

Template for submission of scientific and technical comments on Appendix 2 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 2 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 2 of the recommendation.
Contact information	
Party/Government/Observer	Party
Party/Government/Observer representative	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)
Comments	
Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 2.	
<p>The United Kingdom (UK) has assessed the alternatives proposed, which in most cases appear to be unmeasurable at the national scale, have no existing methodologies to assess, are less relevant than the currently proposed headline indicator and/or would be more suitable as component or complementary indicators. Many of the indicator titles are vague and the methodologies have not been provided, making the assessment limited in some cases. From our assessment, the following indicators included in Appendix 2 should be considered by the Technical Expert Meeting for potential inclusion as headline indicators: Living Planet Index (Goal A); ‘Coverage and effectiveness of PAs and OECMs’ (Target 3; Methodological basis: https://s3.amazonaws.com/cbdocumentspublic-imagebucket-15w2zyxk3prl8/2a0375a6e1c82aaeb8b6f5a24195de2c); Country Critical loads / toxic of nitrification and atmospheric nitrogen deposition (Target 7; suggest rewording to the following provides more clarity: ‘Annual average amount of excess nitrogen (average accumulated exceedance) deposited on sensitive habitats by country’); Name, amount/volume/concentration of highly hazardous pesticides by type (Target 7); ‘Global environmental impacts of consumption’ (Target 16; https://commodityfootprints.earth/; Metadata is available in Annex 3 of the UK Submission on the Monitoring Framework: https://s3.amazonaws.com/cbdocumentspublic-imagebucket-15w2zyxk3prl8/0adacd175e0b5a79ea686416dda3dc49); Ecological Footprint (Target 16). We also note that, in CBD/ID/OM/2022/1/INF/3, the methodologies for the alternative indicators proposed by the UK, and shared with the Secretariat, have not been included. ‘Coverage and effectiveness of PAs and OECMs’ references IUCN, UNEP-WCMC and BirdLife, rather than the alterative methodology (</p>	

15w2zyxk3prl8/2a0375a6e1c82aaeb8b6f5a24195de2c). ‘Global environmental impacts of consumption’ states “no indicator identified” (please see <https://commodityfootprints.earth/>; Metadata is available in Annex 3 of the UK Submission on the Monitoring Framework: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cbdocumentspublic-imagebucket-15w2zyxk3prl8/0adacd175e0b5a79ea686416dda3dc49>).