COP 13 decisions containing requests related to NBSAPs

Decision	Title	Relevant Text
XIII/1	Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic	10. <i>Urges</i> those Parties that have not yet done so to update and implement their national or regional biodiversity strategies and action plans as soon as possible, in keeping with decision XI/2;
	Plan for Biodiversity 2011- 2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	11. <i>Encourages</i> Parties, in the process of updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, to consider, as appropriate, the indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals;
		12. Also encourages Parties to review their national biodiversity strategies and action plans periodically, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances, priorities and capacities, to consider increasing the level of ambition and/or scope of the national or regional targets to a level that is commensurate with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and to integrate the targets across different sectors, including in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, so as to make a greater contribution to collective global efforts to achieve the global targets;
		13. Further encourages Parties to systematically mainstream gender considerations in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and in associated implementation and reporting mechanisms in line with the 2015–2020 Gender Plan of Action under the Convention on Biological Diversity;
		14. <i>Encourages</i> Parties to facilitate the development by subnational governments, cities and other local authorities of subnational or local biodiversity strategies and action plans to contribute to the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in keeping with decision X/22, paragraph 2;
		15. Also encourages Parties to undertake the activities referred to in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 above with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, in accordance with national circumstances, recognizing the contribution of the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities, and the role of their holistic systems for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;
		16. Further encourages Parties, when establishing or reviewing their national targets under the Convention, and when implementing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, to take into account relevant national and international targets under other processes, as appropriate, including targets of other relevant conventions and the Sustainable Development Goals, and also to mainstream biodiversity targets into the national strategies, action plans or policies of other sectors or processes when these are being reviewed;
		17. Encourages Parties to ensure that national biodiversity strategies and action plans are adopted as policy instruments, as appropriate, with a view to enabling the mainstreaming of biodiversity at all relevant levels across political, economic and social sectors;

		18. Also encourages Parties to reinforce and strengthen efforts to mainstream Article 8(j) and Article 10(c), including the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity and capacity development, in the development, updating and implementation of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
		20. Requests the financial mechanism, and <i>invites</i> other development partners and donors in a position to do so, to continue to provide support in a timely manner, based on the expressed needs of Parties, especially for developing countries and, in particular, least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, for the development, implementation and monitoring of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the strategy and targets for resource mobilization agreed to in decision XII/3;
XIII/2	Progress towards the achievement of Aichi	5. <i>Invites</i> Parties, as appropriate and taking into account national circumstances:
	Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12	(a) To undertake concerted efforts to implement actions identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other relevant strategies and, as appropriate, address gaps identified through regional capacity-building workshops to achieve all elements of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12;
		9. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments, relevant partners, regional agencies, bilateral and multilateral funding agencies, in conjunction with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account information provided by, and in consultation with Parties and other Governments, and subject to the availability of resources:
		(d) To facilitate support networks at the regional and subregional level, such as REDPARQUES and other important regional initiatives, as appropriate, to build capacity and support the implementation of national actions identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and, as appropriate, through the regional workshops for the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12, to promote the preparation, use and sharing of technical guidance, best practices, tools, lessons learned, and monitoring efforts;
		agencies to facilitate the alignment of the development and implementation of protected area and other effective area-based conservation measures in its sixth and seventh replenishment cycles with the national actions identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and, as appropriate, through the regional workshops for the achievement of Targets 11 and 12, with a view to facilitating the systematic monitoring and reporting of the results of those projects as they contribute to the implementation of the national action plans for the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 and other related targets.
XIII/3	Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets,	14. <i>Urges</i> Parties, when implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to mainstream biodiversity in the implementation of all relevant Sustainable Development Goals, thus promoting linkages between efforts to implement national biodiversity strategies and action plans and Sustainable Development Goal strategies and plans;

	including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors	15. Calls upon Parties and invites other Governments to consider utilizing an integrated approach towards achieving the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and actions plans;
		95. Calls upon Parties and invites other Governments, in view of the need for more effective engagement of subnational and local governments and in accordance with national circumstances:
		(b) To raise the awareness of subnational and local governments of the importance of biodiversity and ecosystems services and functions and of the role of indigenous peoples and local communities in the holistic conservation, preservation, sustainable use and management of biodiversity, and consider establishing strategies for the strengthening of contributions of subnational and local governments to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the respective national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
		101. Also recognizes Sustainable Development Goal 5, requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to continue the work with respect to gender mainstreaming to support the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action, taking into account the vision and perspective of indigenous women, including through support to Parties in integrating gender considerations into their revised national biodiversity strategies and actions plans, as well as in integrating biodiversity in national gender policies and actions plans;
XIII/5	Ecosystem restoration: short-term action plan	3. Encourages Parties, when developing and implementing ecosystem restoration action plans and when updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans, to take into account existing goals and commitments on restoration, including those promoted under other relevant processes, and to include them in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
		B. Improving the institutional enabling environment for ecosystem restoration
		14. In order to facilitate the implementation of ecosystem restoration actions, the further development of the enabling institutional framework for ecosystem restoration should be considered The following actions may be considered, and undertaken as appropriate:
		6. Review, improve or establish targets, policies and strategies for ecosystem restoration. These activities would normally be reflected in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and/or national plans for sustainable development, climate change mitigation and adaptation and land management. Setting targets can demonstrate political commitment and help to increase public awareness, support and engagement. Existing targets established under other relevant processes may also be taken into account.
XIII/6	Biodiversity and human health	4. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to carry out activities, as appropriate and taking into account national circumstances, inter alia:
		(b) To consider relevant health-biodiversity linkages in

		developing and updating relevant national policies and programmes, strategies, plans, and accounts including health strategies, such as national environmental health action plans, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and sustainable development and poverty eradication strategies;
XIII/8	Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management	1. Encourages Parties and other Governments, as well as relevant organizations, to consider and implement, as appropriate, the road map for better governance towards a more sustainable bushmeat sector, presented to the XIV World Forestry Congress in Durban, South Africa, in September 2015, and invites Parties to make use of the road map when developing and implementing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
XIII/11	Voluntary specific workplan on biodiversity in cold- water areas within the jurisdictional scope of the Convention	VOLUNTARY SPECIFIC WORKPLAN ON BIODIVERSITY IN COLD-WATER AREAS WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION
		5. Parties are encouraged to take the following actions, in accordance with national and international laws, using the best available scientific information:
		5.1 Assess needs and develop integrated policies, strategies and programmes related to biodiversity in cold-water areas:
		(a) Integrate issues related to biodiversity in cold- water areas into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs);
XIII/15	Implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production for the work of the Convention	7. Encourages Parties, and invites other Governments and other relevant organizations and stakeholders, taking into account national circumstances, as appropriate:
		POLICIES AND STRATEGIES
		(a) To integrate consideration of issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators in agriculture and forestry policies, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national adaptation plans for climate change, national action programmes for combating desertification and other relevant national policies plans, and programmes, taking into account the values of pollinators and pollination, inter alia, to promote the implementation of the actions below, to improve the management of pollinators, to address drivers of pollinator declines and to reduce the crop yield gaps due to pollination deficit;

XIII/20	Resource mobilization	Financial reporting
		7. Urges Parties that have finalized the revision and updating of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans to identify their funding needs, gaps, and priorities, on the basis, as appropriate, of the revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other complementary information, and to develop and implement their national finance plans for the effective implementation of revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as a matter of priority, and to report thereon by 1 July 2017, where feasible;
		Collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities
		20. <i>Invites</i> Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to consider the inclusion, as appropriate, of collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity into the development and implementation of national finance plans for the effective implementation of revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
XIII/21	The financial mechanism	Strategic Plan
		25. Requests the Global Environment Facility, and <i>invites</i> other development partners and donors in a position to do so, to continue to provide support in a timely manner, based on the expressed needs of Parties, especially for developing countries and, in particular, least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, for the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the strategy and targets for resource mobilization agreed to in decision XII/3;
		Aichi Targets 11 and 12
		26. <i>Invites</i> the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies to facilitate the alignment of the development and implementation of protected area and other effective area-based conservation measures in its sixth and seventh replenishment periods with the national actions identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and, as appropriate, through the regional workshops for the achievement of Targets 11 and 12, with a view to facilitating the systematic monitoring and reporting of the results of those projects as they contribute to the implementation of the national action plans for the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 11 and 12 and other related targets;
		Annex I
		FOUR-YEAR FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR THE SEVENTH REPLENISHMENT PERIOD (2018-2022) OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY TRUST FUND
		1. This four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities provides guidance to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the seventh replenishment period 2018-2022 and is within the context of the GEF mandate to provide resources to achieve global environmental benefits. It utilizes the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Convention's Protocols to set priorities for the financial mechanism, building on the GEF-6 biodiversity focal area strategy and the GEF-6 programming directions, and, hence, is

expected to be a key catalyst in translating national biodiversity strategies and action plans into programmes and projects that can be co-financed through the financial mechanism.

8. The framework recognizes the opportunities for synergy, inherent in the unique institutional design of the Global Environment Facility, with related multilateral environmental agreements, as well as synergies with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15. GEF support towards implementation of the Convention and its Protocols as well as of updated national biodiversity strategy and action plans can harness such synergies and, in this vein, the framework encourages integrated approaches to project design as well as global and regional projects, noting that regional approaches are indispensable for addressing certain elements of the biodiversity agenda, such as migratory species. It encourages collaboration at national level among national focal points of the Convention and its Protocols, of related environmental agreements, and of GEF, including through GEF-supported projects.

Priority Cluster III: Further develop biodiversity policy and institutional framework

Priority J: Improve biodiversity policy, planning, and review

Expected Outcome 17: The review and, as appropriate, revision and update, of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in the light of a successor framework to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, is implemented, incorporating an enhanced focus on achieving policy coherence.

XIII/22	Framework for a	D. Audiences
	communications strategy	Parties to the CBD and its Protocols
		32. The Convention on Biological Biodiversity is implemented at the national level by national governments, and therefore a primary key audience for communications by the Secretariat and other international level actors are the Parties. The focal points to the Convention and its Protocols are the main audience here. At the level of the Parties themselves, national focal points to the Convention and its Protocols are not only an audience, but they too need to reach out to ministries and other government departments who are typically involved in biodiversity management issues to ensure that Parties are mainstreaming biodiversity into the work of other sectors. Included in this group are subnational governments and cities, which are increasingly carrying out biodiversity strategies and action plans.
		Official national reports and strategies
		1. The official communications of Parties in support of the CBD, and in response to decisions of the Conference of the Parties, are a key communications resource. These communications have official status and provide information on the state of implementation of the CBD at the national level, as well as communicating the intentions of Parties with regard to implementation. For all official national reports and strategies, actions and national targets should be expressed against the agreed upon indicators.
		(a) NBSAPs. National biodiversity strategies and action plans represent the policy intentions of Parties. The reality is that only some of the NBSAPs created under the Convention process possess a strategic vision, and a plan of action. A number of them, particular those that were created years ago, may be simple reports on biodiversity at the national level. However, in those cases where the NBSAPs do contain a plan of action, these should be used to communicate action at the national level. Further, NBSAPs should also include a communications strategy. Where possible, the process for creating the NBSAP should also involve a communications and outreach strategy. Use should be made of communications mainstreaming and reporting tools, such as the online Aichi poster tool developed jointly between GIZ and the Secretariat;
XIII/23	Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and the clearing-house mechanism	12. Encourages Parties to continue their efforts to establish, sustain and further develop effective national clearing-house mechanisms in support of the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
XIII/24	Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations	Annex I OPTIONS FOR ENHANCING SYNERGIES AMONG THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL
		A. Introduction
		2. Purpose and scope
		2. The options for action are voluntary and intended to serve as suggestions and guidance, where needed, for Parties to enhance synergies and cooperation in the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions,

their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

- 7. Parties could be encouraged to select among the various options for enhancing synergies as appropriate to national circumstance, taking into account their NBSAPs, and to report on any actions taken to enhance synergies at the national level in their national reports, where possible.
 - B. Options for action by Parties of the various biodiversity-related conventions to enhance synergies at the national level
 - 1. Planning frameworks and coordination mechanisms
- 8. Common planning frameworks and coordination mechanisms can serve as useful tools for promoting synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level.
 - (a) The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and national biodiversity strategies and action plans
 - (i) Rationale
- 9. The NBSAP aligned to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets could serve as a unifying framework to promote synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions. National plans aligned to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals could also contribute in this regard.
 - (ii) Options for action
 - 10. Parties are encouraged:
- To include in their NBSAP, relevant actions to implement (a) commitments and recommendations under each of the biodiversity-related conventions to which they are a Party, in line with the commitments and recommendations agreed to under the conventions concerned. In doing so, Parties may wish to take account of existing guidance of the Conference of the Parties related to updating or revising and implementing NBSAPs, including decisions IX/8, X/2, X/5 and XI/6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as resolutions 8.18, 10.18 of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, resolution 6/2013 of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, decision 37 COM 5A of the World Heritage Committee, resolution XI.6 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, and resources prepared by the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;
- (b) To conduct a mapping and gap analysis of relevant implementation actions, including those described in subparagraph (a) above and those related to contributions under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, and to identify potential needs;

- (c) In revising or updating other related strategies and action plans, consider alignment with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in national implementation of biodiversity-related conventions;
- (d) Make use of relevant indicators of other conventions in implementing measures towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and, as appropriate, prepare relevant national indicators for other biodiversity-related conventions to track effective implementation and monitoring of actions and also to feed into national actions related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (e) Ensure the appropriate participation of all relevant stakeholders, including women, youth, and indigenous peoples and local communities in the finalization and implementation of the NBSAP for better articulation and planning to achieve synergies;
- (f) Link the NBSAP and other relevant national implementation plans and strategies to the national clearing-house mechanism and/or other information-sharing hubs.
 - (b) *Institutional arrangements and coordination mechanisms*
 - 16. Such national coordination mechanisms could, inter alia:
- (c) Facilitate coordinated needs assessments, for example on joint actions for implementation of biodiversity-related conventions in the framework of NBSAPs, and for targeted capacity-building;
- (f) Facilitate coordination among the conventions at the national level with regard to resource mobilization and utilization in the framework of NBSAPs that could:
 - (e) Resource mobilization and utilization
 - (i) Rationale
- 27. The common recognition among the biodiversity-related conventions of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and NBSAPs as common frameworks provide opportunities to strengthen synergies among the conventions in the areas of resource mobilization and utilization, including through relevant international financial mechanisms and instruments.
 - (ii) Options for action
 - 28. Parties are encouraged:
- (b) To build into funding proposals, where appropriate, provision to utilize some of the national GEF funding allocation to implement aspects of the NBSAP that serve common objectives of biodiversity-related conventions, mindful of the specific needs and mandates of each of the conventions;

Table of desirable key actions for enhancing synergies at the international level from 2017 to 2020

(This table should be read in conjunction with the full text in annex II)

Area/expected outcome

C. Enhanced provision of capacity-building and guidance

		Key action
		(c) Guidance on synergies in implementing the national biodiversity strategy and action plan and similar strategies and action plans of other biodiversity-related conventions
XIII/25	Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and mechanisms to support review of implementation	3. <i>Invites</i> Parties to develop, enhance and make use of national processes to review the measures that they have taken for the implementation of the Convention and related strategic plans, including, as appropriate, participatory approaches and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society, women and youth, to identify obstacles that may exist to such implementation, and to share this information through the clearing-house mechanism;
		4. Requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare, in consultation with Parties and relevant stakeholders, information on the obstacles identified in paragraph 3 above, as well as to identify effective practices related to the implementation of national and global targets, based on national reports, including consideration of possible elements of mechanisms for review of implementation, such as the voluntary peer review mechanism for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and taking into account the views expressed by Parties and observers at the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and additional views provided by Parties and observers, including indigenous peoples and local communities, to be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;
XIII/27	National reporting	Annex
		GUIDELINES FOR THE SIXTH NATIONAL REPORT
		2. The sixth national reports should provide a final review of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including relevant national targets, based on information concerning the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other actions taken to implement the Convention. Parties should provide updates since the last national report was submitted. This includes information on new or recently completed actions or efforts, as well as updates on ongoing actions or efforts. It also includes recent changes to the status and trends of biodiversity and to the pressures on it.
		Section II. Implementation measures taken, assessment of their effectiveness, associated obstacles and scientific and technical needs to achieve national targets
		Using the template below, please report on the major measures your country has taken to implement its national biodiversity strategy and action plan. Please also provide an assessment of the effectiveness of these measures. The template should be replicated for each measure reported.
XIII/28	Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011- 2020 and the Aichi	Annex GENERIC AND SPECIFIC INDICATORS FOR ASSESSING PROGRESS IN THE ATTAINMENT OF THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY

	Biodiversity Targets	TARGETS, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR MAIN CHARACTERISTICS
		Aichi Biodiversity Target
		Target 17 - By 2015 each Party has developed, adopted as a policy instrument, and has commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan
		Generic Indicator
		Trends in development, adoption and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as policy instruments
		Specific Indicator
		Number of countries with developed or revised NBSAPs
XIII/32	Administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention	TABLE 3. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FROM THE SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND (BE) FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2020
		2. CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS
		Mainstreaming biosafety into NBSAP and development plans (USD 360.0)
		3. CONSULTANTS
		Scientific and Policy Support Division
		Biosafety and Biosecurity Unit
		Mainstreaming biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans (USD 65.0)