Wouldn't it be great if…

(some ideas for enhanced planning, reporting, monitoring and review)

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Setting the scene

- Disconnect between local and national data and global assessments (of progress to global targets).

- Many lessons learned and opportunities to build on existing mechanisms under the Convention(s) and other processes.

- Understanding progress against global targets depends on transparent and coherent national commitments and implementation.

Monitoring - indicators

- Analysis of 5NRs - Parties use a wide range of quantifiable, evidence-based indicators.

- Parties 11x more likely to use national indicators than global indicators.

- Challenge in understanding progress towards national targets and assessing progress towards global goals.

- Overall limited indicators used in 5 NRs to report on progress under Goals A, D and E of the 2011-2020 SP.

Bhatt, R., Gill, M., Hamilton, H., Han, X., Linden, H., & Young, B. (2020). Uneven use of biodiversity indicators in 5th National Reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity. *Environmental Conservation, 47*(1), 15-21. doi:10.1017/S0376892919000365

Nationally planned actions

- Many opportunities for improving the reporting process to enable analysis of national reports and greater understanding of:
  - nationally planned actions
  - progress in their implementation over time
  - priority areas where further action is required

- Biodiversity-relevant actions and commitments over and above those in NBSAPs – eg NDCs.
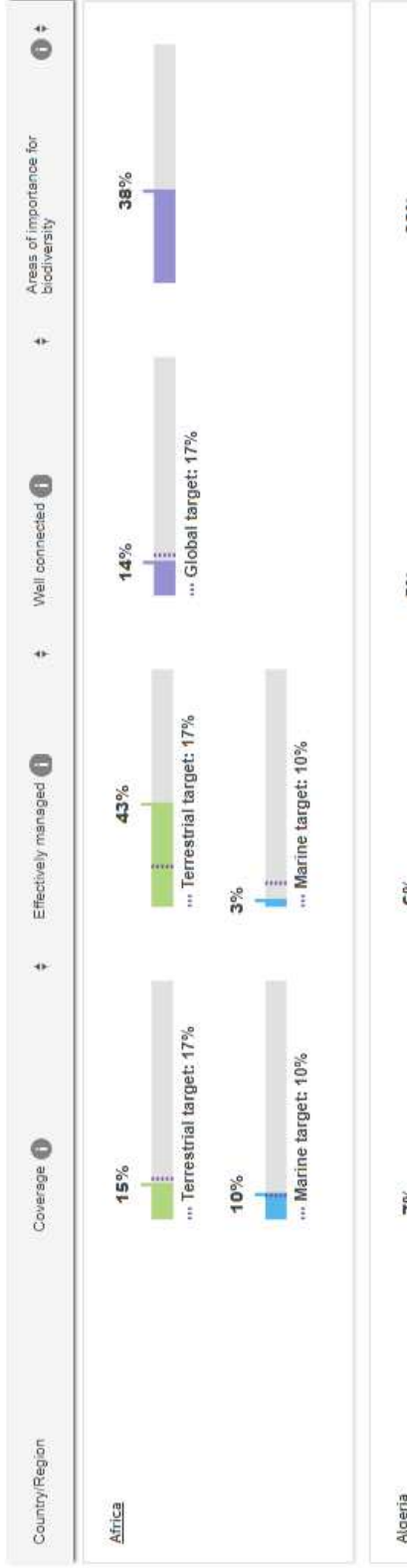
Wouldn't it be great if…

there were a continual, forward-looking tracking of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework!

ProtectedPlanet target-11 target dashboard
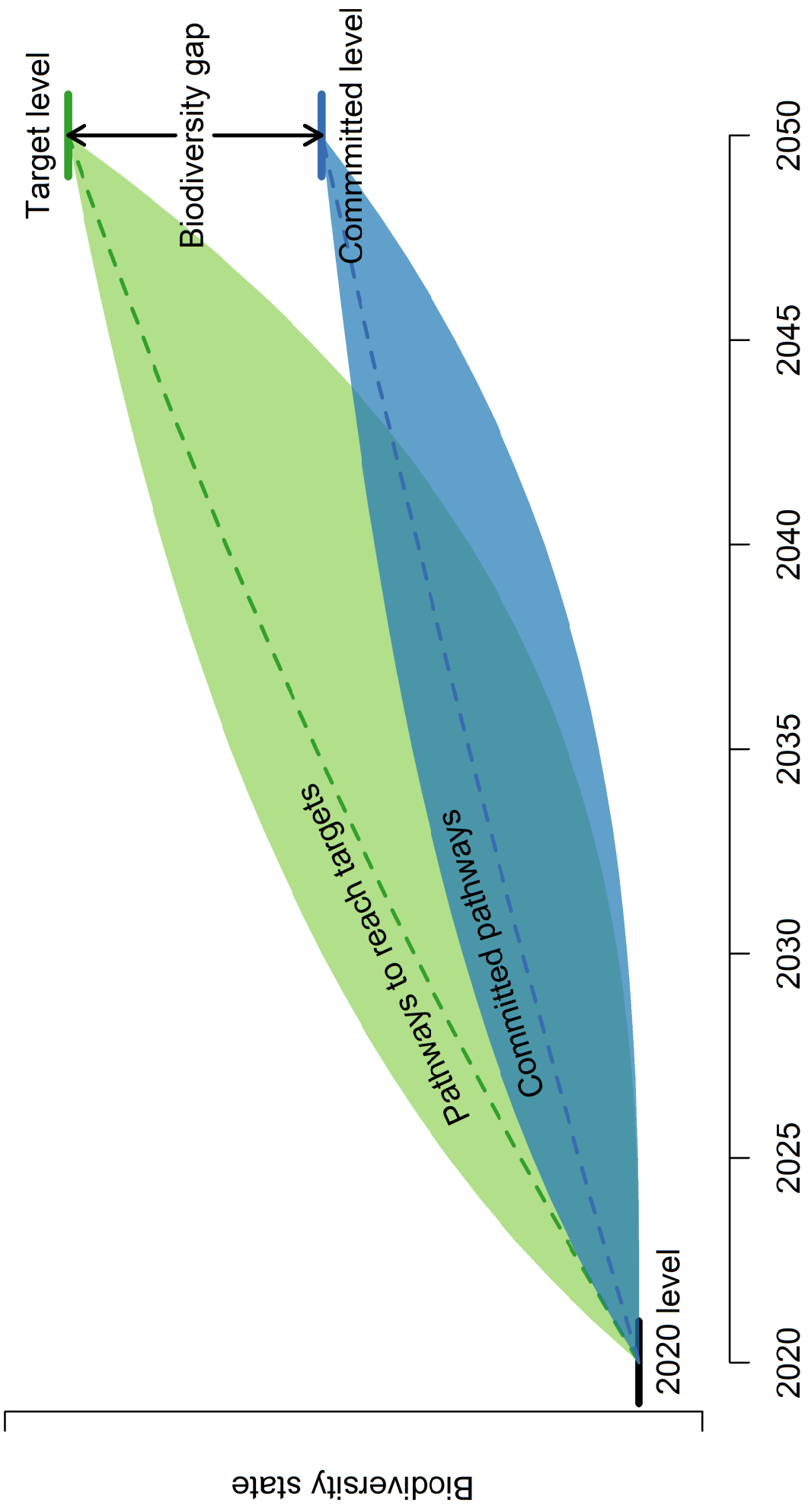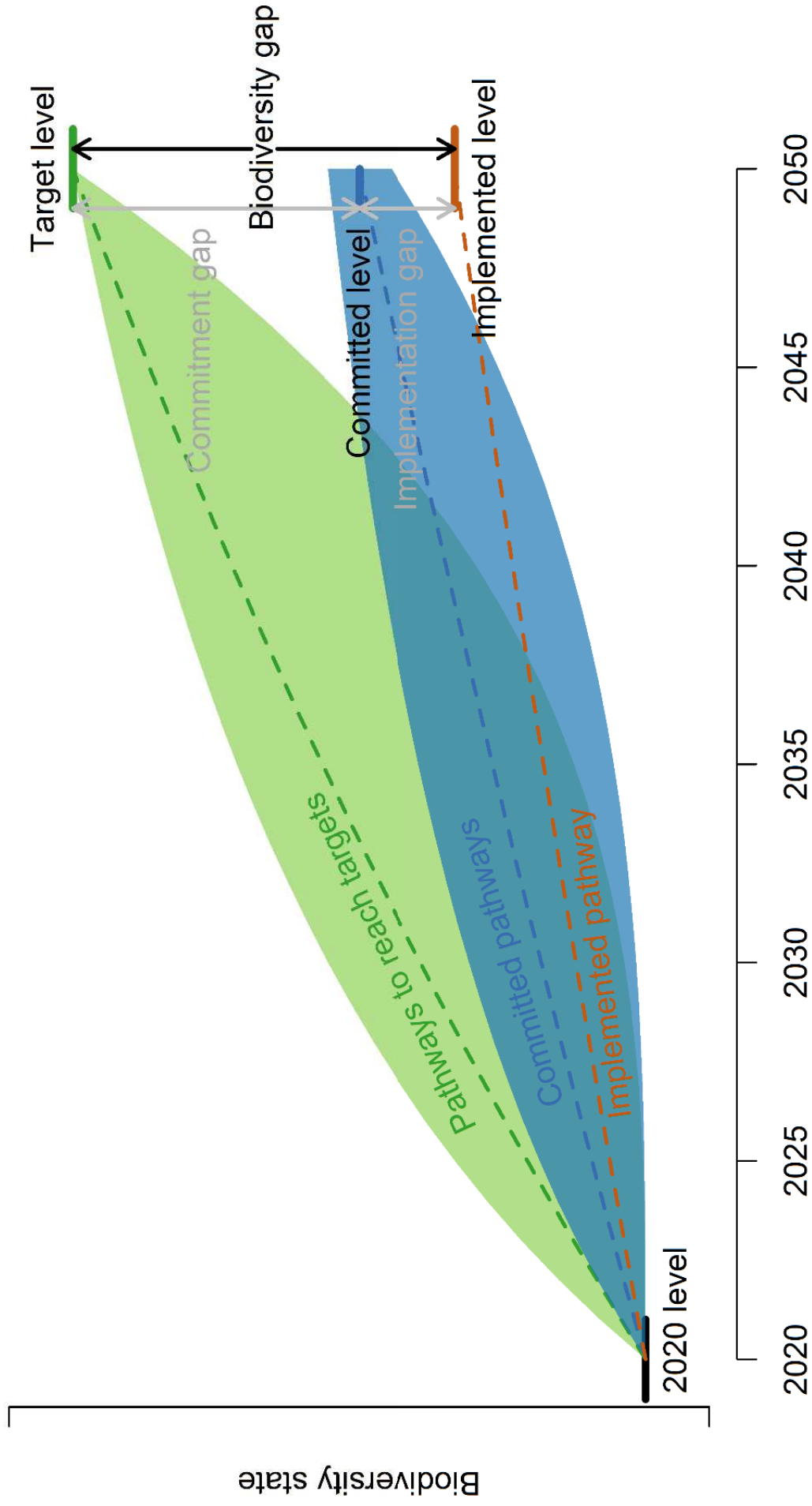
Aichi Target 11 Dashboard

Global Level

Coverage

15% ···· Terrestrial target: 17%

8% ···· Marine target: 10%

Effectively managed

5% ···· Terrestrial target: 17%

1% ···· Marine target: 10%

Representative

9% ···· Global target: 17%

Well connected

7% ···· Global target: 17%

Areas of importance for biodiversity

21%

Country & Regions

Select option 🔍

Country/Region	Coverage	Effectively managed	Well connected	Areas of importance for biodiversity
Africa	15% ···· Terrestrial target: 17% 10% ···· Marine target: 10%	43% ···· Terrestrial target: 17% 3% ···· Marine target: 10%	14% ··· Global target: 17%	38%
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Opportunities from a target tracking tool

- Enables a regular global stocktake

- Facilitates regular reporting on a set of "headline indicators"

- Strengthens understanding of relationship between national commitments and global targets/goals

- Understanding of aggregate impact of national implementation

- Builds on existing mechanisms – eg WDPA, UN SEEA EEA, Decision Tracking Tool

- Links to other tools – DaRT, ORT etc

Options for the role of a target/goal tracking tool:

- Maintained by SCBD as a mechanism for tracking progress towards the post-2020 framework by CBD Parties.

- Maintained by SCBD as a mechanism for tracking progress on post-2020 framework by all stakeholders – building on Action Agenda and other MEA reporting processes.

- Independent system to provide overview and analysis of progress on post-2020 framework – eg UNEP Emission's Gap report.

- An input to agreed reporting processes, among other channels.

Contribution from non-State actors

- Need to also capture information on commitments, actions and outcomes from non-State actors (and non-Parties)
- To be added to commitments and progress made by Parties to provide a more overall assessment.

- Building on existing and ongoing platforms:
  - Action Agenda for People and Nature
  - Science-Based Targets

To be effective, such a mechanism requires…

- SMART global and national targets

- Coherent use of a set of indicators/metrics for monitoring

- Regular reporting on these indicators/metrics

- Strengthened capacity for national data management

- Seamless connections with existing tools - DaRT, ORT, WDPA, UN SEEA EEA, Decision Tracking Tool, Action Agenda etc etc

- Capacity (in SCBD or elsewhere) for curation and analysis

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