-based actions can safeguard areas that are key to maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services while achieving diverse national policy commitments.

- **Part 4: Peer-to-peer exchange on resources and needs for the post-2020 GBF**
(Start time—ca. 17:25): Join us for interactive discussion groups with Parties and tool developers building on the day's presentations to shape priorities and action.

This is an official event of the Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (GBF-EAS) Project, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in partnership with the CBD Secretariat, and with generous funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The main project objective is to fast-track readiness and early actions to implement the post-2020 GBF by providing financial and technical support to 138 countries.

Refreshments will be provided!

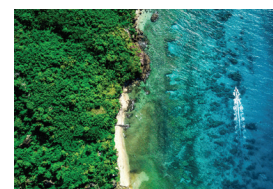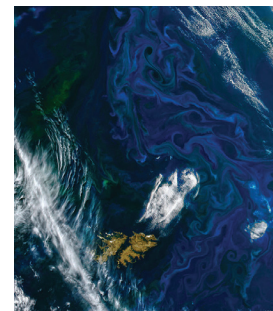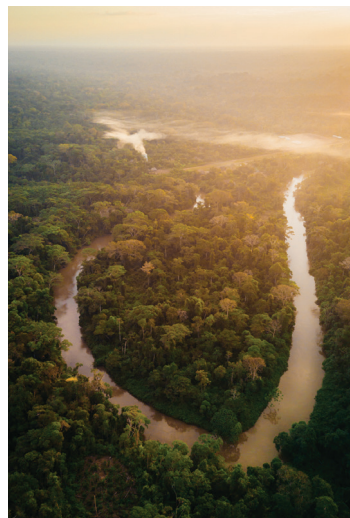## OBJECTIVES

- Provide a comprehensive survey of existing data and tools in use by Parties for spatial prioritization, planning, monitoring, and reporting.

- Demonstrate how Parties spanning diverse ecosystems and contexts are using these tools to support national priorities.

- Promote discussion and peer-to-peer exchange across Parties to highlight national resources and needs around early action to implement the post-2020 GBF.

- Inform the production of guidance documents, capacity development activities, and tools offered through the GBF EAS project.

AGENDA

Rio Pavilion: Harnessing the power of spatial data to take early action on the post-2020 GBF	
14:00 - 14:15	*Afternoon Welcome & Opening:* Jamison Ervin (UNDP) & Corli Pretorius (UNEP-WCMC)
Part 1: Spatial Data for post-2020 GBF Planning *(GBF EAS Components 1 & 3)*	
14:15 - 14:20	*Opening Remarks & Framing:* Chinese Delegation
14:20 - 15:05	*Tools & Applications Showcase* • Natura Connect *& European Commission* • ELSA for ALL on UNBL *& South Africa* • Weplan Forests *& Colombia* • Mainstreaming landscape-based approaches for restoration *& India*
15:05 - 15:15	*Questions & Answers*

Part 2: Spatial Data for Monitoring & Reporting *(GBF EAS Component 2)*	
15:15 - 15:20	*Opening Remarks & Framing*
15:20 - 16:20	*Tools & Applications Showcase:* • Essential Biodiversity Variables Portal *& EuropaBON* • UNBL *& Small Grants Programme Jordan* • National Environmental Information Systems *& Saint Lucia / Antigua & Barbuda* • DART *& Cameroon* • Target Tracker *& The Netherlands*
16:20 - 16:30	*Questions & Answers*
Part 3: Spatial Data for Policy Coherence: Mapping Hope *(GBF EAS Components 1 & 3)*	
16:30 - 16:35	*Opening Remarks & Framing: Costa Rican Delegation*
16:35 - 17:20	*Mapping Hope Best Practice Showcase* • Chile • Colombia • Costa Rica • South Africa • Uganda
17:20 - 17:30	*Questions & Answers*
Part 4: Interactive Deep Dive Session *(GBF EAS Component 1-3)*	
17:30 - 17:55	Discussion groups for participants to discuss available resources and needs for planning, implementation, and monitoring of the post-2020 GBF.
Closing Remarks	
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