

Template for submission of scientific and technical comments on Appendix 1 of the recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for the Resumed Session of its twenty-fourth meeting

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS

Review comments on Appendix 1 of the present recommendation	
Scope of this template for comments	Template for submitting comments in accordance with recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2, paragraph 2, where the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), under the guidance of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), invites Parties, other Governments and relevant stakeholders to submit views on Appendix 1 of the recommendation.
Contact information	
Party/Government/Observer	Party
Party/Government/Observer representative	European Union
Comments	
<p>Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 1.</p> <p>The summary of the assessment in appendix 1 overall reflects the discussions in the contact group. CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/38 on ‘Compilation of available metadata for the proposed headline indicators of the draft monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework’ provides very useful information to inform this assessment. Unfortunately, this document was published just the day before SBSTTA 24.2 (on 13 March 2022) and all relevant information might not have been taken fully into account in the assessment. The EU supports a shorter and realistic list of Headline Indicators (i.e. smaller than the proposed 39 HIs) but that covers the most important aspects/issues of the post-2020 goals and targets, covering the full scope of the framework. Parties should therefore aim to reduce the number of headline indicators of the monitoring framework in order to have a realistic and feasible set. In general, it should be possible to report on headline indicators at the national level. However, in a limited number of cases, headline indicators for important aspects of the post-2020 GBF, e.g. for some goals, are currently only available for global level analysis and here exceptions should be made. The EU would find it important that the monitoring framework clearly identifies if an indicator is applicable at the global and/or national level.</p>	