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

<u>TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS</u>

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	Observer
Party/Government/Observer representative	Global Biodiversity Information Facility
Comments	
Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 1. The monitoring framework in its current framework is comprised of a large number of currently undeveloped indicators as highlighted by the traffic light system in Appendix 1. We would encourage the adoption of fully developed headline and complementary indicators based on FAIR and open data that can be disaggregated at local scales that would permit Parties to report on the progress towards the new targets upon adoption of the new framework. This is particularly important given the delays we have experienced on achieving a fully negotiated post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the reduced reporting time we now have to achieve 2030 targets. One aspect that has not been assessed for the current indicators is the periodicity with which the indicators are updated. Indicators that are not regularly updated across the reporting period are unlikely to give a true reflection of the state of biodiversity. Ownership of the indicators should be clearer, and there should be some consideration of how these organisations will maintain the relevance of these indicators.	