

**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**

<b>Review comments on Appendix 2 of the present recommendation</b>	
<b>Scope of this template for comments</b>	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.
<b><i>Contact information</i></b>	
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<b>Comments</b>	
Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 2.	
<p>We are concerned that the indicator ‘Growth in Species Occurrence Records Accessible Through GBIF’ is not included as a complementary or component indicator in the current list. This appears to be an oversight as it was in the earlier version of the list before SBSTTA. This is a fully-developed indicator available through the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and was used in GBO5 to show progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 19. The indicator can already be broken down to national and regional levels, and helps to demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses in the availability of data about species at spatial, temporal and taxonomic scales – it therefore helps to identify where further data mobilization and associated capacity building is needed. we respectfully request that the existing GBIF indicator be re-instated at least as a complementary if not a component indicator for Target 20</p>	