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INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium-term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.

2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 July to 31 December 2019.

I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. Participation in high-level events

3. In early July, the Government of Norway organized, in partnership with the Secretariat and several other organizations, the ninth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity. The Conference opened with a Ministerial Segment hosted by Norway's Minister of Environment. Bringing together the participation of CBD Parties, along with representatives from the indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant partners and stakeholders, as well as other key partners within and outside the UN system, the event provided an opportunity to informally discuss key issues relating to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and contribute in the consultative process. The report of the Conference can be found at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/reports/9th-trondheim-conference-co-chairs-report-2019-07-31-en.pdf>.

4. At the invitation of the Finnish Presidency of the European Union, the Executive Secretary attended the Informal Ministerial meeting of the EU Ministers of Environment to present information on the post-2020 process and the roadmap to COP 15. The meeting, which was held on 11 July 2019, was strategic and timely as it provided an opportunity to engage ministers from across Europe on their national, European-wide, and global efforts, to highlight the need for additional actions to implement the current Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, while also emphasizing the need for bold, transformative and innovative approaches for the post-2020 process and beyond, in view also of the findings of the IPBES report.

5. During the third week of July, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the UN Deputy Secretary General (DSG), wherein issues discussed included: progress made by the Secretariat in promoting biodiversity at the heart of the international agenda and the essential role biodiversity plays for nature-based solutions to climate change, in addition to being the fundamental capital that supports the achievement of multiple SDGs, and the UN Nature Summit at heads of state level in 2020, to be hosted by UNGA pursuant to UN General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution A/RES/73/234 and COP decision 14/34. The DSG conveyed her strong support to the work of CBD and agreed that measurable, transformative, and impactful commitments are necessary in the context of COP 15 and the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to tackle the serious biodiversity crisis. As the UN Nature Summit, to be hosted by the President of the UN General Assembly, would require strong engagement and support from Permanent Missions in New York, bilateral meetings were held with a number of UN Permanent Representatives, which included: Norway, New Zealand, Monaco, Portugal, Costa Rica, and Ecuador. A briefing on biodiversity, COP 15 and the post-2020 process was also organized to the GRULAC representatives. Furthermore, opportunities to present biodiversity at the upcoming meeting of the Environment Management Group (EMG) in September was discussed with colleagues from UNEP in New York.

6. The Executive Secretary took part in an Arctic mission with the Students on Ice Foundation, whereby the event provided the CBD with significant outputs that contribute to various thematic areas, including work with youth organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, economic and sustainable development models and expanding the representativity and geographic coverage of protected areas. In the margins of the mission, the Prime Minister of Canada made an announcement while in Iqaluit on the establishment of the largest Marine Protected Area (MPA) in the Arctic region. Covering an area larger than Norway, Tallurutiup Imanga (319,411 km²), is set as an indigenous-led conservation area that will be managed by the local Inuit communities. This is another noteworthy signal of Canada's commitment to the Convention's objectives and to their domestic actions to continue to spearhead the Nature Champions Initiative announced in Montreal in April 2019. It also contributes to the implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

7. In August, the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held its first meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. Parties and observers held discussions on the possible elements of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and adopted some conclusions concerning the future steps for its preparation. Among its conclusions, the Working Group requested the Co-Chairs to prepare a zero draft text of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to facilitate the work of the second meeting of the Working Group, drawing upon the discussions at this first meeting as well as the outcomes of other subsidiary bodies, relevant meetings, consultations and workshops, and further submissions from Parties and observers. The Working Group took note of a preliminary list of meetings, consultations and workshops for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and requested that this be further developed and updated.

8. Prior to the first WG2020, a meeting of the COP Bureau, with the Co-Chairs and Chairs of SBSTTA and SBI, was held on 26 August 2019. The meeting discussed the organization of work for the week ahead, the preparations and testing of the review of implementation mechanism at the third meeting of SBI, update on the preparations for the 2020 UN Biodiversity Conference, and status on administrative and budgetary matters. On 25 August 2019, two global consultation workshops on the post-2020 were held, in relation to the Nagoya Protocol and to the Cartagena Protocol, to encourage Parties to undertake measures to enhance implementation of the two Protocols in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

9. A delegation from the Secretariat carried out a mission to China in early September to further discuss administrative and logistical arrangements for CBD meetings planned to be hosted by China next year. Present at the meeting from the Government of China included: the Minister of Ecology and Environment of China; the Vice Minister of Ecology and Environment; the Director General of the Department of International Treaties and Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and other government representatives in Kunming, China involved with COP 15. Discussions addressed many issues relating to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as advancements made by the Organizing Committee and Executive Committee in preparation for COP 15. The Minister shared achievements and practices adopted in China on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. It was noted that COP 15 would present opportunities to showcase the approaches taken in China to mainstream biodiversity and help the public understand the importance of the agenda. The mission in China also provided a platform for the Minister of Ecology and Environment and the Executive Secretary to publicly launch the theme for COP15: "Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth". The theme draws inspiration from traditional and cultural practices and eco-innovations. During the mission, meetings were also organized with the UN Resident Coordinator in China, the IUCN President, UNEP's China Office and additional UN representatives based in Beijing to mobilize support and contribution for COP 15.

10. The Executive Secretary attended the UNCCD High-Level Segment held in September in New Delhi, India, where she moderated the roundtable on sustainable land management and restoration, expanding on the close Rio Convention ties. The importance of safeguarding biodiversity in soils, and of conveying greater awareness on the inter-connections among land, nature and people were underscored.

11. At the invitation of the Vice-President of the World Bank, the Executive Secretary travelled to Washington, D.C. in September to make a presentation to World Bank staff on the lead up to COP15, with

a view to exchange information and explore ways to further joint cooperation in support of COP15. Discussions addressed portfolios of work that have direct links to the CBD agenda and opportunities to enhance collaboration to mainstream biodiversity objectives into sectoral lending and programmatic activities. The idea of a “Kunming breakfast” type roundtable for Ministers of Finance at the World Bank’s Spring Meetings in 2020 was also explored.

12. In late September, the Executive Secretary was in New York to take part in the 74th UNGA, as well as attend the 2019 Climate Action Summit, in her capacity as member of the Summit’s Steering Committee. The Summit was convened by the Secretary-General with a view to mobilize additional commitments to reenergize climate actions from leaders, activists, and other key stakeholders worldwide. Thanks to persistent and combined efforts, biodiversity is strongly represented in the Climate Action Summit, through the Nature Based Solutions track. Strong focus on mainstreaming biodiversity in the agriculture sector was also facilitated, resulting in commitments from business coalitions on the agriculture-biodiversity-climate nexus. In addition, the Secretariat organized an event on 22 September with our partners from UNDP, National Geographic Society, and the Food and Land-use coalition (FOLU) on nature-based solutions, “Securing our Future: People, Food and Nature Solving the Planetary Emergency”. Further engagement was made with the UN Youth Envoy and others to further connect nature and biodiversity to the discussions during the Youth Climate Summit held on 21 September. The mission to New York also provided a timely opportunity to engage leaders from government, the private sector, civil society, indigenous peoples and local communities, youth and others towards the nature agenda ahead of the 2020 Super Year. Participation in a series of high profile events was made, including WWF’s Leaders for Nature and People Event, The Power of Nature in a Planetary Emergency event hosted by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Nature4Climate Coalition (N4C) at the Central Park Zoo, Nature-Based Solutions Momentum High-Level Event, Global Landscapes Forum, and the WEF Sustainable Development Impact Summit (SDSI): Nature Action Agenda Meeting. Bilateral meetings were also held with leaders and ministers of Environment from Costa Rica, Denmark, EU representatives, France, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Norway, Portugal, and United Arab Emirates. Interactions also took place with many private and public leaders at the Private Sector Forum event, the WEF SDIS and at other events convened by partner organizations. Throughout these bilateral meetings, the continued need to participate in the post-2020 process was emphasised, along with key moments for biodiversity in the year ahead.

13. At the kind invitation of the President of Costa Rica and the Minister of Environment, the Executive Secretary attended and addressed the participants during the high-level panel event on nature-based solutions at the opening of the Preparatory Meeting for the UNFCCC COP 25 in San José, Costa Rica. Discussions addressed the investment need for nature, a meaningful resource mobilization strategy in the post-2020 process, in order to meet the 2050 Vision. In the margins of the meeting, various bilateral discussions were held with representatives that expressed interest in joining a High Ambition Coalition to contribute in the lead up to COP15. The Secretariat, together with senior officials of the Inter-American Development Bank and representatives of the Government of Costa Rica, also organized a Finance Ministerial workshop “Unlocking finance for biodiversity action and economic growth in Latin America”. Feedback received was positive in facilitating a discussion with Ministers of Finance and Environment from the LAC region on a diversity of financing tools for nature conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

14. In November, the Secretariat saw a change in leadership with the departure of Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer. Mrs. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema took over as Officer-in-charge, and was subsequently appointed as Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention. An all staff meeting was held upon her arrival at the Secretariat, which provided an opportunity for introduction and exchange with staff. Divisional meetings were also arranged to provide an overview of the work of the Secretariat and the Convention. Handover meeting was also held with Ms. Paşca Palmer. Mrs. Mrema’s arrival was followed by a brief visit of Ms. Inger Andersen, the new UNEP Executive Director, who had an opportunity to address the Secretariat staff in her new capacity, to also introduce Mrs. Mrema, and to express the full support of the UN Environment Programme to the Secretariat staff and the work of the Convention in the lead-up to Kunming as well as in the post-2020 implementation period.

15. The eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions was convened on 20-22 November 2019. The meeting adopted four recommendations concerning: in-depth dialogue on the thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues; development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities; options for possible elements of work aimed at an integration of nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Draft decisions contained within the recommendations from WG8J 11 will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for consideration at its fifteenth meeting. The summary of the in-depth dialogue on the cross-cutting issue of the contribution of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities and cultural diversity to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is provided as an annex to the WG8J 11 final report.

16. The twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was held in Montreal, Canada, from 25 to 29 November 2019. It adopted seven recommendations concerning: (a) informing the scientific and technical evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, (b) biodiversity and climate change, (c) sustainable wildlife management, (d) results of the Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the North-East Atlantic Ocean, (e) possible elements of work on the links between nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, (f) draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and (g) new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. The draft decisions contained within the recommendations will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for consideration at its fifteenth meeting.

17. A meeting of the COP Bureau was also held on 19 November. Items discussed included: preparations for WG8J 11 and the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, preparations and testing of the review of implementation mechanism at the third meeting of SBI, and update on preparations for COP 15 and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the two Protocols. The Bureau was also briefed on the status of contributions in the BE and BZ trust funds, as well as administrative matters, and also on the ongoing discussions concerning the date and modalities for the UNGA Biodiversity Summit, which would be held during the UN General Assembly in September 2020. The Bureau was also provided with a status of the draft Communications Strategy for the post-2020. A meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau was also held prior to SBSTTA 24 to discuss preparations and organization of work for the week.

18. The Co-chairs briefed the SBSTTA 23 delegates on the status of the post-2020 process on 24 November 2019. The briefing provided updates since the first meeting of the WG2020 in Nairobi, and forecasts on preparation for the second meeting of the WG2020, preliminary overview of the zero-draft text of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as updates from the on the collaboration with participants at the SBSTTA and WG8J and SBI Bureaux. A special post-2020 session at SBSTTA 23 sought advice from SBSTTA on key elements of the structure, exploring options, and discussing indicators and baselines. A zero draft of the global biodiversity framework will be made available by mid-January 2020 for discussion at the second WG2020. Zero draft will be posted on the link - <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/co-chairs-updates>.

19. In December, the Acting Executive Secretary attended the 57th meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and delivered a statement. She also participated in a GEF organized dialogue with secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements and the GEF CEO in addition to meeting the CEO bilaterally. Other meetings with financial institutions, such as, with World Bank Officials and partner organizations, such as, National Geographical Society, Conservancy International, among other, were also organized to provide updates and foster collaboration in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Throughout the meetings, scientific and non-governmental organizations showed

that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework would be used as guidance for developing their future work plans, and they strongly supported a high-level ambition.

20. During the last quarter of 2019, the Secretariat organized a number of consultative meetings and expert workshops to provide contributions and inputs to the post-2020 process and its development. These consultations were organized following predefined plans and principles, as noted in decision 14/34. These include consultations on: ecosystem restoration; marine and coastal biodiversity; area based conservation measures; invasive alien species; communications roadmap to COP15; fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*; and a global dialogue for indigenous peoples and local communities. The summary reports for these consultations are accessible at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020>.

Other highlights

21. The Secretariat participated in the AMCEN meeting to present the post-2020 process and the roadmap to COP15. It raised the attention and mobilized African leadership in support of COP 15, providing follow up support to COP 14 decisions, in partnership with the African Union and AMCEN. Further action on the Pan-African ecosystem restoration plan was among the highlights. The Presidency of COP14, represented by the Minister of Environment of Egypt, was instrumental in raising political support, including presenting insights from the IPBES report, lessons learned from the CBD process, and deepening collective understanding of shifts that are necessary to tackle the root causes of biodiversity loss.

22. The Secretariat participated at the UNFCCC COP25 which took place in Madrid, Spain in December. Several side events profiled nature-based solutions, and engagement of stakeholders, including youth mobilization to raise awareness of the interconnections between biodiversity and climate action. Roadmap definition and activities planning, resulting from the SG's Climate Action Summit, were also further advanced. This included technical meetings of the High Ambition Coalition and other coalitions launched in support of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and related preparatory activities and processes. The conference marked attention on biodiversity, nature and the nexus between biodiversity and climate change with three resolutions that recognized the important links among these issues.

B. Memorandum of Cooperation/Understanding

Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)

23. The purpose of the agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to further their shared goals and objectives in regard to the conservation, sustainable use of biological diversity, access to and benefit-sharing from the use of genetic resources; and safe handling, transport and use of living modified organisms.

C. Communication and Awareness

24. Over the second half of the year, the communications team continued to expand the reach and breadth of materials presented on social media, participated in the Nature-based Solutions campaign organized in coordination with the climate action summit, highlighted the activities at SBSTTA 23, launched the redesign of the CBD website, and held a workshop on communications in preparation for the 2020 Super Year for Biodiversity.

Nature-Based Solutions

25. As a part of the work to highlight nature-based solutions, the communications team worked with the Climate team to produce material related to nature-based solutions. This included a Spark webpage: Biodiversity and Climate Change: Key messages from recent reports and assessments: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/zp9cpWoK9eNBu/> The Secretariat also contributed extensively, as part of the Nature4Climate initiative, to the messages on the Nature-based solutions campaign. The Executive Secretary spoke at the Nature-Based Solutions Momentum High Level Event on 22 September.

SBSTTA 23

26. Our social media campaign for SBSTTA 23 achieved solid reach and engagement on all platforms. From 23 November to 2 December, a total of 92 posts were shared on the Convention on Biological Diversity Facebook page, on LinkedIn and on Twitter, making more than 200,000 impressions and sparking thousands of interactions. Our most successful materials were videos, including the explainer video for the meeting and the Facebook Live interviews with SBSTTA participants focusing on the agenda items under discussion. The explainer video, shared in the runup to the meeting, was viewed more than 5,200 times across CBD platforms. IPBES tweeted the video twice, racking up a further 7,100 views.

Expert meeting on Communications, November 2019

27. Over 60 participants, representing UN Agencies, MEAs, NGOs, and Parties to the Convention, met just before SBSTTA 23 to discuss the communications strategy for the “Super Year for Biodiversity.” The workshop provided an overview of the main goals for the year, and predefined plans to reach them. Participants exchanged on proposed communication strategies by partners to support the 2020 “Super Year” and created a matrix of activities and expected deliverables. The group created the “communications flotilla” and identified strategic opportunities to support a coherent, comprehensive, and innovative 2020 Communication Strategy.

Website renewal

28. The initial launch of the redesign of the CBD web site happened in December of 2019. The initial changes covered a new CBD Home Page and a Topics page to share stories about biodiversity-related issues to the general public. This represents the beginning of the the process of transitioning other elements of the site over the course of the new year.

2020 Resolutions campaign

29. As a result of the meeting held in November, the Secretariat launched its 2020 resolutions campaign in the closing days of 2019, with video messages from the Acting Executive Secretary, and other important figures in the CBD community. These continued to be broadcast in the months to follow.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

30. During the period July to December 2019, 40 of the 49 professional posts approved under the core budgets of the Convention, the Biosafety Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, were regularized. The recruitment of nine professional posts is currently in progress.

31. Of the 29 General Service posts approved under the core budget for 2018-2019, 28 posts were regularized, with 1 vacant post under recruitment.

32. In addition to the posts funded under the core budgets, 19 posts (4 Professionals and 15 General Service) are filled with funding from the programme support costs (PSC) charged by the UN Environment Programme. There are 2 additional vacant posts funded by the PSC that are under recruitment.

33. There were a total of six professional project or seconded staff and one General Service project staff working at the Secretariat during the period under review. Additionally, 3 professional project posts and two General Service project staff are under recruitment.

34. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).

35. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 40 Professional staff members and 28 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 9 Professional vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and 1 vacant General Service post.

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Additionally, 10 professional posts and 16 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigrams (Appendix 1 and Annex III respectively).

36. In addition, the following twenty-one (21) posts are funded by UNEP from the Programme Support funds (PSC): Chief of Section, Programme Budget (P-5); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-4); two (2) Finance and Budget Officers (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Senior Documents Assistant (G-7); Meeting Services Assistant (G-6); five (5) Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Management Assistant (G-6), Mail Assistant (G-5) and Team Assistant (G-3).

B. Financial arrangements

37. In decision 14/37 the Conference of the Parties adopted an integrated programme of work and budget for the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing. Complementary decisions were taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its ninth meeting (Decision CP-9/16), and the Conference of the Parties (COP) serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing at its third meeting (Decision NP-3/16).

38. The Conference of the Parties (COP) and respective meetings of the Parties for the protocols approved an integrated core budget of US\$ 18,949,000 for the year 2019 and US\$ 19,895,100 for the year 2020, for a total of US\$ 38,844,100 for the biennium.

39. The Conference of the Parties and respective meetings of the Parties to the Protocols also approved the funding estimates for:

- i. The Special Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE) for the period 2019-2020, amounting to US\$ 23,291,600.
- ii. The Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for Facilitating the Participation of Developing Country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States as well as Parties with economies in transition, in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period 2019-2020, amounting to US\$ 3,842,000[1];
- iii. The General Trust Fund (VB) for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period 2019-2020, amounting to US\$ 565,000[2].

40. As regards the status of assessed contributions to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the General Trust Fund for the Core Budget et the Cartagena Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), and the General Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**), which are the core budgets for the Convention and protocols as of 31 December 2019, unpaid assessments for 2019 and prior years amount to US\$3,718,464 for the Convention, US\$ 1,182,396 for the Cartagena Protocol and US\$548,276 for the Nagoya Protocol respectively. Details of the BY, BG and BB Trust Fund are contained in Annexes V, VII and VIII.

41. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2019, an amount of US\$ 6,420,047 was pledged for the biennium 2019-2020. Total unpaid pledges for 2019 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$ 457,939. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

42. As at 31 December 2019, US\$ 629,659 has been pledged in 2019 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). All pledges for 2019 and prior years were paid before year end. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

43. As at 31 December 2019, several parties have pledged to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2019. The total pledges amount to US\$ 304,655. All pledges for 2019 and prior years were paid before year end. Full details of the pledges to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

44. Following the COP request (BS COP MOP/8/7, para.7 and NP COP MOP/2/13 para.5) to close the BH and BX Trust funds in 2021, no contributions have been recorded in these two trust funds since 2016. The contributions in support of activities under the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols are deposited in the BE Trust fund.

Status of expenditure

45. The Conference of the Parties (COP) and respective meetings of the Parties for the protocols approved an integrated core budget of US\$ 18,949,000 for the year 2019. As at 31 December 2019, a total of US\$15,470,487 (including the programme support costs) was spent or committed. This represents 81.6% of the total approved budget for 2019. The details of expenditure are contained in Annex III.

46. Staff costs during the period under review amounted to US\$9,534,912 or 83.2% of the annual approved staffing budget. A total of US\$520,160 was spent on Travel on Official Business, or 130% of the approved on this object of expenditure line for 2019 and 65% for the biennium ; US\$45,176 or 90.3% of the approved amount for 2019 were spent on Consultants and Subcontracts; US\$1,487,617 or 56.4% was spent on Meeting Costs, including Bureau, Expert Meetings and Extraordinary Meetings on Post-2020; and US\$439,905 or 60.5% of the approved budget on this object of expenditure was spent on General Operating Expenses. Expenditures referred to in this paragraph do not include the 13% programme support costs.

C. Conference and Editorial Services

Conference Services

47. During the reporting period (July to December 2019) the Conference Services Unit continued to provide programme officers and external partners with guidance and support on preparations for meetings services and logistical arrangements for CBD meetings in Montreal, worldwide and on-line following up with, arrangements for venues, equipment, catering, transport, interpretation and provision of all required conference services as well as supporting in the drafting and negotiations of host country agreements as needed.

48. Specifically, the Conference Services Unit conducted, *inter alia*, the following activities:

- (a) Provided meetings services arrangements for the convening of the Twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- (b) On-site coordination and delivery of logistical and meeting services for the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, at UNON, Kenya;
- (c) The statements and session recordings for the above meetings were verified, catalogued and stored;
- (d) Conducted technical missions to Kunming to advance preparations for the convening of the Second Meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and planning for COP-15 were conducted.;
- (e) Prepared draft host country agreements and costs estimates for a meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in China;

- (f) Provided logistical guidance and support in the preparations for the regional consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (g) Prepared draft host country agreements and costs estimates for a meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in Colombia and followed with technical guidance;
- (h) Revised and updated the draft host country agreement and costs estimates for COP 15, CP COP-MOP 10 and NP COP-MOP 4 in China in 2020, and submitted them for internal clearance prior to negotiations with the Government of China;
- (i) Logistical assistance, planning and arrangements (including procurement) were provided for the convening of 28 meetings and workshops in Montreal and worldwide, including on-line meetings. The full list is of meetings organized by the Secretariat in the reporting period is contained in annex X;
- (j) Identification of new members for the in-session support staff;
- (k) Support was provided for other events organized or supported by the Secretariat as needed;
- (l) The Unit continues guiding and supporting substantive programmes in the preparations for all regional meetings and capacity-building workshops scheduled for 2020.

49. The Unit acted as the SCBD focal point for the Sustainable UN initiative contributing with Biodiversity indicators and representing the CBD Secretariat in coordination meetings of the Issue Management Group on Sustainability.

Editorial and Translation Services

50. During the period under review, the reports of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-third meeting and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity on its eleventh meeting were issued, as was the report of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on its first meeting. All these documents were issued in the six official languages of the United Nations.

51. Editorial services finalized editing and posting of agendas and pre-session working documents for seven thematic consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework held from August 2019 through January 2020, with translation in one case. Documents for 15 other meetings and workshops were edited and issued.

52. Translation teams in five languages were secured for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, both scheduled for May 2020, as well as the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and associated meetings, scheduled for October 2020.

III. IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

A. Monitoring, Review and National Reporting

Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

53. In response to decision 14/1 as well as decisions XIII/1, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10 relating to NBSAP support, the Secretariat:

- (a) During this reporting period, posted 2 NBSAPs, including the first NBSAP prepared by South Sudan and a second NBSAP prepared by the Republic of Korea since the adoption of the current Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, bringing the total number of post-Nagoya NBSAPs received as of 31 December 2019 to 169. All of these NBSAPs are available at the country profile webpages, as well as summarized at the Latest NBSAPs webpage (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>). Information is also maintained on those Parties that have adopted their NBSAP as a policy instrument, in accordance with Aichi Biodiversity Target 17, as reported in the NBSAP or through correspondence received separately from the National Focal Point. In addition, all national targets contained in these NBSAPs have been loaded in the targets database (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>). Moreover, information presented on the NBSAP Portal (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>) has been updated and maintained, as have administrative records on NBSAP submissions in the CBD database.
- (b) Began updating the analysis on NBSAPs, sixth national reports and national targets for submission to SBI-3 and for use in the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Framework.
- (c) Continued supporting countries that are still updating their NBSAPs and facilitating their finalization and submission.
- (d) Continued to support a project being undertaken by UNU-IAS and Tokyo University on the incorporation of landscape approaches into the development and implementation of NBSAPs including supporting an international workshop in this regard in Tokyo in July 2019 and a session on this issue during the thematic consultation workshop on integrating landscape approaches into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework held in Japan in September 2019. Also discussed with UNU-IAS about a plan for Phase III of this project which aims to support capacity building activities related to the incorporation of landscape approaches into the updating and implementation of NBSAPs as part of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (e) As requested in decision 14/1, continued monitoring the adoption of NBSAPs as policy instruments and incorporation of biodiversity into national sustainable development plans and poverty reduction strategies. Information collected through this will be summarized in a relevant document for SBI 3.

Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings

54. In response to decision XIII/26, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of China, further developed drafts of the Host Government Agreements with China, for the second meeting of the pen-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to be held from 24 to 29 February 2020, and for COP-15, CP COP-MOP 10 and NP COP-MOP 4, to be held in October 2020. Planning for the High-Level Segment during COP-15 was also discussed with China. These meetings will be held in Kunming.

National Reporting

55. In response to decisions 14/27, XIII/27, XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10, the Secretariat:
- (a) By 31 December 2019, had received 150 sixth national reports which were due 31 December 2018. Of these, 70 had been prepared and submitted using the new online reporting tool for the sixth national report available on the CHM, and 65 had been prepared and submitted “offline”, guided by the guidelines annexed to decision XIII/27. Fifteen (15) Parties had submitted both an online and offline version. They are accessible at https://chm.cbd.int/database?schema_s=nationalReport6 and <https://www.cbd.int/reports/>, respectively.
 - (b) Together with UNDP and UNEP, continued providing capacity support to the preparation of the sixth national reports. These activities included supporting Jamaica’s national workshop on finalization of the sixth national report and development of national monitoring and data system held in August 2019, supporting UNEP in organizing a global workshop on the sixth national report prior to the first meeting of the Working Group on Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-1) held in Nairobi in August 2019 as well as organizing 6NR help desks during WG2020-1 and SBSTTA 23 (Montreal,

- November 2019) and a side event on the use of spatial data in the sixth national report during SBSTTA 23.
- (c) Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions on draft versions of sixth national reports as requested by relevant Parties to facilitate the finalization and submission of these reports. Also communicated regularly with those countries yet to submit their sixth national reports to facilitate the submission of the reports.
 - (d) Continued providing support to countries for the use of the online reporting tool, including registering National Publishing Authorities and National Authorized Users in the CHM database as requested to enable access to the online reporting tool for the sixth national report.
 - (e) Continued to raise awareness of the sixth national report online reporting tool in formal acknowledgements of receipt of NBSAPs and national reports submitted to CBD National Focal Points, and remind them to ensure that their NBSAPs, national reports, national targets and other relevant documents, are uploaded to the CHM.
 - (f) Updated and maintained the information portal for the sixth national report and the sixth national report online reporting tool on the CHM.
 - (g) In accordance with paragraph 3 (h) of decision 14/27, issued a notification to Parties on 22 October 2019 requesting them to complete a short survey to evaluate the use of the online reporting tool for the sixth national report, the results of which will be summarized in an information document to be prepared for SBI-3.
 - (h) Prepared an information document (CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/8) on the status of sixth national reports for submission to SBSTTA-23.
 - (i) Collaborated with UNDP during SBSTTA-23 in the provision of support to delegates for the preparation and submission of the sixth national report using the online reporting tool.
 - (j) Followed up with the responsible IT Programme Officer to ensure the accuracy of information generated by the online reporting tool and presented through online maps (this related in particular to assessments of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets accessible on the CBD website at <https://chm.cbd.int/search/reporting-map?filter=AICHI-TARGET-01>).
 - (k) Issued a notification to Parties on 9 December 2019 requesting Parties to submit their sixth national reports by 6 January 2020 to allow the Secretariat adequate time to incorporate information in GBO-5 and relevant documents for SBSTTA-24 and SBI-3.
 - (l) Continued discussions with UNEP and UNEP-WCMC in regard to decision 14/27 and in particular paragraph 3 (e) of the decision related to identifying concrete actions for enhancing synergies in reporting to the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio Conventions, which will be considered by SBI-3.
 - (m) Attended and contributed to a workshop organized by UNEP on the development of Data Reporting Tool (DaRT) held in Nairobi in October 2019. The workshop was intended to support the development of DaRT designed to increase synergies in national reporting among related Conventions. Also contributed to a side event on this tool organized by UNEP during SBSTTA 23.
 - (n) Provided the Office of the Executive Secretary with notes on the status of national implementation for inclusion in correspondence with ministers and CBD National Focal Points.
 - (o) Continued to provide support to the ABS Unit by updating and maintaining an Excel analysis document containing information and data on the global status of ratification of the Nagoya Protocol, planned and/or implemented legislative, administrative or policy measures for access and benefit-sharing, pertaining to implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 16, extracted from newly-received NBSAPs and sixth national reports.

56. In response to decisions XIII/28, 14/29 and 14/34, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared a paper containing a roadmap for enhancing accountability and review under the Convention and a proposal for testing a party-led review process through an open-ended forum at SBI-3, submitted to the second meeting of the Bureau in August 2019 for its consideration.
- (b) Continued to provide support to the JBF Team in relation to the mechanism for voluntary peer review (VPR) of NBSAP revision and implementation under the Convention. During this reporting period, the VPR for Uganda got underway, with the in-country visit having taken place from 28 October to 4 November 2019. A draft report is currently in preparation by the leader of the review team. In addition, the review report for the VPR for Sri Lanka (November 2018) is currently being finalized by the review team and will be submitted to Sri Lanka shortly for a policy response to the recommendations contained in the report. Sri Lankan authorities will also be requested to provide information on their peer-to-peer learning experiences for documentation in the report.
- (c) Issued a notification, including a concept note, to Parties on 4 December 2019 confirming a date extension for the thematic consultation on transparent implementation, monitoring, reporting and review for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which will be convened for three days (20-22 February 2020) rather than two days, as had been indicated in the earlier notification issued on 7 November 2019 which invited Parties to submit nominations for the thematic consultation.
- (d) Synthesized information and suggestions related to enhancing review mechanisms under the Convention received from Parties at the regional and other consultations held in 2019, and prepared notes on the respective features of the review mechanisms under the Convention (national reports, NBSAPs, Voluntary Peer Review) to assist in the preparation of background documents for the thematic consultation.
- (e) Began planning for the expert workshop on transparent implementation, monitoring, reporting and review for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which will take place after the thematic consultation and in advance of SBI-3.
- (f) Began planning for the trial phase of an open-ended forum on review of implementation which will be organized during SBI-3, as well as in regard to the preparation of documents related to item 9 on options for enhancing review mechanisms to complement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and strengthen implementation of the Convention.
- (g) Issued a follow-up notification to Parties on 18 December 2019 inviting them to participate in and/or contribute to the piloting and further development of a methodology for the voluntary peer review of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.
- (h) Issued a notification inviting views on possible targets, indicators and baselines related to the drivers of biodiversity loss as well as on species conservation and the mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors in relation to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (i) Prepared document CBD/WG2020/2/3/ADD1 providing a preliminary draft monitoring framework for the goals and preliminary draft monitoring framework for targets.
- (j) Participated in meetings of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.

Process for the Preparation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

57. In response to decision 14/34, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared two syntheses of the comments from Parties and observers related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (b) Catalogued and posted the submission received from Parties and observers related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (c) Developed a dedicated webpage for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

- (d) Organised five regional consultation meetings related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (e) Organised two thematic consultations related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (f) Prepared documentation for the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group to be held in Nairobi in August 2019.

The Global Biodiversity Outlook and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

58. In response to decision XIII/29 and decision 14/35, the Secretariat continued to undertake preparatory work in support of implementing the above decisions, including liaising regularly with the science writer contracted to assist with the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-5):

- i. A draft version of GBO-5 will be submitted for peer review and the draft of its summary for policy makers was made available for the consideration of SBSTTA-23.
- ii. An expert meeting was convened to help address the review comments received and to further develop the draft.
- iii. The draft of the GBO-5 is being revised, in light of the review comments received.
- iv. Graphic design work related to the publication has been initiated.

B. Stakeholder Engagement and Cooperation

Cooperation

59. The Secretariat contributed to regular meetings of the MEA focal points convened by UNEP to promote synergies among biodiversity-related conventions and discuss other related issues and projects. Through these meetings, collaboration between the CBD Secretariat and other MEA secretariats is enhanced and coordination of projects is facilitated, including the UNEP/EU ACP project and DART, and the UNEP/EU project on enhancing synergies among biodiversity-related conventions which supports implementation of CBD COP decision XIII/24, among others.

60. The Secretariat facilitated collaboration between the chair of CBD SBSTTA and the chair of UNFCCC SBSTA supporting the preparation of video messages that were presented at CBD SBSTTA 23 and UNFCCC SBSTA 51, respectively. The collaboration between the chairs was enhanced and as a result, further collaborative activities are planned to take place in 2020.

61. The Secretariat participated in the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CITES CoP 18), 17-28 August to 2019, participated in side-events on sustainable wildlife management, synergies among biodiversity-related conventions and post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and intervened in relevant negotiating sessions to contribute to greater alignment of the CITES Strategic Vision and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and to having CBD decisions reflected in respective decisions of CITES, in particular decision on cooperation and synergies and sustainable wildlife management.

62. The Secretariat contributed to the organization of an informal meeting of the Environment Management Group (EMG) of the United Nations, held at UNEP headquarters in Nairobi on 26 August 2019 and participated in the meeting. Convened by the EMG Secretariat, the meeting was held in conjunction with the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, at which the Open-ended Working Group welcomed the offer of the Government of Switzerland to host a follow-up workshop among biodiversity-related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. With the participation of UN agencies and other relevant organizations

attending the Working Group, the EMG meeting considered and agreed on a possible EMG contribution to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and a draft road map for that, for submission to the 25th Senior Officials Meeting of the EMG.

63. The Secretariat, the other Rio Convention secretariats and UNDP/GEF/SGP co-organized events on the Global Youth Video Competition on 21 or 22 September 2019 at the margins of the UNGA in New York. The events, including a media session at the SDG Media Hub, showcased the winners of the 2019 Global Youth Video Competition, and helped ensure attention to this initiative and successful collaboration with partners of the competition. The presence of the Secretariat at various youth events contributed to youth engagement, increase visibility of CBD youth initiatives within the UN and strengthen collaboration with IANYD members in particular UNESCO.

64. The Secretariat participated in the 25th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM 25) of the EMG held in New York on 25 September 2019 and in the preparatory technical segment of the meeting held virtually on 17 September 2019. Among other things, the CBD Secretariat contributed to the preparation of a background document on biodiversity to guide the strategic discussion of the meeting, which focused on biodiversity, and introduced the discussion among the senior officials. The meeting generated significant commitment among heads of agency of UN funds programmes and specialized agencies to support the preparation and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in areas related to their mandates. SOM 25 decided to establish an EMG Consultative Process on Biodiversity to provide a UN system-wide contribution to the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and towards its implementation.

65. The Secretariat contributed to the arrangements and participated in the fourteenth meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Convention held on 26-27 September 2019 at the International Whaling Commission in Impington, Cambridge UK. The meeting focused on ways to ensure the contribution of the biodiversity-related conventions to the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

66. The Secretariat participated in the 31st Meeting of the EMG Issue Management Group on Environmental Sustainability Management (IMG 31) held at ICAO Headquarters, Montreal from 10 to 11 October 2020. The Secretariat contributed a session on biodiversity in UN-system sustainability management, including the provision of a background note, presentation and to its discussion. The meeting contributed to the IMG's plans to prepare guidance for UN entities on minimizing any negative impacts of their operations and programming, as part of the strategy for sustainability management in the UN system, 2020–2030.

67. The Secretariat convened a meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, held through virtual means on 16 October 2019, to provide briefing and discussion on the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with the participation of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group.

68. The Secretariat participated in the eighth session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture held from 11 to 16 November 2019 in Rome and, among other things, delivered a statement on behalf of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions.

69. The Secretariat contributed to the meeting “Enhancing cooperation and synergy among biodiversity-related Conventions in Southeast Asia through the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”, organized by UNEP ROAP and ASEAN ACB in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 13 and 14 November 2019. Delegates present at the meeting were briefed on the process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, on the status of the work of the CBD Secretariat related to gender, and on activities and processes related to decisions XIII/24 and 14/30 on cooperation and synergies among biodiversity-related conventions, which contributed to their preparation for SBSTTA 23.

70. The Secretariat participated in “Charting the road ahead for the Resilience Frontiers Initiative”, an interagency meeting organized by the UNFCCC Secretariat from 19 to 20 November 2019 in Bonn, Germany. In the context of the initiative, the UNFCCC and CBD Secretariats organized two side-events

at the margins of UNFCCC COP25 and are planning on pursuing collaboration in support of the Resilience Frontiers road map 2020 and beyond.

71. The Secretariat hosted and participated in the first meeting of the EMG Consultative Process on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held at the Secretariat in Montreal on 29 November 2019. The meeting was held at the margins of SBSTTA-23 and gathered participation from representatives of 22 UN and other relevant agencies, as well as others who participated virtually. The meeting prepared terms of reference for the Consultative Process and considered an overview of UN entities inputs to the development of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework.

72. At the margins of SBSTTA-23, the Secretariat collaborated with UNEP and the Government of Switzerland in the conceptualization of arrangements for a follow-up workshop among biodiversity-related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to be organized by UNEP in 2020.

73. The Secretariat participated in the 25th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to UNFCCC and associated events. The outcomes of SBSTTA 23 and the Voluntary guidelines for the design and effective implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction were shared in various events on climate change and biodiversity including in relation to business, civil society and youth engagement, gender and subnational authorities. Both events of the Resilience Frontiers initiative co-organized with the UNFCCC Secretariat were well attended and appreciated by a wide range of actors. The outcomes of the events will be used to develop the road map of the initiative. The Rio convention secretariats worked together on the 2019 Global Youth Video Competition, which culminated at a high-level ceremony at the margins of COP 25. The Rio convention secretariats agreed to collaborate in the context of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, among other activities. The secretariats also look forward to collaboration on the road to COP 15 and COP 26.

Stakeholder Engagement

Youth engagement

74. The Secretariat participated in youth-related events associated with the Youth and SG Climate summits on 21-22 September 2019, including an event showcasing the winners of the 2019 Global Youth Video Competition (see in section ‘cooperation’).

75. A meeting on youth and biodiversity initiatives related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was organized by the CBD Secretariat on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at the margins of the SBSTTA 23. The meeting convened representatives of organizations that are leading youth initiatives at the global, regional and national levels to talk about their plans for the coming year and explore opportunities for collaboration on the road to COP 15 in Kunming. Representatives of FAO, UNESCO, UNEP, IUCN, Expertise France, Nordic Council and the government of Japan were present.

76. The Secretariat facilitated meetings between the Executive Secretary, youth, civil society representatives and other organizations at the margins of SBSTTA 23.

Subnational Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities

77. During the reporting period, the Secretariat’s work focused on assisting Parties and partners in implementing decision 14/3 (annex 1, paragraph 5) and the Plan of Action on the engagement of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities. For this, the Secretariat cooperated with ICLEI, Regions4, the EU Committee of the Regions and the EU post-2020 Framework Project to develop and update a roadmap of events, targets and activities leading to the 7th Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments parallel to CBD COP 15. In cooperation with the focal points of the Government of China, ICLEI, Regions4 and other partners, the Secretariat also prepared successive outlines of the Summit, and continues to liaise with the City of Kunming and the Province of Yunnan to mobilize resources and partners for this event. The Secretariat also maintained cooperation with the city of Montreal (where Mayor Valerie Plante has been nominated as UN Ambassador for Biodiversity for the post-2020 framework), Quebec (as leader in the Regions4 network), Aichi Prefecture (as leader of the Group of Leading Subnational Governments for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets), and California (planning to get engaged with the CBD).

78. The Secretariat continued to support relevant initiatives such as the ICLEI IKI Interact Bio project (where it sits in the Advisory Committee), the Regions4's Advisory Committees of Subnational Governments, the Regions4Biodiversity Learning Platform and its Coalition for Subnational Action, IUCN's Urban Alliance, the Nature of Cities Summit, the World Bank's GEF-7 Global Platform of Sustainable Cities, and a francophone initiative of cities between Paris and Montreal.

79. The Secretariat cooperated with ICLEI, the Government of Colombia, UN-Habitat, the Alexander Von Humboldt Research Institute and the Valle del Aburra Metropolitan Authority to organize an event on 15-16 July 2019 (Medellin) to determine the contribution of metropolitan areas to the work of the Convention. Many of the services and benefits of nature for urban citizens, such as food and water security, can only be handled by coordinating efforts of various municipalities. The Government of Colombia then requested the "Aburrá Valley Declaration on the role of Nature in Metropolitan Sustainability", signed by the attending metropolitan authorities, to be circulated.

80. In October, the Secretariat supported a review of the CBD Cities and Biodiversity Index (CBI), managed by Singapore since 2010 as an indicator linked to the Plan of Action of the Engagement of Subnational Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities. Municipal governments, academia, and international organizations revised indicators for action. An updated manual for the CBI will be disseminated at the 7th Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments for Sustainability parallel to CBD COP 15.

81. Expanding on the role of biodiversity in the Guiding Principles on Urban-Rural Linkages (https://urbanrurallinkages.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/190311_url-gp_flyer_ab_10-compressed.pdf), the Secretariat cooperated with UN-Habitat, FAO and the Association of State Environmental Authorities of Mexico (ANAAE) to contribute to a workshop in November 2019 in Songyang county, China. A mission to Brazil in November 2019 allowed for meetings with ICLEI and the State of Sao Paulo, to plan and prepare an event to coordinate the position of Brazilian cities and subnational governments (to be held in February 2020 in Sao Paulo).

82. Building on previous technical publications, the Secretariat worked with 12 experts to identify gaps in academic research on the impact of urban growth on biodiversity, compiling almost 1000 publications and resulting in a peer-reviewed publication in Nature (December 2019 issue, see <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41893-019-0436-6>). Direct impacts of urban growth are substantial, with 290,000 km² of natural habitat forecast to be converted to urban land uses between 2000 and 2030.

Financial mechanism

83. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:

- (a) Funding was secured from the Government of Sweden and the European Commission for an expert team to prepare a report on the full assessment of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention for the period July 2022 to June 2026. The detailed terms of reference for consultants were prepared, which was followed by public announcements, review of applicants, establishment of a panel, interviews and report on results.
- (b) In accordance with the terms of reference for the assessment adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision 14/23, a team of three experts has been contracted by the Secretariat through a competitive process conducted according to United Nations rules, taking into account also the criteria requested in that decision. The core team is both gender balanced and geographically balanced. The additional team member was recruited in collaboration with the other ongoing study that was also commissioned by the Secretariat, with synergies and cost-efficiency fully considered.
- (c) A series of teleconference meetings were organized to provide training and clarification of the assignments to the recruited experts, and answer their questions. A dedicated webpage was established to enable outreach and communication on the funding needs assessment at: <https://www.cbd.int/financial/gef8needs.shtml>. The request for a draft inception report was made to the consultants.

- (d) A meeting was held with the Director of the LDN Fund of UNCCD in July 2019 to better understand how private financial sector can be engaged with multilateral environmental agreement processes.
- (e) Comments and further information were provided to the Secretariat of the Green Climate Fund on their draft Operational Guidelines for Indigenous Peoples Policy, as well as its Review of the Guidelines for Observer Participation. Follow up was done on the 24th meeting of the Green Climate Fund.
- (f) Participation in the GEF IEO Stakeholder Survey and Needs Assessment in September 2019 led to the fuller consideration of biodiversity evaluation needs in the document of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office. The Secretariat team also participated in the professional peer review of the GEF evaluation function - e-survey questionnaire.
- (g) Inputs and information were provided to the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility for its document entitled “Relations with the Conventions and Other International Institutions” (GEF/C.57/09, 19 November 2019).
- (h) A letter was circulated in November 2019 to the biodiversity-related conventions inviting them to provide elements of advice, as appropriate, concerning the funding of the national priorities, that may be referred to the Global Environment Facility through the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in accordance with decision XII/30.
- (i) Research was conducted on more strategic thinking regarding proposals for guidance to the financial mechanism in support of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, particularly focusing on the early kick-off arrangements.
- (j) Discussions were undertaken with the GEF Secretariat staff on the funding issues related to the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit sharing and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
- (k) A meeting was organized with CBD Executive Secretary and GEF Chief Executive Officer, regarding implementation of decision 14/23 on financial mechanism, i.e. preparation of new guidance, proposal on future effectiveness review, GEF-8 funding needs assessment.
- (l) A statement of the Executive Secretary was made at the dialogue with multilateral environmental agreement secretariats and GEF, calling for growing the pie, revitalizing the GEF partnership, being more strategic, and focusing on national implementation.
- (m) A meeting was organized with UNEP/GEF Coordinator, exploring potential projects to have quick start support for post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (n) An interview with the IISD reporting service was organized for the Executive Secretary to provide briefing on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and invite wide and full participation of all stakeholders.
- (o) A meeting was organized with the World Bank regarding the increased IDA 19 replenishment, its targeted support for both national biodiversity strategies and action plans and nationally determined contributions in 15 countries each, position paper on biodiversity for presentation to the World Bank Board, and several environmental related funds: PROBLUE, PROGREEN and PROBROWN.
- (p) A meeting was organized with UNDP regarding its reporting initiative for financial institutions, largely private sector financial institutions, in collaboration with Bloomberg and other financial data firms, and Lion’s share fund steering committee meeting in September in New York.
- (q) A meeting was organized with the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility, regarding ongoing STAP planning and the consideration of new work stream on mainstreaming, and potential link with CBD mainstreaming.
- (r) A meeting was organized with African Development Bank Group regarding the idea of establishing Fund for project preparation in African countries (\$1 million per country) for implementation of environmental conventions in the region.

- (s) A GEF Live/twitter interview was organized for the Executive Secretary to elaborate on the super year for biodiversity, including events by World Economic Forum and World Bank that will take biodiversity to the center of economic consideration.
- (t) A meeting was organized with the National Geographic Society regarding its map on the present status of the world, what the world would look like under the scenario of business as usual (10% under protection) and if half the world is to be conserved, as well as planned increased presence during COP15 and close working relationship with scientists of the COP15 hosting country, as well as several scientific messaging in pipeline.
- (u) A meeting was organized with Conservation International regarding its inclusive conservation initiative and the Blue Nature Alliance with the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Walton Family Foundation, as well as high ambition coalition.
- (v) A meeting was organized with European Bank for Reconstruction and Development regarding its focus on energy and agriculture, as well as involving private sector in environmental sector.
- (w) A meeting was organized with Asian Development Bank regarding its potential through in-country projects.
- (x) A meeting was organized with Inter-American Development Bank regarding its Natural Capital Lab, toolkit on biodiverse/green economy, other biodiversity programs/initiatives.
- (y) A statement of the Executive Secretary was made to the 57th meeting of the GEF Council, providing updates on the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including scientific and political building-up, regionally based consultations, and the first working group meeting; reflections on a longer-term perspective that will enable the successive GEF replenishment cycles to deliver a whole that will be greater than the sum of individual GEF replenishment cycles, as well as greater than the sum of individual GEF focal area programming. During the meeting, a briefing by the co-chairs on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework process was also organized, as well as during the MEA-GEF consultation dialogue.

C. Capacity Building and Knowledge Management

84. The main activities undertaken and results achieved by the Capacity-Building and Knowledge Management Unit during the reporting period include the following:

Capacity-Building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation

- (a) A study commissioned to provide an information base for the preparation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, in response to decision 14/24, was completed by UNEP-WCMC in December 2019. The study report describes the current capacity-building landscape, outlines key capacity-building needs and gaps identified by Parties, and proposes a number of recommendations for consideration in the elaboration of the long-term framework for capacity-building beyond 2020.
- (b) A preliminary outline of possible draft elements of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 was prepared and presented to the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (24 October 2019), the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (29 October 2019) and two side events held during the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity ([WG8j 11](#)) and the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice ([SBSTTA 23](#)). In total more than 100 participants attended these events and shared useful feedback, views and suggestions on the preliminary elements.

- (c) Preparations were initiated for the thematic consultation on capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation to be held back-to-back with the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in March 2020.
- (d) Pursuant to decision 14/24 (section B, paragraphs 6 and 9), a draft working document on proposals to enhance technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was prepared and submitted for consideration by SBSTTA 23 in November 2019. Earlier, the draft document was peer-reviewed by the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in July 2019 and also received input from a meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC) held in June 2019. In response to SBSTTA [recommendation 23/6](#), a notification was sent out on requesting additional views and suggestions on the draft document.
- (e) Continued administrative support was provided to the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI), including the provision of Bio-Bridge helpdesk services to Parties and continued maintenance and population of the [Bio-Bridge web platform](#): 26 new records were added to the platform, including 2 new providers of assistance, 10 new organizations and 14 new opportunities.
- (f) Ten BBI technical and scientific cooperation projects, selected as per [Notification 2018-097](#), were successfully activated. Of these, two projects in Singapore and Sri Lanka were completed and eight are still under implementation in Benin, Brazil, Liberia, Moldova, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa and Thailand.
- (g) Continued support was also provided to the [Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity](#) (CSP). The Secretariat, inter alia, updated the CSP webpage, helped members to register as providers of technical assistance on the Bio-Bridge web platform, supported the Co-Chairs in coordinating the implementation of the CSP work plan 2019-2020, assisted in organizing two side events and a CSP meeting held in the margins of SBSTTA 23 to discuss its contribution to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Also, with the support of the Secretariat, four new institutions became members of the Consortium.¹

Knowledge Management and the Clearing-House Mechanism

- (a) An updated draft working document on the knowledge management component for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was prepared in response to decision 14/25 (paragraph 4f) and presented to the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC) meeting held on 26 November 2019 and to a meeting of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee on 3 December 2019. A revised version will be submitted to SBI 3 in May 2020.
- (b) Continued support was provided for implementation of the Web Strategy for the Convention and its Protocols in line with paragraph 4(c) of decision 14/25 and the joint modalities of operation for the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing House.
- (c) The Secretariat was represented at two meetings relating to knowledge and information management: Ninth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) (7 to 9 August 2019) and the wrap-up meeting for the first phase of the Biodiversity Information for Development project supported by GBIF (12 to 13 October 2019).
- (d) A meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC) was successfully organized on 26 November 2019 on the margins of SBSTTA 23. The CHM-IAC reviewed progress reports and updates on activities carried out by the Secretariat, in collaboration with partners, with respect to the award for national clearing-house mechanism, Web strategy for the

¹ These included the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, the National Museums of Kenya, the National Biodiversity Data Bank of Uganda, and the National Institute of Biodiversity of Ecuador.

Convention and its Protocols, the online reporting tool, interoperability, and support to national clearing-house mechanism.

- (e) Draft elements of the Knowledge Management component for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework were presented during a side event organized during the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8j 11) in November 2019. More than 20 representatives of Parties, indigenous and local communities and other relevant stakeholders shared their views and suggestions.
- (f) The CBD virtual library was further populated: 23 new records were added.
- (g) A final version 3 of the Bioland tool was completed and a notification was sent out on 9 December 2019 announcing its official launch and inviting Parties to use it. At least 10 countries² whose national CHM websites have been using the European Portal Tool Kit (PTK) started migration to the Bioland tool with support from a GBIF-funded project co-led by Belgium and France. At least 4 non-PTK countries (Oman, Palestine, Uganda and Zimbabwe) also expressed interest to use the Bioland tool and the setup of their instances was initiated.
- (h) The Secretariat participated in a workshop on the Data Reporting Tool for multilateral environmental agreements (DART) in October and in a joint side-event on DART and Bioland organized during SBSTTA-23.

Information Technology (Development)

- (a) The first phase of the new CBD website, with revamped styles, was launched in December 2019. The new website includes new sections on News, Stories and Topics. The new sections were seamlessly integrated into the existing infrastructure and the old website style was uniformed for better user experience. Communication team will continue to work on revamping and porting other old sections to the new platform.
- (b) Progress was made in the migration of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) to the common Clearing House platform. At least 80% of the common formats were migrated and revamped. The fourth national report on implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was released on the beta version of the new BCH and more than 100 national reports were published online directly on the new BCH platform. The BCH National Report Analyzer was improved to allow comparison of the responses between the fourth and all the previous national reports up to the baseline (the second one).
- (c) In November, the Information Technology team made additional progress towards sustainability by moving from plastic to recycled paper badges for all major events. In addition, Ozone, Cites and Minamata Conventions meetings can now benefit from this initiative.
- (d) A Portal for the “Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People” was finalized and is now fully operational and simplified to allow governments and non-state actors (organizations, private sector and individuals) from across all sectors to easily communicate and showcase their commitments and actions taken in support of biodiversity conservation and its sustainable use.

IV. SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

A. Biodiversity Science, Policy and Governance

Area-based Conservation

85. In response to decisions XIII/2 (para. 5 to 10) and XIV/8 (para. 10) of the thirteenth and fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention respectively, previous COP decisions

² Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Morocco, Niger, Togo.

XI/24 (para.10), X/31 (para. 3 and 7), and IX/18 (para.15 to 20); the Programme of Work on Protected Areas; as well as observations in the fourth Global Biodiversity Outlook, the Secretariat continued its activities by focusing on different types of analyses to evaluate progress in the elements³ of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, and facilitating effective and decentralized implementation in UN sub-regions. The main activities are listed below.

Work with Sub-regional Coordination Agencies

86. The Secretariat continued to work closely with six sub-regional coordination agencies, using small scale funding agreements, in Latin America, East and Southeast Asia, South Asia, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and West Asia, Central and Eastern Europe; and Eastern Europe and Central Asia Russian speaking regions. The coordination agencies have been facilitating implementation of priority actions by enabling regional implementation support networks of partners and experts, encouraging alignment of activities and updating national data in the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) in the countries of their sub-region through concerted efforts, the action plan they designed to achieve Target 11 and generate the multiple benefits thereof. These joint efforts will continue in 2020 to speed up implementation and reporting to also inform upcoming CBD meetings and the fifteenth meeting of the COP.

87. The Secretariat participated at the Sixth ASEAN Heritage Park (AHP) Conference held from 21-24 October 2019 in Pakse, Lao PDR. The conference celebrated 35 years of ASEAN Heritage Parks. The primary objective was to improve AHP network and strengthen concerted efforts to encourage sustainability, and innovations for parks and people. This was a huge opportunity for the Secretariat to make a presentation and share various updates on Target 11 to motivate and encourage Parties to speed up joint efforts to enhance progress in the qualitative elements of Target 11 and achieve the target by 2020. The co-organizer, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity is also a member of the Global Partnership on Target 11 and a coordination agency working with the Secretariat to facilitate implementation in East and Southeast Asia. The Secretariat's presence at this Conference is expected to have a substantial impact in speeding up implementation of Target 11 and reporting.

Activities of the Global Steering Committee of the Global Partnership on Achieving Target 11

88. The Global Steering Committee (GSC) established during the meeting in Vilm, Germany (24 to 27 April 2019) involving coordination agencies from 9 of 12 identified sub-regions, UN and other relevant organizations, as well as representatives of Parties that are members of the Global Partnership for Aichi Target 11 met a few times since then including at the margins of the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework from 27-30 August 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya, and devised action plans for achieving at least five out of the nine elements of Aichi target 11 with attendant multiple benefits through the decentralized implementation approach pursuant to paragraph 9 (d) of decision XIII/2.

89. Members of the GSC agreed to strive for focused actions to fill the gaps in the coverage of, *inter alia*, ecological regions, areas important for biodiversity and ecosystem services through three avenues:

- Updating the information in the WDPA and ensuring consistency of information in the WDPA and sixth National Reports. Regarding this issue a letter from the Executive Secretary of the CBD was sent to Ministers of Environment of 196 Parties encouraging them to update the data related to their country;
- Examination of commitments embedded in the GEF 5 and 6 protected areas projects and how they improve not only quantitative elements but their implications on four qualitative elements- ecological representation, coverage of areas important for biodiversity & ecosystem services (carbon and water) and connectivity; and
- Evaluation of similar implications of 180 territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities (ICCAs) in 26 countries.

³ The elements of Target 11 include governance and equity, integration into wider land- and seascapes and sectors, areas important for biodiversity, connectivity and corridors, key biodiversity areas, ecological representativeness etc.

90. The three avenues are expected to help reach, at least, five out of nine elements of Aichi Target 11 with attendant multiple benefits (including their contribution to other Aichi Targets, various SDGs, requirements in other MEAs), for reporting to COP 15, and to gain confidence of nations and other stakeholders.

Publications on the status of Target 11 in peer reviewed scientific journals

91. An article on *Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in the Like-Minded Megadiverse Countries (LMMCs)* was published in the Journal for Nature Conservation. The article highlights the progress in implementation of national priority actions and other commitments in the LMMCs by presenting the status of Target 11 as of May 2018 as well as the previous two years and how the commitments and opportunities enhance progress in the target and provide the benefits and co-benefits including contributions to other Aichi Targets and in meeting the obligations of other multi-lateral environmental agreements, SDGs, as well as at the global level. This paper is among the most downloaded articles from Journal for Nature Conservation.

92. As recommended during the meeting in Vilm, Germany, an article was prepared and published in PARKS– The International Journal of Protected Areas and Conservation: *Editorial Essay: An update on Progress Towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 11*. This article prepared on behalf of the Global Partnership on Aichi Target 11, reports on progress to date in meeting the quantitative and qualitative elements of Target 11 and identifies opportunities for further progress prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Kunming in 2020 and beyond.

Thematic Workshop on Area-based Conservation Measures for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

93. Pursuant to decision [14/34](#) on the preparatory process for the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and the outcome of the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, the Thematic Workshop on Areas Based Conservation Measures was convened in La Prairie, Canada, from 1-3 December 2019. The meeting was attended by some 80 participants and covered numerous topics in plenary and various breakout group sessions. The workshop aimed to provide the Co-Chairs of the Working Group concrete and constructive inputs for consideration in their future work on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The outcome of the meeting will be used to inform the second meeting of the OEWG in Kunming, China, in February 2020. The report of this workshop is currently being finalized and will be available and posted on the appropriate website very soon.

Progress in SDG 14.5 – Marine and Coastal Areas

94. For facilitating the achievement of SDG14.5 target, we have been putting together various commitments and opportunities and tracking their implementation on regular basis since June 2017, the first UN Ocean Conference. Marine protected area coverage for the global ocean increased from 5.7% in June 2017 to 7.7% as of December 2019 – coverage is 17.7% for areas under national jurisdiction (national waters) and 1.2% for areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ).

95. This work is being accomplished with the close collaboration of Ambassador Peter Thomson, former President UN General Assembly and current Secretary General’s special Envoy on Oceans, to get the required 10% coverage by the second UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon in June 2020. Out of 21 SDG Targets with a 2020 target date, the chance of being achieved is highest for SDG Target 14.5.

Collaborative Work with Partners

- Global Support Initiative for Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA-GSI)
 - Land that is managed by or under the tenure rights of indigenous peoples covers almost 40 million km² globally. The Programme of Work on Protected Areas and the successive decisions of the COP (e.g. Decisions [IX/18](#) and [X/31](#)) have accorded recognition to ICCAs.

The Global Support Initiative for Indigenous Peoples and Community-Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA-GSI) which aims to improve the recognition and overall effectiveness of such areas for biodiversity conservation is, among others, being currently implemented in 26 countries.⁴ The Secretariat does collaborative work with the members of this initiative.

- To date, very few ICCA-GSI sites are recorded in the WDPA and/or the ICCA Registry. However, progress with the ICCA-GSI is significant in many countries, and data is currently being reported for over a 100 ICCAs. For example, the ICCA-GSI projects in Colombia⁵ reported 13,800 km² under community conservation and self-recognized as ICCAs.
- UNDP – Mapping of GEF 5 and 6 Protected Areas Projects
 - The Secretariat is also doing collaborative work with UNDP on mapping of GEF 5 and GEF 6 protected area projects in different countries of the UN regions for projects which the UNDP is the implementing agency. This mapping exercise is very important as it will not only illustrate the contribution of the projects to various elements of Target 11 but also in illustrating opportunities and gaps in terms of contribution to carbon, water and food security, among many others. The Secretariat is supporting the UNDP members involved in the project by providing data and guidance through regular telephone or Skype conferences as well as meeting on the margins of CBD meetings.
- Peace and Biodiversity Initiative
 - Communicating with the Sierra Leone Environmental Protection Agency on the establishment of a transboundary marine peace parks with Liberia and the involvement of the PBDI;
 - Following up with the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia on activities on the establishment of the transboundary marine peace parks with Sierra Leone as outlined in the small-scale funding agreement;
 - Reporting to the Republic of Korea focal points on the activities of the PBDI, and progress on the Liberia-Sierra Leone Peace Park.
 - Renewal and signing the funding agreement with the Republic of Korea for the period 2019-2020.

Forest Biodiversity and Ecosystem restoration

96. In response to decisions XIII/5 and 14/30, the Secretariat:

- (a) Discussed with ITTO the development of a new Memorandum of Understanding to continue the Joint Initiative with CBD;
- (b) Participated in and provided inputs to the process of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests;
- (c) Drafted a proposal for the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative post-2020 and had follow-up discussions with the Korea Forest Service;
- (d) Hired two consultants to support the work of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative;
- (e) Eight ongoing Forest ecosystem restoration initiative projects on the ground were supported and agreements administered;

⁴ Argentina, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Georgia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Suriname, Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zambia.

⁵ UNDP Ecosystems & Biodiversity (2019), Women, Culture, and Territory: Safeguarding biodiversity by protecting ancestral culture in Colombia, <https://undp-biodiversity.exposure.co/women-culture-and-territory>.

- (f) Developed an evaluation framework and evaluated of FERI projects considering phase II of small-scale support;
- (g) Collaborated with IUCN, WCPA, Protected Areas Climate Change Specialist Group, to develop an event to be held at the IUCN World Conservation Congress on carbon offsets and conservation;
- (h) In collaboration with FAO, finalized the report of the Subregional Exchange for the Pacific on the Restoration of Forests and Other Ecosystems held in May 2019;
- (i) Began planning for the Subregional Exchange for the Caribbean on the Restoration of Forests and Other Ecosystems to be held in March 2020;
- (j) Planned, organized, and delivered the Thematic Workshop on Ecosystem Restoration for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held 6 - 8 November 2019, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The workshop enabled discussion and contributions of nearly 100 experts, including IPLCs, youth, and women representatives. Two supporting workshops were co-organized on the margins, conducted by the EU-post-2020 project and the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS);
- (k) Discussed and developed a draft agreement with International Institute for Sustainability (IIS) for the development of a decision-support tool for ecosystem restoration with support of the EU and Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative of KFS;
- (l) Began discussions and planning with UNDP to develop e-learning modules on ecosystem restoration in 2020;
- (m) Contributed to the development of a Briefing Note on LDN for biodiversity conservation published by UNCCD;
- (n) Contributed to the formulation of the draft plan for the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030 put forth by UNEP;
- (o) Planned and conducted a side event that increased awareness of participants at SBSTTA-23 on FERI outputs and successes.
- (p) Contributed to the development of The Economics of Ecosystem Restoration (TEER), initiated by FAO and SCBD 2018 - a standard framework for data collection and generation on the costs and benefits of ecosystem restoration
- (q) Contributed substantively to outreach products issued by the SCBD; and
- (r) Provided follow up support to sustain momentum for the outputs of the African Ministerial Summit on Biodiversity (held on the margins of COP 14). The Secretariat organizes and participates in regular conference calls and meetings with NEPAD, the AU, UNEP, and FAO, with NEPAD taking the lead on implementing the Pan African Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience that was adopted by the Summit.

Sustainable Wildlife Management

97. During the reporting period the Secretariat conducted the following major activities:

Implementation of the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector in COP decision 14/7

- (a) Conduction of a survey on sustainable wildlife management, which looked at the actions taken by Parties, other governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and organizations to use and manage wildlife used for food (wild meat) more sustainably (CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/19).
- (b) Organization of a side event at CITES COP 18, which generated debate on the sustainability of the harvest and trade of wild meat in the context of the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (c) Conduction of an analysis of the gender aspects of the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector (CBD/SBSTTA/23/5).

Implementation of other aspects on sustainable wildlife management in COP decision 17/7

- (a) Preparation of a report on the progress of implementation of decision 14/7 ([CBD/SBSTTA/23/5](#)).
- (b) Organization of a poster session during SBSTTA 23 to exchange projects, case studies, best practices, lessons learned and initiatives on sustainable wildlife management.
- (c) Participation in CITES COP 18, resulting in the integration of CBD work on sustainable wildlife management into CITES COP decisions (e.g. the replacement of the term “bushmeat” with “wild meat” in line with CBD).
- (d) Improvement of information on sustainable wildlife management, including the creation of a new user-friendly website with new and up to date content.
- (e) Development of proposals for two wildlife forums, one to take place at COP 15 in October 2020, in China, and another one to be held at the “One with Nature” International Hunting and Nature Exhibition, in September 2021, in Hungary, in collaboration with members of Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW).
- (f) Revision of the first draft of the IPBES assessment of sustainable use of wild species.

Sustainable Wildlife Management Beyond 2020

- (a) Collaboration with CPW members to develop targets and identify datasets to support the creation of indicators on wildlife management for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework ([CBD/WG2020/1/INF/3](#)).
- (b) Dissemination of targets and datasets/indicators at CITES COP 18, OEWG 1, and SBSTTA 23.

Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW)

- (a) Organization of CPW 11th meeting, on 24 November 2019, at the margins of SBSTTA 23.
- (b) Collaboration with members in the development of a communications strategy for the partnership.

Marine and coastal biodiversity

98. In response to decisions 14/8, 14/9, 14/10, XIII/3, XIII/9, XIII/10, XIII/11, XIII/12, XII/22, XII/23, XI/17, XI/18 and X/29, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the 25th session of the International Seabed Authority Council, which took place in Kingston, Jamaica, 24-29 July 2019, to provide input to these intergovernmental negotiations related to developments and work under the CBD. The Secretariat also a side event during the meeting, in collaboration with various partners.
- (b) Provided substantive input and comments to the International Seabed Authority on the development of draft regulations for exploitation of mineral resources in the deep-seabed in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction.
- (c) Attended the third session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (General Assembly resolution 72/249), which took place in New York 19-30 August 2019, to provide input to these intergovernmental negotiations related to developments and work under the CBD. The Secretariat also organized two side events during the meeting, in collaboration with various partners.

- (d) Organized a meeting of the intersessional working group of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies on 24-25 August 2019.
- (e) Convened the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the North-East Atlantic, and Training Session, in Stockholm, Sweden, on 22-27 September 2019, leading the description of 17 areas meeting the EBSA criteria.
- (f) Convened the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Training of Trainers on 14-18 October 2019 in Seocheon, Republic of Korea.
- (g) Convened 2020 Ocean Pathways Week on 11-15 November 2019 (including preparing a compilation of background briefs and webinars), which was comprised of:
 - Advancing Ocean Action Towards SDG 14: Leveraging Synergies for Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, Mangroves and Coral Reefs, 11-13 November 2019
 - Thematic workshop on marine and coastal biodiversity for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, 13-15 November 2019
- (h) Coordinated the SDG 14 Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Management.
- (i) Provided substantive input to the co-chairs of the post-2020 Open-ended Working Group in the development of the zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (j) Supported the deliberations of the 23rd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) leading the adoption of the SBSTTA recommendation on EBSAs.
- (k) Convened a meeting/dialogue with SIDS delegates on the margins of SBSTTA 23.
- (l) Coordinated with FAO regarding input to the 5th Global Biodiversity Outlook with respect to fisheries issues.
- (m) Provided input in the form of a substantive presentation during the CBD thematic workshop on area-based conservation measures in Montreal, in December 2019.
- (n) Advanced substantive background work for the 3rd meeting of the SOI Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies.
- (o) Secured commitment from the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea to sign an MoU regarding financial support for marine issues to the Secretariat from 2021-2025.
- (p) Advanced the development of training modules for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative.
- (q) Finalized CBD Technical Series reports for (i) underwater noise and (ii) Aichi Target 6 as well as a technical paper on marine debris.
- (r) Delivered substantive training presentations to the Proteus industry association.

Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

99. In response to decision 14/5, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared a report on new scientific and technical on biodiversity and climate change and its implications for the work of the Convention for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/23/3 and CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/1);

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- (b) Prepared and disseminated targeted messages on biodiversity and climate change based on the above-mentioned report including a webpage and short videos.
- (c) Serviced the consideration of item 4 on biodiversity and climate change at SBSTTA-23 (outcome is CBD/SBSTTA/REC/23/2);
- (d) Collaborated with SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre for the organization of the Regional Dialogue on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level in Central America and the Caribbean (4 - 7 November 2019, Belize City, Belize) including through the delivery of a presentation on the benefits of policy coherence between climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development;
- (e) Prepared material to support participation in the UN Secretary General Summit on Climate in September 2019;
- (f) Prepared material to support participation in the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25 in Spain, December 2019);
- (g) Supported the development of draft elements on climate change for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and
- (h) Collaborated with the biodiversity and climate change related networks such as Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (FEBA), the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR) and Nature4Climate.

Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

100. In response to decision 14/30, the Secretariat:

- (a) Remotely participated in the working meeting on “Programming Synergies for Peatlands across MEAs: Enabling Collaborative Action for Biodiversity, Resilience, Climate Action and the SDGs” held in Bonn, Germany, 30 October organized by the government of Germany.
- (b) As a member of the UN-Water:
 - (i) Participated in regular calls of the UN-Water Expert Group on the 2030 Agenda and the UN-Water annual meeting;
 - (ii) Contributed to the organization of a side event on “Climate-resilient water management approaches” at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25 in Spain, December 2019); and
 - (iii) Collaborated with UN-Water to develop Technical Advice on the zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework on issues related to freshwater ecosystems.

Agricultural biodiversity

101. In response to decision 14/30, the Secretariat:

- (a) Is preparing a review of the implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity and an updated draft plan of action, in consultation with the FAO, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fourth meeting;
- (b) Contributed to the report “The Global Soil Biodiversity Assessment” being prepared by FAO; and
- (c) Is collaborating with FAO to organize the Global Symposium on Soil Biodiversity that will take place on 10-12 March, at FAO headquarters in Rome.

102. In response to decision 14/34, the Secretariat:

- (a) Collaborated with the United Nations University Institute for Advanced Sustainability for the delivery of the Expert Thematic Workshop on Landscape and Seascape Approaches for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework that was held in Kumamoto, Japan from 3-6 September 2019;
 - (b) Supported the development of draft elements on agriculture (land-use change) for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
 - (c) Collaborated with FAO for the organization of a side event during SBSTTA-23 on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in action: Evidence-based examples to inform the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
 - (d) Collaborated with the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT to develop feedback on the zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework on issues related to sustainable agriculture; and
 - (e) Is organizing a thematic workshop on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in Bern, Switzerland, from 30 March to 1 April 2020.
103. Prepared material and inputs on sustainable food systems for the delivery of side events during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 25 in Spain, December 2019).

The Global Taxonomy Initiative

104. During the reporting period, the Secretariat co-organized a symposium on DNA barcoding, in collaboration with the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute, in Bogota, Colombia on 11 October 2019 to facilitate capacity building activities in Latin America on DNA sequence-based species identification, and prepared for a regional training workshop on DNA barcoding to be held in Cali, Colombia in 2020. The Secretariat also provided information on the five years programme of the GTI-DNA-tech training for developing countries to apply DNA technologies to the 23rd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/7 and CBD/SBSTTA/23/INF/18) as examples of technical and scientific cooperation for enabling Parties to undertake DNA technology based approaches for the implementation of the CBD and achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets, where species identification and monitoring are inevitable for their achievements (Target 9, 11,12, 13, 15 and 19).

Invasive Alien Species

105. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized a moderated online discussion forum on invasive alien species from 1 May to 30 September 2019, followed by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group meeting from 2 to 4 December 2019 in Montreal, Canada. The outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group meeting provided basis of preparation for the 24th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The Secretariat, in collaboration with IUCN-Invasive Species Specialist Group and other experts, CBD Technical Series No. 91, “The application of classical biological control for the management of established invasive alien species causing environmental impacts” containing detailed technical information on the application of classical biological control and expands upon a guidance annexed to Decision XIII/13.

B. Biodiversity Economy Transformation and Innovation

Decisions XIII/3 and 14/3 (Mainstreaming of biodiversity)

Development of the long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming

106. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued to support the 30-member Informal Advisory Group (IAG) established in May 2019 as per decision 14/3 (paragraphs 18 and 19) to further develop a long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming (LTAM). Several teleconferences were held with

extensive comments received from IAG members as well as the broader network of partner organizations and initiatives. The IAG informed OEWG-1 in Nairobi of its progress, through CBD/WG2020/1/INF/2, and via an update from Ms Theresa Lim of the Philippines. After preparation of a wireframe and zero draft, a first version of the long-term approach was circulated in November 2019 and, by the time of reporting, comments received are being incorporated with a view to prepare a revised version. The secretariat also reached out to specific organizations to solicit comments on the LTAM and to encourage commitments to the post-2020 framework more broadly, including through a mission to Brazil in November 2019 with focus on corporations on renewable energies (cane sugar producer association, cellulose and paper, mining).

Business and biodiversity

107. During the second semester of 2019, the Secretariat boosted support provided to the Global Partnership on Business and Biodiversity, including the successful organization of its annual meeting at the margins of the European Business and Nature Summit in Madrid, Spain, in October 2019. The meeting provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships with key actors, such as WBCSD, Business for Nature, IUCN, GIZ, ICMM, IPIECA, and others, which is key to promoting a fruitful Business and Biodiversity Forum during COP15 and can help amplify the Action Agenda for Nature and People harvesting concrete commitments from the private sector for biodiversity in the next decade. In this context, the Secretariat developed a concept and road map towards the cOP-15 Business and Biodiversity Forum, building on critical milestones such as the European Business and Nature Summit, the Natural Capital week, the CEO Summit during the World Conservation Congress, the ASEAN Biodiversity Conference, and others, and involving critical business partners.

108. Following up on the COP decision 14/3, the Secretariat intensified collaboration with WCMC/UNEP aiming to build alignment on biodiversity measures and metrics for business. SCBD actively participated in the second workshop organized in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in October 2019, which advanced towards a common view on the measurement, monitoring and disclosure of corporate biodiversity impacts and dependencies, as a key precondition to integrate biodiversity goals into corporate reporting and global policy frameworks. The findings of related work will be reported and launched during SBI 3.

Sustainable tourism

109. Following up on decision XIII/3 paragraphs 17, 18 and 77-82, and with a view to encourage commitments to the Sharm to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People, the Secretariat continued to cooperate with the UN World Tourism Organization and networks of experts such as those in IUCN's Tourism and Protected Areas' network, (IUCN-TAPAS), the Linking Tourism & Conservation initiative and the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) in events (Sochi Conference in Russia, October 2019, London Travel Mart, etc), as well as with the Federation of Biosphere Reserves in Brazil, and with the Russian Ecotourism Association.

Cross-sectoral mainstreaming

110. The Secretariat participated the Forum of Experts in System of Environmental-Economic Accounting - SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (18 to 20 June 2019) as well as the Fourteenth Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental Economic Accounting (21 to 22 June 2019) in New York, USA, drawing attention to the ongoing work on biodiversity mainstreaming and the important linkages to SEEA. The Forum and UNCEE meeting defined the terms for the ongoing revision of the SEEA, which is scheduled to be finalized in 2020, on time for the post-2020 framework.

Decision 14/22: Resource mobilization

111. The Secretariat finalized, with generous financial support provided by the Government of Germany, contracting the panel of experts on resource mobilization, as requested in paragraph 15 of the decision 14/22 on resource mobilization. The panel is expected to contribute to the overall process for the post-2020 framework and to prepare pertinent reports for the consideration of the Open-ended Working Group and of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. In line with the request for geographical

and institutional balance expressed in the COP decision, the members of the panel are Ms. Tracey Cumming (Republic of South Africa), Mr. Jeremy Eppel (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), and Mr. Yasha Feferholtz (EcoHealth Alliance).

112. An inception webinar was organized for the panel in October 2019, with several follow-up teleconferences also including the co-leads on resource mobilization, Ms. Ines Verleye (Belgium) and Ms. Luciana Melchert (Brazil), bringing together relevant global organizations and initiatives working on resource mobilization, in order to exchange relevant data and information and to coordinate future planning of product releases and associated events, including for the planned thematic workshop on resource mobilization, held with the financial and logistical support of the Government of Germany.

113. During the time of reporting, the Secretariat advanced preparations for this thematic workshop, in close collaboration with the two co-leads on resource mobilization and the co-chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as the host government. The workshop was successfully held in Berlin, Germany, from 14 – 16 January 2020. The Secretariat also included the topic of resource mobilization in the Global Thematic Dialogue for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, held at the margins of the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8j and Related Provisions, held in Montreal from 17-18 November 2019.

114. The Secretariat finalized an agreement with the Agence Française de Développement, regarding the non-reimbursable loan of a senior staff to reinforce, over the next two years, Secretariat capacities on resource mobilization, with focus on building new partnerships with the financial sector. The senior staff joined the Secretariat beginning of December 2019.

Article 8(j) and related provisions

115. The Secretariat convened the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions was convened on 20-22 November 2019. The meeting adopted four recommendations concerning: in-depth dialogue on the thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues; development of a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities; options for possible elements of work aimed at an integration of nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

116. Outputs of the meeting included draft decisions to COP 14 on form and content of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) contributions in future work of the Convention and possible elements of work on biological and cultural diversity in collaboration with UNESCO and IUCN, for consideration in the post- 2020 era. The meeting also emphasised the importance of IPLCs as full and effective partners in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

117. In the margins of the WG8J 11, the Secretariat jointly organized a side-event with IUCN on Mainstreaming Biological and Cultural Diversity – Nature and Culture - into the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, on 21 November 2019, and a joint side event with UNESCO during SBSTTA 24 on the Celebration of the Joint Programme of Work on Biological and Cultural Diversity and implications for Post-2020 on 28 November 2019.

118. Prior to WG8J 11, on 17-18 November, a global dialogue for IPLCs on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was organized by the Secretariat jointly with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB, and with the generous financial support of the Government of Canada, pursuant to decisions COP 14/17 and 14/34. The purpose of the Dialogue was to provide an initial opportunity for indigenous peoples and local communities to discuss their possible contributions to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with a focus on the following matters:

- (a) Priorities for indigenous peoples and local communities across the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

- (b) Elements of work on traditional knowledge and related issues, as well as options for institutional arrangements for indigenous peoples and local communities in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (c) Elements of work on the links between nature and culture and methodologies for the integration of lessons learned in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (d) A safeguards framework and access to financial resources in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (e) Promoting dialogue and building bridges among indigenous peoples and local communities and with the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, the Bureau and regional and Party representatives.

119. To prepare for the global thematic dialogue, the Secretariat organized a webinar on 7 November 2019 for the participants of the dialogue, in both English and Spanish.

120. Additionally, the Secretariat participated in the UN Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous peoples Issues (IASG) 11-13 September, at the ILO, Geneva, Switzerland and facilitated a discussion on indicators with a focus on land tenure and changes in land use on IPLCs territories. The IASG in its report recommended to the UNPFII actions related to operationalizing land tenure, including the facilitation of a technical meeting on land, at its next annual session.

121. The Secretariat also met with IUCN to take forward plans for the future work on nature and culture, as well as commence planning for the Nature and culture Journey at IUCN World Congress, scheduled for 9-15 June 2020.

Gender

122. In response to Decision COP 14/34 Annex A. 2c, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared and published report of the Expert Workshop to Develop Recommendations for Possible Gender Elements in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, New York, United States of America, 11-12 April 2019
- (b) Prepared an information note for the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (OEWG-1) – CBD/GB/OM/2019/1/2 – Towards a Gender-responsive Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Considerations for Gender Mainstreaming
- (c) Provided inputs to strengthen the focus on gender in documents on the post-2020 process prepared for OEWG-1
- (d) Supported UN Women to prepare a Technical Discussion on key considerations for a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework, held on 26 August 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya, in advance of OEWG-1
- (e) Supported consideration of a gender perspective in the Planning meeting of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group for the Post-2020 Process; 18 September 2019, Montreal, Canada
- (f) Prepared a target template for consideration of gender in possible targets and indicators for the zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (g) Maintained a 'Gender-responsive Process' page on the Post-2020 website
- (h) Organized a WG8J 11 Side Event SwedBio/Forest Peoples Programme/AIPP/IDLO/SCBD: Human rights for thriving indigenous peoples, local communities and healthy ecosystems in the post-2020 global biodiversity agenda, 21 November 2019, Montreal, Canada
- (i) Organized a SBSTTA-22 Side-Event SCBD/UN Women/UNEP-WCMC: Opportunities to Address the Drivers of Biodiversity Loss from a Gender Perspective, 27 November 2019, Montreal, Canada

- (j) Organized UNFCCC COP 24 High Level event on Gender: Towards ambitious and gender-inclusive climate action and biodiversity preservation, 10 December 2019, Madrid, Spain – Prepared keynote presentation on Gender, Biodiversity and Climate Change: Building Solutions for the Post-2020 Era

123. In response to Decision COP 14/18, the Secretariat:

- (a) Launched global survey on progress in implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action: one version for Government representatives and one version for Other Relevant Organizations. Survey was open from 21 November 2019 to 10 January 2020 (extended deadline) (Notification 2019-106)
- (b) Undertook review of gender references in sixth national reports received by the Secretariat up until 8 November 2019
- (c) Identified women's group representatives to participate in SCBD-led thematic workshops on: Ecosystem Restoration for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 6-8 November 2019 and supporting pre-workshops 4-5 November 2019, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 13-15 November 2019, Montreal, Canada; and Area-based Conservation Measures for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 1-3 December 2019, Montreal, Canada

124. In response to Decision COP XII/7, the Secretariat:

- (a) Issued a statement for the International Day of Rural Women, 15 October 2019
- (b) Finalized and launched new gender publication: Addressing Gender Issues and Actions in Biodiversity Objectives (launched at gender side event at SBSTTA-22, 27 November 2019)
- (c) Co-organized with ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity and led Regional Training Workshop to Build Understanding and Capacity on Gender and Biodiversity Issues in South-East Asia, Manila, Philippines, 9-13 December 2019 (Notifications 2019-080; 2019-087)

V. ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AND THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

Status of implementation of the decisions of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP) to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and decisions of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP)

125. In light of the decisions adopted by COP-MOP 3 and COP 14, results and outcomes achieved during this period include the following:

Status of Ratification

126. Follow-up with CBD NFPs, ABS NFPs and other national contacts regarding ratification and encouraging countries to finalize their national processes as soon as possible.

127. During this period, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ghana, Maldives, Solomon Islands and Tonga ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol. By 31 December 2019, 123 countries had ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol: <https://www.cbd.int/abs/nagoya-protocol/signatories/>.

Intersessional meetings and workshops organized by the Secretariat

128. Implementing decisions 14/34 and NP-3/15: Prepared and convened the Global Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in relation to Access and Benefit-sharing and the Nagoya Protocol on 25 August 2019, in Nairobi, Kenya. The Workshop report is expected to inform the preparation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The documentation of the meeting is

available at the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/post2020-WS-2019-08/documents>.

129. Implementing decision NP-3/1, para. 21 (c): Prepared and convened the Global Capacity-building Workshop on Monitoring the Utilization of Genetic Resources under the Nagoya Protocol from 30 September until 2 October 2019 in Bonn, Germany. The Workshop was financially supported by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the European Union, and the Government of Germany. It was organized with the collaboration of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative and the United Nations Development Programme, through the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project. The Workshop was attended by 68 participants, representing 54 different countries. The documentation of the meeting is available at the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-CB-WS-2019-01>.

130. Implementing decision NP-3/3, para. 8: Prepared and convened the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol from 29 to 31 October 2019 in Montreal, Canada. The documentation of the meeting is available at the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-ABSCH-IAC-2019-01>.

131. Implementing decision NP-3/5: Prepared and convened the Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House from 2 to 4 December 2019 in Montreal, Canada. The documentation of the meeting is available at the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-CB-IAC-2019-01>.

Capacity-building activities

132. In response to decision NP-3/5, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared an evaluation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development in accordance with decision NP-1/8, paragraph 9(f);
- (b) Prepared and convened the fourth meeting Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity Building, from 29 to 31 October 2019, in Montreal, Canada. The Committee provided inputs for the evaluation of the strategic framework through a review of preliminary findings and by providing additional information as requested by COP-MOP 3 in its decision NP-3/5, paragraph 5. The report and other documentation of the meeting is available at this link: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-CB-IAC-2019-01>. The report of the meeting will be considered during SBI 3, as part of the evaluation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

The ABS Clearing-House

133. In response to decisions NP-3/1 and NP-3/3, the Secretariat:

- (a) Provided support to Parties, as well as other stakeholders, in the population of relevant information and the use of the ABS Clearing-House. 728 new national records were published on the ABS Clearing-House during this period.
- (b) Provided technical assistance and information in response to 100 requests from Parties, non-Parties, as well as stakeholders and other users of the ABS Clearing-House.
- (c) Continued outreach and engagement activities to encourage Parties to publish information on the ABS Clearing-House, especially the publication of ABS procedures.
- (d) Made significant progress in the development of an issue tracking system dashboard containing a list of potential issues requiring attention by a country with a view to encourage countries to publish and/or update or national information on the ABS Clearing-House. During this period, the Secretariat conducted an analysis of information published on the ABS Clearing-House by 84 Parties for the issue tracking system dashboard.

- (e) Made improvement of several features and functionalities of the ABS Clearing-House website, including progress on the translation of the website into the six official UN languages.
- (f) Prepared and convened the fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the ABS Clearing-House, from 2 to 4 December 2019 in Montreal, Canada. The report and other documentation of the meeting is available at this link: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-ABSCH-IAC-2019-01>.

Digital sequence information on genetic resources

134. In response to decision COP 14/20 and NP-3/12, the Secretariat:

- (a) Finalization of four studies on digital sequence information on genetic resources and carrying out the peer-review process. Studies and peer-review comments are available at the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/dsi-gr/2019-2020/studies/>.
- (b) Preparation for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources. The documentation of the meeting is available at the following link: www.cbd.int/meetings/DSI-AHTEG-2020-01.

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners

135. In response to decision NP-3/7, the Secretariat:

- (a) Participated and contributed to the 12th Pan African Workshop on ABS organized by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative which took place in Cape Town, South Africa, from 9 to 13 September 2019.
- (b) Participated and contributed to the 1st Global Dialogue on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources organized by the Norwegian Government in collaboration with South Africa and with the facilitation support of the ABS Capacity Building Initiative, held from 6 to 8 November 2019 in Pretoria, South Africa.
- (c) Participated and contributed to the Eighth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, which took place from 11 to 16 November 2019 in Rome, Italy.
- (d) Presented remotely on the process of digital sequence information on genetic resources under the CBD and Nagoya during the EU-Brazil sectorial dialogue on in silico genetic heritage in ABS legislation ('digital sequence information') on 10 December 2019.
- (e) Presented remotely on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing - Implementation and Biotechnology in Africa, during the 2019 BIO Africa Convention which took place from 26 to 28 August in Durban, South Africa.
- (f) Upon the request of WHO, provided, remotely, briefings to WHO member states and to non-state actors, organized by WHO in the context of briefing on progress with WHA 72(13) "public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol". The briefings took place on 1 November 2019.

VI. BIOSAFETY AND THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL

Programme areas under the Cartagena Protocol

Post-2020 processes for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

136. During the reporting period, the draft Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol was discussed during an online forum held from 8 to 22 July 2019. A total of 109 participants registered to

participate in the forum and 64 interventions were made providing both general comments on the Implementation Plan, as well as more specific comments regarding the goals, objectives, outcomes and indicators of the Implementation Plan. On the basis of input provided during the online forum, the Secretariat developed a revised draft Implementation Plan, which was submitted to the thirteenth meeting of the Liaison Group for the Cartagena Protocol for its consideration ([CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/3](#)). The report on the online forum was made available to the Liaison Group as an information document ([CBD/CP/LG/2019/1/INF/2](#)).

137. The biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was discussed at the Global Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol, held on 25 August 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop was attended by approximately 60 participants. The Consultation was aimed at facilitating a discussion on how biosafety could contribute to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature and how it could be addressed within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The report of the workshop is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/5400/fedc/484fd4ee31ca8ea1e04c6ff9/post2020-ws-2019-07-03-en.pdf>.

138. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also convened the thirteenth meeting of the Liaison Group for the Cartagena Protocol in Montreal, Canada from 22 to 25 October 2019. The Group reviewed the draft post-2020 implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol, as revised following the online discussions, contributed to the development of the draft post-2020 capacity-building action plan and prepared a draft of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-LG-2019-01>.

139. The draft of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was transmitted by the Co-Chairs of the Liaison Group to the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and incorporated in the zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as the preliminary draft monitoring framework for post-2020.

140. More information on the post-2020 processes relevant to the Biosafety Protocol is available here: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/post2020/>.

Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15 and 16)

141. During the reporting period, the Secretariat called for nominations of experts to participate in the open-ended online forum on risk assessment and risk management planned for January 2020, as well as nominations of experts to participate in the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG), scheduled to be held in March 2020. The composition of the AHTEG was announced in December.

142. Two studies were commissioned by the Secretariat as per decision CP-9/13 to inform the application of annex I of the decision to (i) living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and (ii) living modified fish. The results of these studies will be presented to the open-ended online forum and the AHTEG.

143. In addition, the Secretariat began preparations and called for nominations of participants for the Western, Central and Eastern Asian Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms, which is scheduled to be held 13 to 17 April 2020 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the National Biosafety Committee of Mongolia. The workshop is being funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea through the Korea Biosafety Capacity-Building Initiative.

Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)

144. During the reporting period, the Secretariat held online discussions on socio-economic considerations from 9 to 20 September 2019. A total of 75 participants registered to participate in the forum and 95 interventions were made. A report on the online discussions of the forum on socio-economic considerations is available as document [CBD/CP/AHTEG/2019/1/INF/1](#). The following topics were discussed to allow participants to comment and add views on the issues raised in the submissions that were received earlier in the year:

- a) Focused discussion on experiences in considering socio-economic aspects in decision taking on LMOs;
- b) Focused discussion on literature and reports cited;
- c) General discussion.

145. The Secretariat convened a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations from 10 to 13 December 2019 in Vienna, Austria. The meeting was convened thanks to the financial support of the Government of Norway and the European Union and following the offer to host from the Government of Austria. Notably, the AHTEG reviewed the submissions and the outcomes of the online discussions in the light of the stages of the assessment process, as outlined in the Guidance and it used the information for supplementing the Guidance by indicating for which stage of the assessment process the information might be relevant. The Review was summarized in Annex III of the report of the meeting: CBD/CP/SEC/AHTEG/2019/1/3.

Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20)

146. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued the work on the migration of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) to its new platform. A notification was issued to introduce the chronogram that outlined the timeline for the migration and follow-up processes.

147. As part of the migration, a preview version of the new BCH platform was launched (<https://beta.bch.cbd.int/>) to enable Parties and other Governments to submit their fourth national reports through the new platform.

148. The Secretariat also enhanced its collaboration with the UNEP BCH III Project on the development of the training materials to assist users in understanding the new features of the BCH in its new platform.

149. In addition, the Secretariat re-launched the informal online, “BCH on BCH forum”, for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, BCH National Focal Points and National Authorized Users to promote, through online discussions, better exchange of information and sharing of views and experiences on the status of the BCH and its migration to the new platform. The Secretariat has also renewed the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC) and re-constituted its membership.

Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)

150. A reminder notification was issued stressing the importance of the timely submission of fourth national reports in order to facilitate the fourth assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol. Parties were urged to submit their reports by the cut-off date of 15 December 2019 in order to be included in the analysis for the assessment and review process. The deadline for submissions of the fourth national report was 1 October 2019. By this date, the Secretariat had received 43 reports and by 31 December 2019, a total of 90 fourth national reports had been received.

151. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also received an additional third national report (Serbia), bringing the total number of third national reports received to 156.

Compliance

152. During the reporting period, the Secretariat followed up on communications and compliance measures related to the development of compliance action plans, completeness of information on the Biosafety Clearing-House, and the submission of national reports, identified at the sixteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee.

Mainstreaming and integrated implementation of biosafety

153. During the reporting period, all national level activities related to the project on “Integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity” that had been initiated in

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the 2017-2018 biennium, were completed. The project was funded by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, and included ten Parties to the Cartagena Protocol that carried out studies to analyse the extent to which biosafety was integrated into existing national policies, laws and reflected in institutional structures. Accordingly, these participating Parties identified opportunities for further strengthening the mainstreaming of biosafety in legal and policy instruments and institutions and developed mainstreaming strategies which were presented at a national workshop and seminar, to a wide variety of sectoral and cross-sectoral stakeholders, as well as decision makers, media and politicians, respectively. More information is available at: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/issues/mainstreaming_activities.shtml.

Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)

154. The Secretariat convened the Anglophone African Laboratory Training Workshop on Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in Abuja, Nigeria from 16 to 20 September 2019. The workshop was organized with support from the Government of the Republic of Korea through the Korea Biosafety Capacity-Building Initiative and in collaboration with numerous institutions in the Government of Nigeria as well as the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. The workshop was attended by 22 participants from 15 countries in the region. The main objectives of the workshop were to provide theoretical and practical training on:

- a) Overview of biosafety, the Cartagena Protocol, the Biosafety Clearing-House and relevant activities;
- b) Sharing experiences and assessing national biosafety frameworks for the effective implementation of the relevant outcomes under the Cartagena Protocol;
- c) Laboratory methodologies used for the detection and identification of living modified organisms.

The report of the workshop is available at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-DI-WS-2019-01>.

155. During the reporting period, the Secretariat called for submissions of information via an online survey regarding Parties' needs and capacities with respect to the detection and identification of living modified organisms, as well as a list of laboratories, including information on the specific activities performed by such institutions. A total of 34 respondents completed the survey. The results of the survey are available here. A synthesis of the information will be submitted to the tenth meeting of the Parties for their consideration in 2020.

156. The Secretariat also convened The Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms during the reporting period. The online discussions were held from 28 October to 8 November 2019 and can be found here. A total of 165 participants were registered to participate and there were 67 interventions made on the following topics:

- a) Current techniques used in the detection and identification of LMOs, with special consideration of any new technique that is currently in use since the last discussion of the Network of Laboratories in April 2018;
- b) Sharing of experiences on the detection, identification, and monitoring of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology;
- c) Overview of current capacity for the detection and identification of living modified organisms.

157. In addition to contributing to information exchange among laboratories around the world, the information from the online discussions will inform the development of the post-2020 capacity-building action plan for the Protocol and will also feed into consideration of the issue of synthetic biology at the next meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Public Awareness, Education and Participation (Article 23)

158. The third joint Aarhus Convention/CBD round table on public awareness, access to information and public participation regarding LMOs and GMOs was convened during the reporting period, in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16 to 18 December 2019. A total of 45 participants, including 11 focal points from the Cartagena Protocol and 16 focal points from the Aarhus Convention, and 18 organizations attended the round table. At the meeting, participants shared knowledge, experiences and lessons learned in implementing Article 23 and recommendations for strengthening implementation at the national level. Input was provided to a draft pocket guide on access to information that had been prepared jointly by the Secretariat of the Aarhus Convention and the SCBD. A report of the round table and the pocket guide will be available at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50759>.

159. During the reporting period, Parties were also invited to provide information through a survey on key indicators of the Programme of Work on Article 23 of the Cartagena Protocol. The information collected will feed into the analysis for the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol (2011-2020). There were 53 respondents to the survey.

Cooperation with other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

160. During the reporting period, the Secretariat participated in the 2019 Partners Meeting of the Green Customs Initiative, which was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 2 to 3 October 2019. The objectives of the meeting were to coordinate planned capacity-building activities with other Secretariats and to provide input and guidance on ongoing activities by the Green Customs Initiative Secretariat.

161. The Secretariat also engaged with UNESCO's Inter-Agency Task Force on Bioethics (UNIACB). The Secretariat's participation in the UNIACB is foreseen to include sharing information and raising awareness of the CBD's processes that are relevant to the field of bioethics, including biosafety, gene drives and synthetic biology. Such collaboration provides an excellent opportunity for the creation of synergies across the United Nations system and amongst relevant organizations in this field.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

162. In the current reporting period, one instrument of accession to the Cartagena Protocol was deposited (Uzbekistan). As of 31 December 2019, 172 countries had ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Protocol's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

163. In the current reporting period, three instruments of ratification (Croatia, France, Democratic People's Republic of Korea) to the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress were submitted, bringing the total number of contracting Parties to the Supplementary Protocol to 47. The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/#tab=1>.

VII. JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND

Secretariat portfolio projects

164. The Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) team has been managing the 2017-2018 portfolio based on the progress reports submitted by the SCBD Programme Officers and through cross checking any contracts, notifications and travel plans under the projects with the original proposal, before authorizing them. Additionally, the JBF team has been serving as a daily help desk for the respective Programme Officers to support their projects.

165. Since the approval of the Secretariat portfolio for the biennium in February 2017, most of the projects have had important progress. To date, seven projects have been completed:

- (a) 1718-OES-1 – GSPC: Capacity building to support the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as a cross cutting initiative of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
- (b) 1718-SPS-3 – Biosafety: Science and Policy Support/Biosafety and Biosecurity.
- (c) 1718-SPS-5 – Invasive Alien Species: Programme for International Island Initiative towards achieving ABT 9 and related tools development.
- (d) 1718-SPS-7 – ABS: Capacity-building programme to support the establishment of legal frameworks for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.
- (e) 1718-SPS-8 – ABS: Regional and sub regional training for the use of the ABS Awareness raising toolkit.
- (f) 1718-SPS-9 – ABS: Capacity-building for implementing the Nagoya Protocol in a mutually supportive manner with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
- (g) 1718 SPS 10 – Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements for achieving traditional knowledge elements of ABT 18 and 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

166. The following projects have been extended to be able to complete the activities, and in some cases to add additional activities and funds:

- (a) 1718-IMS-1 – CHM: Support to the Development of National Clearing-House Mechanisms.
- (b) 1718-MCO-1 – Youth: Building capacity of youth to support implementation of NBSAPs, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- (c) 1718-OES-2 – Decision tracking tool /Development and maintenance of decision-tracking tool in the Clearing-House Mechanism.
- (d) 1718-SPS-1 – Sustainable Ocean Initiative: Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity through Partnerships in support of achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- (e) 1718-SPS-2 – Protected Areas: Facilitate the achievement of as many elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 by 2020 as well as showcase their contribution to other Aichi Biodiversity Targets and other globally agreed goals, through implementation of road maps identified in JBF project SAM-5 (2015-2016) in developing countries, least developed countries, and small island developing States (in GRULAC, Asia and Pacific regions) by providing targeted capacity development, in a decentralized manner.
- (f) 1718-SPS-4 – GTI: Filling capacity gap for application of DNA technologies in taxonomy - GTI trainings/workshops driven by the trained trainers.
- (g) 1718-SPS-6 – ABS-CH: Support to the capacity-building program for the ABS Clearing-House (ABS-CH).

Pilot projects

167. The first phase of the pilot project implemented by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP/WCMC) to pilot (test) their methodology for mapping biodiversity in three African countries has been completed successfully and the outputs have been delivered.

168. The aims of this project are to test the methodology for mapping biodiversity priorities and to build NBSAP implementation capacity in Botswana, Malawi and Ethiopia through the development and use of biodiversity and socio-economic spatial data and information products to integrate biodiversity into other sectors and national development priorities. Some spatial biodiversity assessments have been conducted using developed guidance, the Mapping Biodiversity Priorities (MBP). This national process is

helping to build an evidence-base of spatial biodiversity priorities and trade-offs, and synergies with other sectorial and national development priorities, which is supposed to contribute to NBSAP revision and implementation. Each country has mapped stakeholders and mainstreaming entry points, and convened stakeholder meetings to begin the process of engagement and sensitization for mainstreaming, including reaching out to non-biodiversity ministries and sectors in their countries. Participating countries indicated that the project has improved the spatial analysis skills of the implementing organizations and their key stakeholders. The project has improved in-country links between biodiversity data providers and the use of biodiversity assessments and information for policy making.

Projects Implemented by External Partners

169. The JBF team has monitored and backstopped the implementation of the following projects implemented by external partners:

(a) *IPBES-IGES: Capacity building project for the implementation of IPBES Asia Pacific Regional Assessment:*

- Regarding the follow-up activities for the Component 1, a list of Indigenous and Local Knowledge (ILK) literature in the Asia-Pacific Region (137 literatures in total), a list of indigenous knowledge holders and experts (17 ILK holders), and relevant projects carried out by the ILK centers in the region, have been prepared, in close partnership with the Forest Peoples Program (FPP), Tebtebba and other relevant networks and organizations. Such information is expected to contribute the future IPBES assessments and other IPBES deliverables, as well as for the preparation of the Local Biodiversity Outlook 2 (LBO-2).
- Under the Component 3 of the project, the Science-Policy Dialogue for North East and South East Asia sub-regions was held the 22nd and 23rd of October 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. A total of 61 participants, 34 national focal points and other government officials from 10 countries in Southeast Asia & Northeast Asia, with up to 27 experts joined this workshop. The workshop was co-organized by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), UNEP-WCMC and University of Tokyo Institute for Future Initiative to facilitate the understanding of how the regional and national assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services can contribute to the policy and decision-making process. The participants also recognized the importance of the science-based decision making and adaptive governance. More information on this workshop can be found on IGES official website at: <https://iges.or.jp/en/events/20191021>.

(b) *COMDEKS: Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative Project*

- Based on the outcomes of the second phase of COMDEKS project, a side event on the Satoyama Initiative and COMDEKS was organized at a formal side event at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2019 on July 15 at the United Nations HQ in New York. The event was co-organized by UNDP, UNU, and MOEJ, and was entitled “Satoyama Initiative – Society in Harmony with Nature: An inclusive approach for Communities on Landscapes and Seascapes” was successfully organized. The summary of the event can be seen at <http://enb.iisd.org/hlpf/2019/side-events/15jul.html>
- At the side event, the concept of the Satoyama Initiative and the cases of the Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative (COMDEKS) were shared and well received by participants. The representatives of the governments of Bhutan and Costa Rica gave presentations and the EU representative and other participants contributed to the discussion.

(c) *Eco-DRR: RELIEF Kit Phase 2*

- IUCN has implemented capacity building projects to support national governments to understand, appreciate and implement Ecosystem-based Approaches (EbA) in the form of Nature-based Solutions to their disaster and climate-risks.
- The Conference of the Parties (COP) has adopted decision 14/5 including the “voluntary guidelines for design and effective implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction” and encouraged Parties and relevant organizations to make use of the guidelines.
- As part of RELIEF Kit II, a global workshop, “Nature-based Solutions for Disaster Risks and Climate Change Impacts” was organized in Bangkok, Thailand from 28 to 30 October 2019. The aim of the workshop was accelerating the implementation of EbA for Eco-Disaster Risk Reduction (Eco-DRR) and climate adaptation. For more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.iucn.org/theme/ecosystem-management/our-work/environment-and-disasters/relief-kit-project>.

NBSAP Support

170. During the reporting period, a final draft of the Sri Lanka VPR report was sent to Sri Lanka for fact-checking. Sri Lanka informed that in order to do the best possible job they would consult stakeholders for the fact-checking exercise, which would cause some delay in returning the report.

171. A review team for the Uganda VPR was established consisting of reviewers from The Philippines (team leader), Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, and several teleconferences with the team were held. During the reporting period, the desk review was completed and preparations were made with the host country for the in-country visit that was successfully implemented during 28 October – 4 November. The next step is for the review team to draft the review report.

172. Based on the VPR experience, contributions were made to the upcoming thematic consultation on review mechanisms, OEWG-2, the planned workshop and expert meeting on review mechanisms.

Contribution to the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

173. The JBF team has assisted the Programme Officer for agriculture and inland water ecosystem of the Secretariat for the coordination of the programme for the expert workshop on landscape approach for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) consultation. The expert workshop was organized on 4-6 September 2019 in Kumamoto, Japan by the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). The expert workshop aimed to support Parties and other key stakeholders understand landscape approaches, benefits and issues of incorporating the approach for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and identify key recommendations to the post-2020 GBF process. The discussion pertained to the way the landscape approach would contribute to bring all stakeholders together and making biodiversity conservation more effective by avoiding or minimizing conflicts and trade-offs, as in a “ridge to reef” landscape approach linking inland and coastal landscapes. The landscape approach is also supposed to integrate multiple values in the landscape – natural, cultural, spiritual, historical, heritage-related, and others – thereby presenting biodiversity conservation as part of a comprehensive package of benefits to humans.

174. Based on the discussions held at the workshop, a meeting report will be prepared to contribute to the Post-2020 GBF. All documents for the workshop are available at: <https://satoyama-initiative.org/events/3-6-september-2019-expert-thematic-workshop-on-landscape-approaches-for-the-post-2020-global-biodiversity-framework/>

Additional activity

175. A JBF staff member represented the CBD in a Steering Committee meeting and an All Hands meeting of the Connect Project on mainstreaming biodiversity information into the heart of government decision making held in Durban, South Africa during 6-8 November 2019.

176. The JBF team represented the Secretariat for the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) held in Yokohama, Japan on 28 - 30 August 2019. TICAD-7 adopted “Yokohama declaration 2019” which recognizes the importance of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. More information is found at: https://www.mofa.go.jp/afr/af2/page25e_000274.html.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I

STAFFING TABLE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY

July – December 2019

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	ASG	Acting Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. E. Maruma Mrema
2.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (OES)	Mr. D. Cooper
3.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (SSSF)	Mr. A. Shestakov
4.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (IMS)	Ms. J. Mathur-Filipp
5.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (DES)	Ms. A. Fraenkel (on Temporary Assignment to Bonn)
6.	P5	Chief of Section, Programme Budget (AFC)	Ms. G. Fosse (Post funded by PSC)
7.	P5	Senior Legal Officer (DES)	Mr. W. Yifru
8.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Economist) (SSSF/EPRM)	Mr. M. Lehmann
9.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (OES)	Ms. C. Santamaria
10.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Indigenous Knowledge) (SSSF/PB)	Mr. J. Scott
11.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer. (Reports & Reviews) (IMS/SEC)	Mr. N. Pratt
12.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. E. Tamale
13.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific/Tech. Assessments) (IMS/MR&R)	Vacant
14.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Access & Benefit Sharing) (DES/ABSP)	Vacant
15.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific, Technical Information) (DES/BP)	Vacant
16.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (In situ & ex situ conservation) (SSSF/BSPG)	Mr. V. Gidda
17.	P4	Public Information Officer (OES/C&A)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
18.	P4	Programme Management Officer (IMS/SEC)	Mr. Y. Xiang
19.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (SSSF/BSPG)	Vacant
20.	P4	Information Systems Officer	Mr. F. Vogel (P3)
21.	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer, (Jakarta Mandate) (SSSF/BSPG)	Vacant
22.	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by PSC)
23.	P4	Administrative Officer (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. J. Mukui (Post funded by PSC)
24.	P4	Editor (AFC/CS)	Mr. O. Plasencia

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
25.	P4	Programme Management Officer (Taxonomy), (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Shimura
26.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Dry & Sub-humid lands) (SSSF/BSPG)	Vacant
27.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Reports) (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. L. Cai
28.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Sustainable Use & Tourism) (IMS/SEC)	Mr. O. Hillel
29.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Legal & Policy Affairs) (DES/BP)	Ms. K. Garforth
30.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (CHM) (ISM/CBKM)	Vacant
31.	P3	Special Assistant, Administration (OES/SS)	Ms. A. Rego
32.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by PSC)
33.	P3	Documentation Management Officer (IMS/CHM)	Ms. K. Koppel
34.	P3	Conference Services Officer (AFC/CS)	Mr. P. Tagliari
35.	P3	Website Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
36.	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (DES/BP)	Mr. P. Deupmann
37.	P3	Information Systems Officer (AFC/IT)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
38.	P3	Programme Management Officer, (Inland Waters) (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. C. Canales
39.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Vacant (Post funded by PSC)
40.	P3	Programme Management Officer, (Scientific Assessments) (DES/BP)	Ms. M. Araya
41.	P3	Information Systems Officer, (IMS/CBKM)	Vacant
42.	P3	Legal Officer (L&I)	Mr. T. Deleuil
43.	P3	Programme Management Officer – (Capacity-building) – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. K. Taboulchanas
44.	P3	Programme Management Officer – (Monitoring) – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. B. Gomez Castro
45.	P3	Programme Management Officer – ABS-CH (DES/ABSP)	Mr. M. Dias
46.	P2	Associate Programme Management Officer – (Marine)- (SSSF/BSPG)	Mr. J. Appiott
47.	P2	Assoc. Information Systems Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. R. Houlahan
48.	P2	Associate Information Officer (OES/C&A)	Mr. J. Hedlund
49.	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (DES/BP)	Ms. U. Nilsson
50.	P2	Assoc. Information Systems Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
51.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. B. Fonseca
52.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (SSSF/PB)	Vacant
53.	P2	Programme Management Officer – (Gender)- (SSSF/PB)	Ms. T. McGregor (P3)

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
54.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer – (Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism) (IMS/SEC)	Ms. C. Robichaud
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57.	G6	Staff Assistant (OES/SS)	Vacant
58.	G5	Staff Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
59.	G6	Programme Management Assistant - (SSS/BSPG)	Ms. A. Cung
60.	G6	Programme Management Assistant - (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Grekin
61.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/SEC)	Ms. S. Meehan
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63.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/MR&R)	Ms. M. Chiasson
64.	G7	Senior Programme Assistant - (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. D. Monnier
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66.	G7	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
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69.	G5	Staff Assistant - (SSSF)	Ms. V. Allain
70.	G5	Staff Assistant - (IMS)	Ms. J. Bwalya
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81.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by PSC)
82.	G4	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Vacant (Post funded by PSC)
83.	G5	Finance Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by PSC)
84.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. del Carpio (post Funded by PSC)
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88.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by PSC)

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93.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (DES/BP)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
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3.	P4	Programme Mgmt. Officer - (DES/JBF)	Ms. N. Saad
4.	G6	Programme Mgmt. Assistant - (DES/JBF)	Vacant
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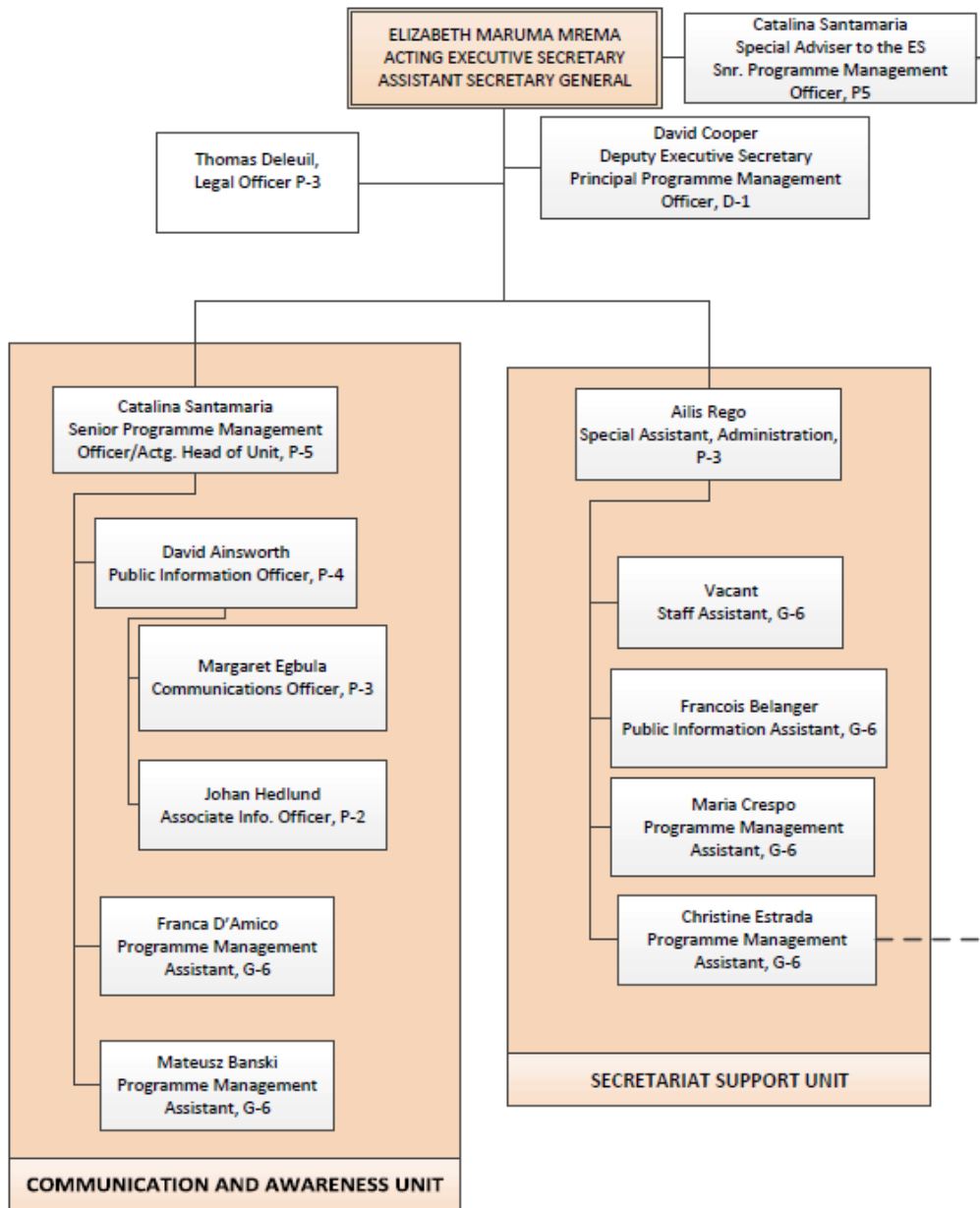
No.	Name	Nationality	Seconded/Funded from
1.	Mr. I. Hama, JPO (DES/JBF-P2)	Japan	Government of Japan
2.	Vacant - Prog. Mgmt. Officer (BBI) (IMS/CBKM-P4)		Government of the Republic of Korea
3.	Ms. M. Egbula Ayo Communications Officer (OES/C&A-P3)	Nigeria	European Commission
4.	Ms. B. Brasil Prog. Mgmt. Officer (Business) (SSSF/BETI-P3)	Brazil	European Commission
5.	Ms. C. Parois Prog. Mgmt. Assistant (BBI) (IMS/CBKM-G6)	Canada	Government of the Republic of Korea
6.	Vacant – Programme Management Officer P4 (China) – (OES/DES)		Government of China
7.	Vacant – Programme Management Officer (Scientific) – P4 (DES/ABS)		European Union

Interns working at SCBD during the period July to December 2019

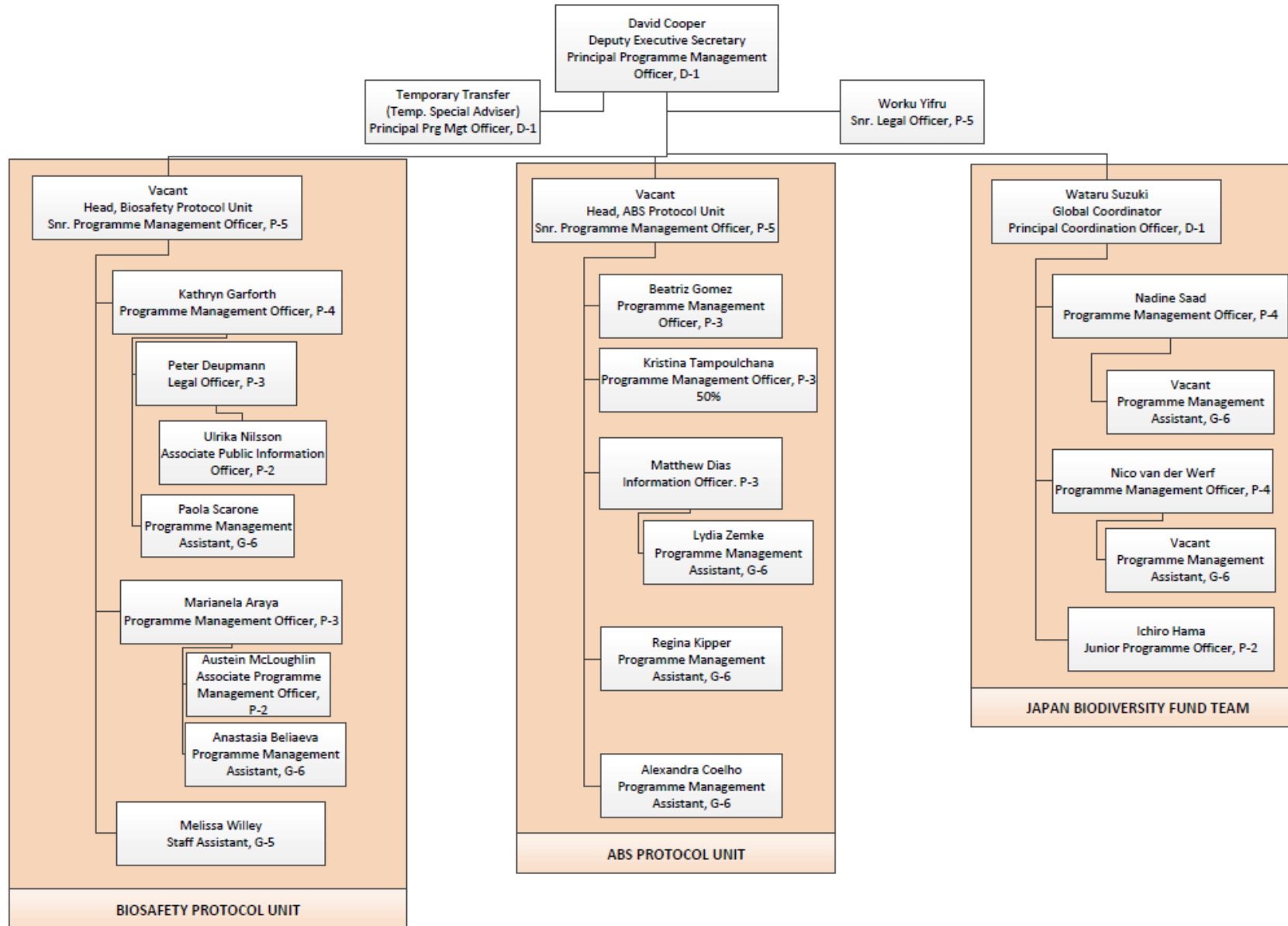
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1	Juliette GOURLAY DUPLESSIS	France	Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne	National Reports	4-Mar-19	16-Aug-19
2	Chenshan RONG	People's republic of China	Communication University of China	Media and Communication	8-Apr-19	8-Jul-19
3	Yun ZHOU	People's republic of China	Université de Montreal	Strategic Partnership	23-Apr-19	23-Aug-19
4	Rachel Adelaine ALMULI	Brazil / Canada / Ireland / United States of America	McGill University	Technical and Scientific Cooperation	29-Apr-19	26-Jul-19
5	Ricardo PELAI	Bolivia	University of British Columbia	National Reports	6-May-19	1-Aug-19
6	Valériane BUSLOT	Belgium	McGill University	Capacity Building	6-May-19	5-Aug-19
7	Justine CARLONE	Canada / Italy	ESCP-Europe-Berlin	Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Business Engagement	6-May-19	5-Aug-19
8	Haruka TOMITA	Japan	University of Toronto	Programme Support for JBF	13-May-19	16-Aug-19
9	Justine FRIIS	Canada / Denmark / Switzerland	Université de Montreal	Traditional knowledge and Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity	13-May-19	23-Aug-19
10	Ying Fen Jessalyn TAN	Singapore	University of British Columbia	Programme Support for JBF	21-May-19	20-Aug-19
11	Johannes Christian HAAS	Germany	Technische Universität München	Traditional Knowledge Post 2020	3-Jun-19	2-Aug-19
12	Charlotte AUBRUC	Germany / France	McGill University	National Reports	17-Jun-19	27-Sep-19
13	Britta DOSCH	United States of America	Yale University	Climate Change	25-Jun-19	23-Aug-19
14	Saniya PASRICHA	India	McGill University	Media and Communication	15-Jul-19	13-Sep-19
15	Nathalie JREIDINI	Lebanon / Canada	McGill University	National Reports	13-Aug-19	12-Nov-19
16	Emily GRIBBIN	Canada	McGill University	Media and Communication	13-Aug-19	29-Nov-19
17	Fei Yi DONG	Canada	University of Waterloo	National Reports	13-Aug-19	31-Jan-20
18	Lio Lucie Marie ANDO BOURGUET	France / Japan	Institut d'Etudes politiques de Paris-'Sciences Po'	Traditional knowledge and Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity	26-Aug-19	20-Dec-19
19	Natalie Patricia PARUZEL	Canada	Concordia University	Business Engagement	26-Aug-19	25-Feb-20
20	Sofia HERNANDEZ	United States of America / Mexico	University of North Texas	National Reports	3-Sep-19	2-Dec-19
21	Rishman Jot Kaur CHAHAL	India	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Economics and Finance	3-Sep-19	2-Mar-20
22	Danielle Francis HAK	Canada	University of Waterloo	Biodiversity Mainstreaming	3-Sep-19	12-Mar-20
23	Félix Jeff FEIDER	Luxembourg / Canada	University of London	National Reports	16-Sep-19	13-Dec-19
24	Antoine HEUILLARD	France / Canada	Concordia University	Capacity Building and Knowledge Management	15-Oct-19	14-Jan-20
25	Jordan Makena CARPER	United States of America	McGill University	Marine Coastal and Island Biodiversity	15-Oct-19	14-Jan-20
26	Dominique LABERGE	Canada	Université Laval	Technical and Scientific Cooperation	15-Oct-19	17-Jan-20
27	Nicholas MOLPECERES	Canada / Spain	McGill University	Media and Communication	11-Nov-19	10-Feb-20
28	Mariah Skye HOCKIN	Canada	Université de Strasbourg	Media and Communication	25-Nov-19	31-Jan-20

29	Charly Joanne BLAIS	Canada	University of Alberta	Media and Communication	25-Nov-19	27-Feb-20
30	Maya Shirliff WATSON	Canada	Ryerson University	Media and Communication	25-Nov-19	28-Feb-20
31	Jaber KAZHAZ	Netherlands	King's College London	Marine Coastal and Island Biodiversity	19-Dec-19	18-Mar-20

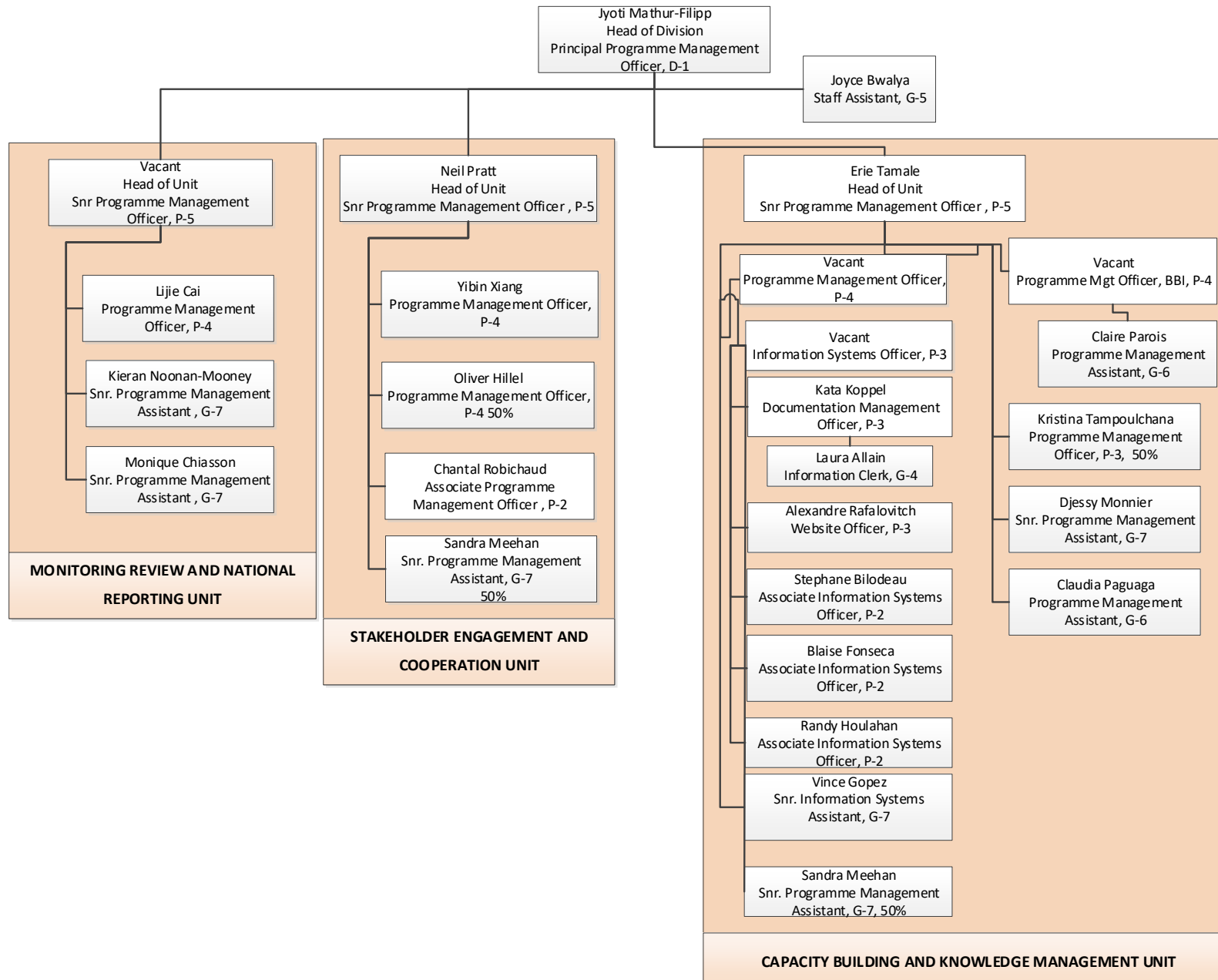
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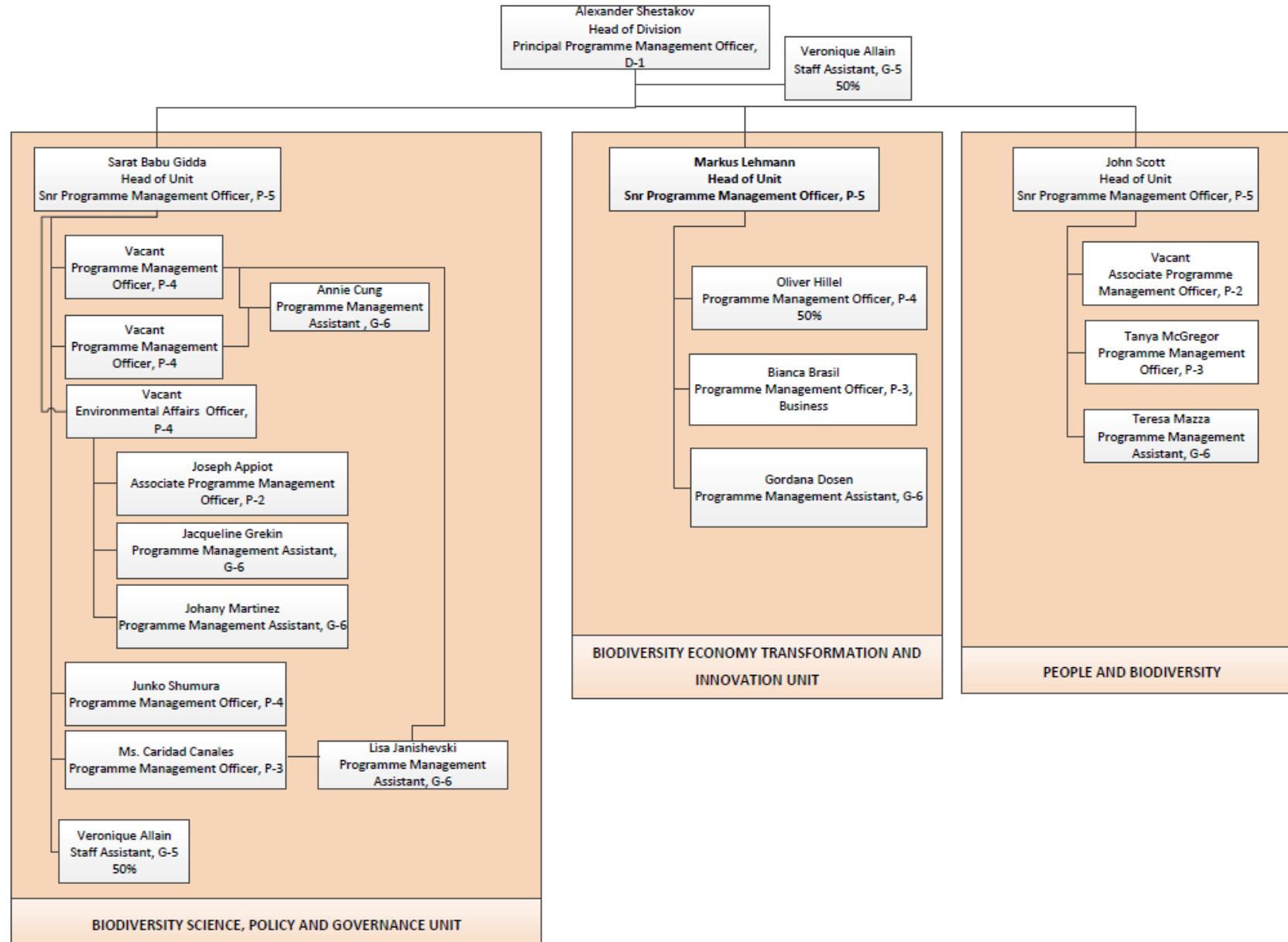
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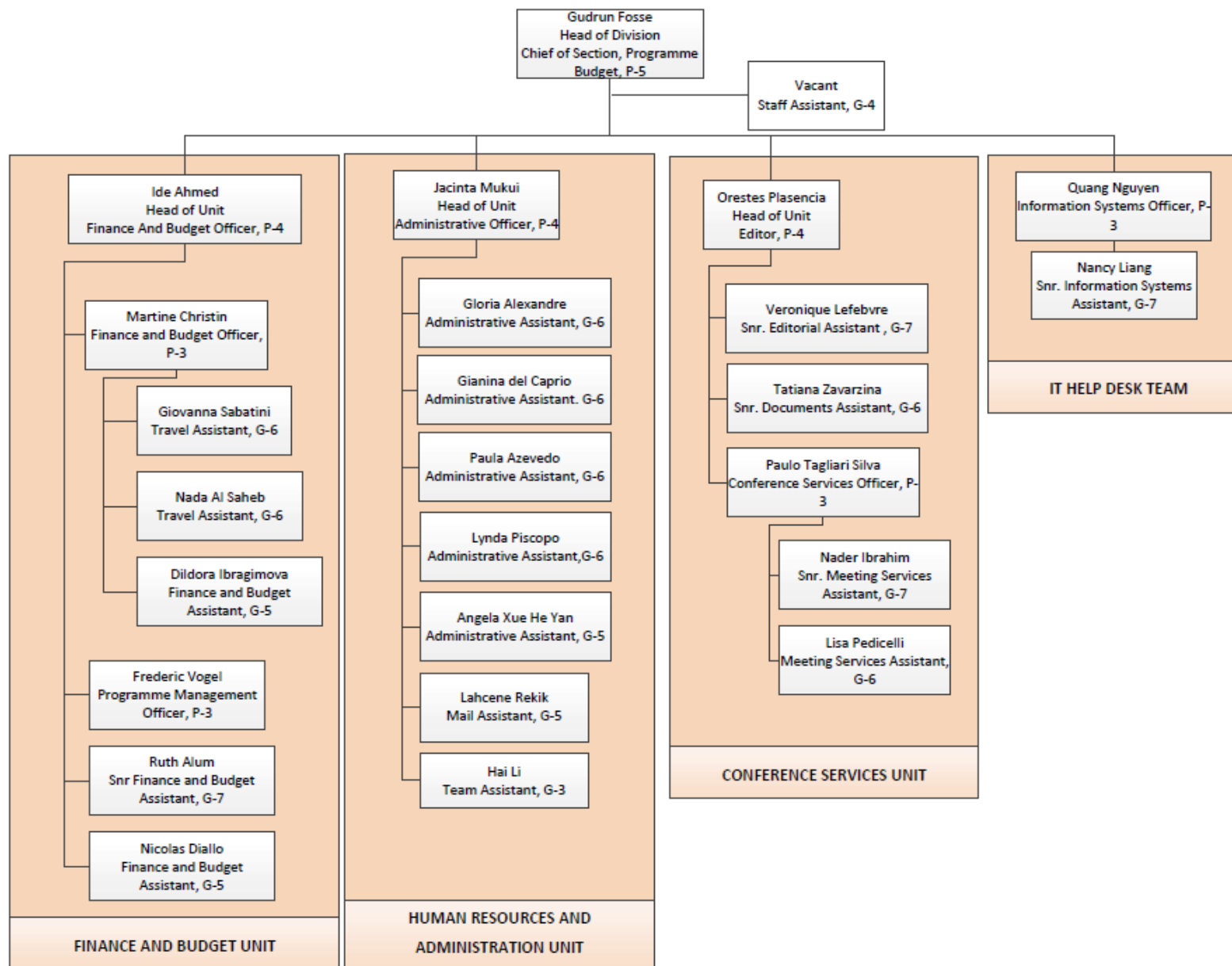
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ANNEX III
CORE BUDGET EXPENDITURE REPORT, INCLUDING 13% PSC
as at 31 December 2019 (in United States dollars)

	<i>(United States dollars)</i>	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Total budget (2019- 2020)	Expenditure 1Jan-31Dec 2019	Variance on 2019 Budget	Variance on biennial Budget
I: Programmes	Office of the Executive Secretary	3,534,000	3,444,800	6,978,800	2,487,957	1,046,043	4,490,843
	ABS and BS Protocols	2,322,600	2,375,900	4,698,500	1,677,546	645,054	3,020,954
	Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division	3,912,300	3,909,000	7,821,300	3,283,522	628,778	4,537,778
	Implementation Support Division	3,105,000	3,708,200	6,813,200	3,049,228	55,772	3,763,972
II. Administration, Finance and Conference Services		3,845,100	4,052,700	7,897,800	3,175,064	670,036	4,722,736
Total (excluding PSC)		16,719,000	17,490,600	34,209,600	13,673,316	3,045,684	20,536,284
Programme Support Costs (13%)		2,173,470	2,273,778	4,447,248	1,777,531	395,939	2,669,717
Working Capital Reserve		56,550	130,750	187,300			
Total		18,949,020	19,895,128	38,844,148	15,450,847	3,441,623	23,206,001

Approved Lines	<i>(United States dollars)</i>	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Total budget (2019- 2020)	Expenditure 1Jan-31Dec 2019	Variance on 2019 Budget	Variance on biennial Budget
A	Staff costs	11,453,900	11,626,600	23,080,500	9,534,912	1,918,988	13,545,588
B	Bureau meetings	150,000	215,000	365,000	174,966	-24,966	190,034
C	Travel on official business	400,000	400,000	800,000	520,160	-120,160	279,840
D	Consultants / Subcontractors	50,000	50,000	100,000	45,176	4,824	54,824
E	Public Awareness Materials / communication	50,000	50,000	100,000	23,274	26,726	76,726
F	Temporary assistance/overtime	100,000	100,000	200,000	143,568	-43,568	56,432
G	Training	5,000	5,000	10,000	2,182	2,818	7,818
H	Translation of CHM websites / websites projects	65,000	65,000	130,000	43,727	21,273	86,273
I	Meetings	1,569,000	2,119,000	3,688,000	771,822	797,178	2,916,178
J	Expert Meetings	170,000	150,000	320,000	159,665	10,335	160,335
K	Extraordinary meetings on post-2020	750,000	560,000	1,310,000	381,163	368,837	928,837
L	Rent and associated costs	1,229,500	1,423,400	2,652,900	1,432,796	-203,296	1,220,104
M	General operating expenses	726,600	726,600	1,453,200	439,905	286,695	1,013,295
Sub-total I	Total (excluding PSC)	16,719,000	17,490,600	34,209,600	13,673,316	3,045,684	20,536,284
Programme Support Costs (13%)		2,173,470	2,273,778	4,447,248	1,777,531	395,939	2,669,717
Working Capital Reserve		56,550	130,750	187,300			
Total		18,949,020	19,895,128	38,844,148	15,450,847	3,441,623	23,206,001

ANNEX IV

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)**

Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Belgium		25/	66,964			66,964
Canada	224,215	1/		140,196		84,019
Canada	4,520	2/				4,520
China		23/	198,252		198,252	
Estonia		26/	2,220		2,220	
European Union		3/	890,243		890,243	
European Union		27/	538,808		538,808	
France	23,635	4/				23,635
France	43,800	5/		13,125		30,675
France		28/	87,888		87,888	
Germany		6/	25,000		25,000	
Germany		7/	30,000		30,000	
Germany		20/	21,978		21,978	
Germany		24/	250,000		250,000	
Germany		29/	26,403		26,403	
Germany (GIZ) GmbH		30/	43,526			43,526
Germany (GIZ) GmbH		31/	325,799		325,799	
Italy		32/	140,050		140,050	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Korea		8/	265,004		265,004	
Korea		9/	17,697		17,697	
Korea		10/	338,462		338,462	
Korea		11/	403,870		403,870	
Korea		33/	255,415		255,415	
Korea		34/	468,260		468,260	
Korea		35/	174,000		174,000	
National Geographic		36/	150,000		150,000	
Netherlands		22/	44,860		44,860	
New Zealand		37/	77,988		77,988	
Norway		12/	531,113		531,113	
Norway		38/	218,400		218,400	
Norway		39/	53,600		53,600	
OSPAR Commission		13/	6,520		6,520	
South Africa		14/	50,000			50,000
South Africa		40/	6,500			6,500
Sweden		15/	77,540		77,540	
Sweden		21/	51,686		51,686	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Switzerland	100,000	16/		100,000		
Switzerland	101,051	17/		101,051		
United Kingdom (DEFRA)		18/	169,242		169,242	
United Kingdom (DEFRA)		19/	264,660		264,660	
United Kingdom (DEFRA)		41/	148,100			148,100
Total	497,221		6,420,047	354,372	6,104,956	457,939

1/Canada pledge CAD 500,000 for the period 2016-2020 allocated CAD 100,000 annually for Advancing Canada's priorities in CBD. Biodiversity - Wildlife and Habitat.

2/Canada pledge USD 129,950 for expert workshop on marine protected areas- Aichi Biodiversity Target 11

3/European Union pledge allocation USD 890,243.42 - GPGC 2017-2018 for supporting enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and outcomes of COP13 and COP-MOP 9

4/France pledge EUR 180,000 for Marine EBSA project

5/France pledge EUR 38,500 for GIEC - IPBES Workshop 2018

6/Germany pledge USD 25,000 for participation in Regional Consultation w/s on Post-2020 Global Biodiv. Framework for EU Member States, Western European and Others Group (WEOG) - 19 to 21 March 2019 in Bonn, Germany

7/Germany pledge USD 30,000 for study on Risk Assessment: application of annex 1 of decision CP 9/13 to LMOs containing engineered gene drives

8/Korea pledge KRW 300,000,000 to support Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI) for the period 1 December 2018 - 30 November 2019

9/Korea pledge KRW 20,000,000 for regional BBI round table for WEOG to advance objectives of Bio-Bridge action plan 2017-2020

10/Korea pledge KRW 396,000,000 to implement the action plan for Sustainable Ocean Initiative (2019 grant)

11/Korea pledge USD 403,870.29 to implement the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI) (2019 grant)

- 12/Norway pledge NOK 4,653,000 for Regional consultations in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Grulac under the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Studies on digital sequence information & AHTEG on socio-economic considerations.
- 13/OSPAR Commission pledge EUR 5991.84 for the regional workshop to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in the North-East Atlantic Ocean & training session on EBSAs
- 14/South Africa pledge USD 50,000 for development of Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework process of CBD & Protocol
- 15/Sweden pledge SEK 750,000 for the GEF needs assessment described in CBD/COP/DEC/14/23
- 16/Switzerland pledge USD 100,000 to support Voluntary Peer Review (VPR) process for post 2020 global biodiversity
- 17/Switzerland pledge CHF 100,000 as contribution towards the Post 2020 workshop among biodiversity related MEAs
- 18/United Kingdom (DEFRA) pledge GBP 128,000 for preparation of 2nd Edition of the Local Biodiversity Outlook (LBO-2) and use of LBO online website
- 19/United Kingdom (DEFRA) pledge GBP 200,000 for building evidence for the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- 20/Germany pledge EUR 20,000 for travel support for participation in Regional Workshop on EBSAs in North-East Atlantic Ocean & training session on EBSAs, from 22 to 27 September 2019 in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 21/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 for review of the Gender Plan of Action
- 22/Netherlands pledge USD 44,860 as voluntary contribution in support of approved activities under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, for the period 2019-2020.
- 23/China pledge USD 198,252 for Liaison Officer to support the Secretariat in the organization of the CBD COP 15
- 24/Germany pledge USD 250,000 for support for implementation of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity COP14 outcomes. CBD Resource Mobilization 2019
- 25/Belgium pledge EUR 60,000 for the February 2020 workshop on ecologically or biologically significant areas
- 26/Estonia pledge EUR 2,000 in support to the CBD Approved Activities for 2019-2020.
- 27/European Union pledge USD 538,808 to support enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020 and outcomes of COP 14 and COP-MOP 9

- 28/France pledge EUR 80,000 to support thematic workshops on Post 2020
- 29/Germany pledge EUR 24,000 EBSA Workshop on Marine issues
- 30/Germany (GIZ) GmbH pledge EUR 38,999.69 to facilitate achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 for reporting to COP 15
- 31/Germany (GIZ) GmbH pledge EUR 300,128 for Resource Mobilization - POST-2020 Thematic Consultations
- 32/Italy pledge USD 140,049.57 for workshops - Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- 33/Korea pledge KRW 300,000,000 for Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI) I December 2019 - 30 November 2020
- 34/Korea pledge KRW 550,000,000 for Bio-Bridge Initiative for 2016-2020 - 4th year contribution
- 35/Korea pledge USD 174,000 for Korea Biosafety Capacity Building Initiative to be undertaken in 2019 to 2020. MOTIE Project
- 36/National Geographic Society pledge USD 150,000 to fund the Thematic Workshop on Area-based Conservation Measures in December 2019
- 37/New Zealand pledge NZD 120,000 for CBD Post-2020 process - hosting meetings outside normal intersessional meeting
- 38/Norway pledge NOK 2,000,000 for workshop on area-based conservation measures for the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
- 39/Norway pledge NOK 500,000 for funding of the activities relating to the upcoming meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Invasive Alien Species scheduled to take place 2-4 December 2019.
- 40/South Africa pledge USD 6,500 for study on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP 3 decision NP-3/13, para.5a)
- 41/United Kingdom (DEFRA) pledge GBP 113,000 as contribution towards the implementation of Aichi Target 11

ANNEX V
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 31 December 2019

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	953	1,037					953	1,037	1,990	
Albania	2,507	1,185					2,507	1,185	3,692	
Algeria	25,574	20,439					25,574	20,439	46,013	
Andorra		741						741	741	
Angola	2,507	1,185					2,507	1,185	3,692	
Antigua and Barbuda	1,851	296					1,851	296	2,147	
Argentina	141,689	135,519		141,689				135,519	135,519	
Armenia		1,037			1,037	1,099				1,099
Australia		327,319	400,000			313,110				385,791
Austria		100,269			100,269					
Azerbaijan		7,257			7,257					
Bahamas	2,224	2,666					2,224	2,666	4,890	
Bahrain		7,405					0	7,405	7,405	
Bangladesh		1,185						1,185	1,185	
Barbados	968	1,037		968	1,037					
Belarus		7,257			7,257					
Belgium		121,597			121,597					
Belize	870	148					870	148	1,018	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Benin	3,230	444		421			2,809	444	3,253	
Bhutan		148			148					
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	1,906	2,370					1,906	2,370	4,276	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,074	1,777			1,777		4,074		4,074	
Botswana	4,388	2,074					4,388	2,074	6,462	
Brazil	607,456	436,623		581,220			26,236	436,623	462,859	
Brunei		3,703						3,703	3,703	
Bulgaria		6,813			6,813					
Burkina Faso	3,500	444					3,500	444	3,944	
Burundi	1,214	148					1,214	148	1,362	
Cambodia		889					0	889	889	
Cameroon	8,569	1,925					8,569	1,925	10,494	
Canada		404,928			404,928	429,386		0		429,386
Cape Verde	780	148					780	148	928	
Central African Republic	1,705	148					1,705	148	1,853	
Chad	3,363	592					3,363	592	3,955	
Chile	19,019	60,280		19,019	33,992			26,288	26,288	
China		1,778,039			1,778,039					
Colombia		42,655			42,655					
Comoros	4,598	148					4,598	148	4,746	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Congo, Brazzaville	5,703	889					5,703	889	6,592	
Cook Islands	138	148		4	148		134	0	134	
Costa Rica		9,183	5,230		3,953	1,824				1,824
Cote d'Ivoire		1,925	6,087							4,162
Croatia		11,404			11,404					
Cuba	123,458	11,849					123,458	11,849	135,307	
Cyprus		5,332			5,332					
Czech Republic		46,062	50,945			43,961				48,844
Democratic. People's Republic of Korea.	4,736	889					4,736	889	5,625	
Democratic Republic of Congo	12,152	1,185					12,152	1,185	13,337	
Denmark	92,765	82,052		92,765	82,052	90,253				90,253
Djibouti	907	148					907	148	1,055	
Dominica		148						148	148	
Dominican Republic	20,828	7,850					20,828	7,850	28,678	
Ecuador	10,643	11,849					10,643	11,849	22,492	
Egypt	47,634	27,548		47,634				27,548	27,548	
El Salvador	9,378	1,777		9,378	1,777					
Equatorial Guinea	10,856	1,185					10,856	1,185	12,041	
Eritrea		148			148	803				803

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Estonia		5,776			5,776					
Eswatini (Kingdom of)		296						296	296	
Ethiopia	1,271	1,185		1,271				1,185	1,185	
European Union		296,163			296,163					
Fiji	941	444					941	444	1,385	
Finland		62,354			62,354					
France		655,675			655,675					
Gabon	552	2,222					552	2,222	2,774	
Gambia	626	148		626				148	148	
Georgia		1,185			1,185					
Germany		901,979			901,979					
Ghana	5,015	2,222					5,015	2,222	7,237	
Greece		54,208			54,208					
Grenada	626	148					626	148	774	
Guatemala	17,197	5,332					17,197	5,332	22,529	
Guinea	1,250	444					1,250	444	1,694	
Guinea-Bissau	4,119	148		4,119				148	148	
Guyana		296			296					
Haiti		444			444					
Honduras	2,301	1,333		1,385			916	1,333	2,249	
Hungary		30,510			30,510					
Iceland	7,207	4,147					7,207	4,147	11,354	
India	117,068	123,522		117,068	123,522					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Indonesia		80,423						80,423	80,423	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	307,646	58,947					307,646	58,947	366,593	
Iraq	40,427	19,106					40,427	19,106	59,533	
Ireland		54,948			54,948					
Israel	68,303	72,573		68,303	72,573					
Italy		489,794			489,794					
Jamaica		1,185						1,185	1,185	
Japan		1,268,399			1,268,399					
Jordan		3,110			3,110					
Kazakhstan		26,363						26,363	26,363	
Kenya		3,555						3,555	3,555	
Kiribati	314	148					314	148	462	
Kuwait		37,323						37,323	37,323	
Kyrgyzstan		296			296	22				22
Lao People's Democratic Republic	462	741					462	741	1,203	
Latvia		6,961			6,961	7,382				7,382
Lebanon	15,598	6,961					15,598	6,961	22,559	
Lesotho		148	153							5

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Liberia	1,484	148					1,484	148	1,632	
Libya	152,566	4,443					152,566	4,443	157,009	
Liechtenstein		1,333			1,333					
Lithuania		10,516			10,516	11,151				11,151
Luxembourg		9,923	2,690		7,233					
Madagascar	447	592					447	592	1,039	
Malawi	627	296					627	296	923	
Malaysia	12,199	50,505		12,199	50,505					
Maldives	309	592					309	592	901	
Mali	168	592					168	592	760	
Malta	2,542	2,518		2,542	2,518					
Marshall Islands	1,597	148					1,597	148	1,745	
Mauritania	4,053	296					4,053	296	4,349	
Mauritius		1,629			1,629					
Mexico		191,356	59		191,297	36,644				36,644
Micronesia (Federated States of)		148	155							7
Monaco		1,629			1,629					
Mongolia		741			741					
Montenegro		592						592	592	
Morocco	8,578	8,146		8,578				8,146	8,146	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Mozambique		592						592	592	
Myanmar	1,291	1,185		1,236			55	1,185	1,240	
Namibia		1,333						1,333	1,333	
Nauru	545	148					545	148	693	
Nepal	29	1,037					29	1,037	1,066	
Netherlands		200,835			200,835					
New Zealand	41,417	43,099					41,417	43,099	84,516	
Nicaragua		741						741	741	
Niger	5,663	296					5,663	296	5,959	
Nigeria	93,570	37,027					93,570	37,027	130,597	
Niue	314	148		314	148					
Norway		111,674			111,674					
Oman	34,138	17,032					34,138	17,032	51,170	
Pakistan	63,702	17,032		30,116			33,586	17,032	50,618	
Palau	1,492	148					1,492	148	1,640	
Panama		6,665	1,931					4,734	4,734	
Papua New Guinea	982	1,481					982	1,481	2,463	
Paraguay		2,370						2,370	2,370	
Peru	14,506	22,512		14,506	19,811			2,701	2,701	
Philippines		30,362						30,362	30,362	
Poland		118,783			118,783					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Portugal		51,838			51,838					
Qatar	84,301	41,767					84,301	41,767	126,068	
Republic of Korea		335,761			335,761					
Republic of Macedonia	9,502	1,037					9,502	1,037	10,539	
Republic of Moldova		444			444					
Romania		29,325						29,325	29,325	
Russian Federation		356,200			356,200					
Rwanda	25	444					25	444	469	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	314	148					314	148	462	
Saint Lucia	193	148					193	148	341	
Saint Vincent and Grenadines	3,769	148					3,769	148	3,917	
Samoa		148	344							196
San Marino		296			296					
Sao Tome and Principe	2,271	148					2,271	148	2,419	
Saudi Arabia	182,035	173,583					182,035	173,583	355,618	
Senegal	1,567	1,037					1,567	1,037	2,604	
Serbia		4,147			4,147					
Seychelles		296						296	296	
Sierra Leone	626	148					626	148	774	
Singapore		71,832			71,832	76,171				76,171
Slovakia		22,661			22,661					
Slovenia		11,256						11,256	11,256	
Solomon Islands		148	781							633

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Somalia	1,363	148					1,363	148	1,511	
South Africa		40,285			40,285					
South Sudan	2,189	889					2,189	889	3,078	
Spain		317,840			317,840					
Sri Lanka	260	6,517			6,517		260		260	
State of Palestine	2,194	1,185					2,194	1,185	3,379	
Sudan	12,742	1,185					12,742	1,185	13,927	
Suriname	3,672	741					3,672	741	4,413	
Sweden		134,186			134,186					
Switzerland		170,473			170,473					
Syrian Arab Republic	31,101	1,629					31,101	1,629	32,730	
Tajikistan		592	1,189							597
Thailand		45,469			45,469					
Timor - Leste		296						296	296	
Togo	314	296					314	296	610	
Tonga	780	148					780	148	928	
Trinidad and Tobago	15,526	5,924		15,526	5,924		0			
Tunisia	4,448	3,703					4,448	3,703	8,151	
Turkey		203,056					0	203,056	203,056	
Turkmenistan	21,889	4,888					21,889	4,888	26,777	
Tuvalu	159	148					159	148	307	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		676,410			676,410	717,267				717,267
Uganda	4,403	1,185					4,403	1,185	5,588	
Ukraine		8,442			8,442					
United Republic of Tanzania		1,185	5,513							4,328
United Arab Emirates	95,942	91,235		95,942	91,235					
Uruguay	12,209	12,885		12,209	12,885					
Uzbekistan	17,795	4,739		4,739			13,056	4,739	17,795	
Vanuatu	1,484	148					1,484	148	1,632	
Venezuela	516,186	107,823					516,186	107,823	624,009	
Viet Nam		11,404			8,590		0	2,814	2,814	
Yemen	13,687	1,185					13,687	1,185	14,872	
Zambia	2,194	1,333					2,194	1,333	3,527	
Zimbabwe	2,777	741					2,777	741	3,518	
Sub Total	3,263,202	11,846,524	475,077	1,283,777	9,719,900	1,729,073	1,979,425	1,739,038	3,718,464	1,816,566

Additional Contributions										
Canada	706,770	677,669		706,770				677,669	677,669	
Province of Quebec	235,590	225,890		235,590				225,890	225,890	
Grand Total	4,205,562	12,750,084	475,077	2,226,137	9,719,900	1,729,073	1,979,425	2,642,598	4,622,024	1,816,566

ANNEX VI

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)

Status as at 31 December 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Austria	16,949	1/		16,949		
Austria		8/	22,062		22,062	
Canada		2/	37,258		37,258	
European Union		3/	200,000		200,000	
Finland		4/	27,533		27,533	
Germany		5/	224,000		224,000	
Sweden		6/	118,806		118,806	
Switzerland	80,008	7/		80,008		
Total	96,957		629,659	96,957	629,659	

1/Austria pledge EUR 15,000 for participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition

2/Canada pledge CAD 50,000 for participation of developing country parties 2018-2019

3/European Union pledge allocation USD 200,000 GPGC 2017-2020 - for participation of developing country delegates in processes of the Convention on Biological Diversity

4/Finland pledge EUR 25,000 for 2019 travel support for the developing country representatives for the upcoming Art 8(j)/SBSTTA/Post 2020 meetings

5/Germany pledge USD 224,000 for participation costs for 2019 OEWG meetings

6/Sweden pledge SEK 1,112,500 for the participation of developing parties and indigenous and local communities in the work of the CBD during 2019.

7/ Switzerland pledge CHF 80,000 for participation of developing countries in OEWG on post 2020 global biodiversity.

8/Austria pledge EUR 20,000 for participation of delegates from developed countries, least developed countries and countries with economies in transition

ANNEX VII
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BG)
as at 31 December 2019 (in United States dollars)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	232	240		232				240	240	
Albania		275						275	275	
Algeria	7,232	4,737					7,232	4,737	11,969	
Angola	1,322	240					1,322	240	1,562	
Antigua and Barbuda	306	69					306	69	375	
Armenia		240						240	240	
Austria		23,240			23,240					
Azerbaijan		1,682			1,682					
Bahamas	1,072	618					1,072	618	1,690	
Bahrain		1,716						1,716	1,716	
Bangladesh	527	240					527	240	767	
Barbados	271	240		271	240					
Belarus		1,682			1,682					
Belgium		28,183			28,183					
Belize	189	34					189	34	223	
Benin	782	103		782	103	4				4
Bhutan		34			34					
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	919	549					919	549	1,468	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	412			412					
Botswana	1,072	481					1,072	481	1,553	
Brazil	292,745	101,197					292,745	101,197	393,942	
Bulgaria	0	1,579			1,579					
Burkina Faso	710	103					710	103	813	
Burundi	351	34					351	34	385	
Cambodia	0	206						206	206	
Cameroon	2,083	446					2,083	446	2,529	
Cape Verde	168	34		168	13			21	21	
Central African Republic	347	34					347	34	381	
Chad	383	137					383	137	520	
China		412,099			412,099					
Colombia		9,886			9,886					
Comoros	322	34					322	34	356	
Congo, Brazzaville	1,395	206					1,395	206	1,601	
Costa Rica	36	2,128					36	2,128	2,164	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,352	446					1,352	446	1,798	
Croatia		2,643			2,643					
Cuba	28,562	2,746					28,562	2,746	31,308	
Cyprus		1,236			1,236					
Czech Republic		10,676	11,961			10,036				11,321

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1,025	206					1,025	206	1,231	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,283	240					1,283	240	1,523	
Denmark	44,719	19,017		44,719				19,017	19,017	
Djibouti	289	34					289	34	323	
Dominica		34						34	34	
Dominican Republic		1,819	1,037					782	782	
Ecuador	2,595	2,746					2,595	2,746	5,341	
Egypt	11,639	6,385					11,639	6,385	18,024	
El Salvador	2,376	412		2,376	412					
Eritrea		34	35							1
Estonia		1,339			1,339					
Eswatini (Kingdom of)		687						687	687	
Ethiopia		240	127					113	113	
European Union		60,033			60,033					
Fiji	230	103					230	103	333	
Finland		14,452			14,452					
France		151,967			151,967					
Gabon	3,320	515					3,320	515	3,835	
Gambia	77	34		77				34	34	
Georgia		275			275					
Germany		209,053			209,053					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Ghana	3,108	515					3,108	515	3,623	
Greece		12,564			12,564					
Grenada	153	34					153	34	187	
Guatemala	3,151	1,236					3,151	1,236	4,387	
Guinea	301	103					301	103	404	
Guinea-Bissau	302	34					302	34	336	
Guyana		69			69	73				73
Honduras	1,354	309		667			687	309	996	
Hungary		7,071			7,071					
India	56,435	28,629		56,435				28,629	28,629	
Indonesia		18,640						18,640	18,640	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		13,662	16,107							2,445
Iraq	12,540	4,428					12,540	4,428	16,968	
Ireland	12,975	12,735		12,975				12,735	12,735	
Italy		113,520			113,520					
Jamaica		275						275	275	
Japan		293,979			293,979					
Jordan		721			721					
Kazakhstan	2,636	6,110		2,636	6,110					
Kenya		824			824	824				824
Kiribati	153	34					153	34	187	
Kyrgyzstan		69			69	8				8
Kuwait	14,688	8,650					14,688	8,650	23,338	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Lao People's Democratic Republic	230	172					230	172	402	
Latvia	0	1,613						1,613	1,613	
Lebanon	3,201	1,613					3,201	1,613	4,814	
Lesotho	0	34	83							49
Liberia	245	34					245	34	279	
Libya	48,249	1,030					48,249	1,030	49,279	
Lithuania		2,437			2,437					
Luxembourg		2,300	546					1,754	1,754	
Madagascar		137	127					10	10	
Malawi	493	69					493	69	562	
Malaysia		11,706			11,706					
Maldives		137	290							153
Mali	236	137					236	137	373	
Malta		584			584					
Marshall Islands	475	34					475	34	509	
Mauritania	599	69					599	69	668	
Mauritius		378			378					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Mexico		44,351	236					44,115	44,115	
Mongolia		172			172	172				172
Montenegro		137	151							14
Morocco	2,092	1,888		2,092				1,888	1,888	
Mozambique	306	137					306	137	443	
Myanmar	267	240		260			7	240	247	
Namibia	765	309					765	309	1,074	
Nauru	475	34					475	34	509	
Netherlands		46,548			46,548					
New Zealand		9,989			9,989					
Nicaragua	155	172					155	172	327	
Niger	762	69					762	69	831	
Nigeria	25,721	8,582					25,721	8,582	34,303	
Niue		34						34	34	
Norway		25,883			25,883					
Oman	3,993	3,948					3,993	3,948	7,941	
Pakistan	22,723	3,948		4,761			17,962	3,948	21,910	
Palau	475	34					475	34	509	
Panama	0	1,545			1,545					
Papua New Guinea	680	343					680	343	1,023	
Paraguay	2,508	549					2,508	549	3,057	
Peru	5,122	5,218		5,122	5,218	1,423				1,423
Philippines		7,037			7,037					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Poland		27,530			27,530					
Portugal		12,015						12,015	12,015	
Qatar	28,781	9,680					28,781	9,680	38,461	
Republic of Korea		77,820			77,820	75,080				75,080
Republic of Macedonia	1,402	240					1,402	240	1,642	
Republic of Moldova		103			103					
Romania		6,797						6,797	6,797	
Rwanda	25	103					25	103	128	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	39	34					39	34	73	
Saint Lucia	0	34					0	34	34	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	475	34					475	34	509	
Samoa	39	34					39	34	73	
Saudi Arabia	87,754	40,232					87,754	40,232	127,986	
Senegal	1,697	240					1,697	240	1,937	
Serbia		961			961					
Seychelles	39	69					39	69	108	
Slovakia		5,252			5,252					
Slovenia		2,609						2,609	2,609	
Solomon Islands		34						34	34	
Somalia	295	34					295	34	329	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
South Africa		9,337			9,337					
Spain		73,666			73,666					
Sri Lanka	73	1,510			1,510		73	0	73	
State of Palestine	536	275					536	275	811	
Sudan	1,549	240					1,549	240	1,789	
Suriname	1,085	172					1,085	172	1,257	
Sweden		31,101			31,101					
Switzerland		39,511			39,511					
Syrian Arab Republic	8,499	378					8,499	378	8,877	
Tajikistan	827	137					827	137	964	
Thailand		10,538			10,538					
Togo	77	69					77	69	146	
Tonga		34	2,534							2,500
Trinidad and Tobago	4,380	1,373		4,380	1,373					
Tunisia	1,084	858		1,084				858	858	
Turkey		47,063			47,063					
Turkmenistan	5,498	1,133					5,498	1,133	6,631	
Uganda		240	1,970							1,730
Ukraine		1,957			1,957					
United Arab Emirates	23,394	21,146		23,394	21,146					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collection s in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collection s in 2019 for 2019	Collection s in 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	172,859	156,773		172,859	156,773	166,242				166,242
United Republic of Tanzania	267	240					267	240	507	
Uruguay		2,986			2,986					
Venezuela	139,745	24,990					139,745	24,990	164,735	
Viet Nam		2,643			2,017			626	626	
Yemen	2,269	240					2,269	240	2,509	
Zambia	536	309					536	309	845	
Zimbabwe	306	172					306	172	478	
Sub Total	1,121,026	2,401,318	35,204	335,290	1,977,631	253,861	785,736	396,660	1,182,396	262,038

Additional Contributions										
Canada	148,794	137,366		148,794				137,366	137,366	
Province of Quebec	49,598	45,788		49,598				45,788	45,788	
Grand Total	1,319,418	2,584,472	35,204	533,682	1,977,631	253,861	785,736	579,814	1,365,550	262,038

ANNEX VIII
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (BB)

Status as at 31 December 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	49	220		49	220	457				457
Albania		251						251	251	
Angola	219	176					219	176	395	
Antigua and Barbuda	103	63					103	63	166	
Argentina	22,380	28,743		11,190			11,190	28,743	39,933	
Austria	3,600	21,267		3,600	21,267					
Belarus		1,539			1,539					
Belgium	25	25,791		25	25,791					
Benin	303	94		303	94	2				2
Bhutan		31			31					
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	696	503					696	503	1,199	
Botswana	816	440					816	440	1,256	
Bulgaria		1,445			1,445					
Burkina Faso	361	94					361	94	455	
Burundi	185	31					185	31	216	
Cambodia		188	119				0	69	69	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Cameroon	529	408					529	408	937	
Central African Republic	5	31					5	31	36	
Chad	49	126					49	126	175	
China		377,120			377,120					
Comoros	185	31					185	31	216	
Congo, Brazzaville	892	188					892	188	1,080	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,591	408					1,591	408	1,999	
Croatia		2,419			2,419					
Cuba	10,561	2,513					10,561	2,513	13,074	
Czech Republic		9,770	11,193			8,937				10,360
Democratic. People's Republic of Korea.		1						1	1	
Democratic Republic of Congo	382	176					382	176	558	
Denmark		17,403	31,350							13,947
Djibouti	155	31					155	31	186	
Dominican Republic		1,665			1,651			14	14	
Ecuador		2,513						2,513	2,513	
Egypt	25,858	5,843					25,858	5,843	31,701	
Eritrea		17						17	17	
Estonia		948						948	948	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Eswatini (Kingdom of)	119	63					119	63	182	
Ethiopia		176						176	176	
European Union		44,024			44,024					
Fiji	175	94					175	94	269	
Finland		13,225			13,225					
France		139,068			139,068					
Gabon	3,528	471		3,316			212	471	683	
Gambia	155	31		155				31	31	
Germany		191,308			191,308					
Ghana		71						71	71	
Guatemala	1,632	1,131					1,632	1,131	2,763	
Guinea	213	94					213	94	307	
Guinea-Bissau	185	31		185				31	31	
Guyana		63			63					
Honduras	1,482	283					1,482	283	1,765	
Hungary		6,471			6,471					
India		26,199			26,199					
Indonesia		17,058						17,058	17,058	
Japan		269,026			269,026					
Jordan		660						660	660	
Kazakhstan	23,862	5,592					23,862	5,592	29,454	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Kenya		754			754					
Kuwait	9,959	7,916					9,959	7,916	17,875	
Kyrgyzstan		63			63	3				3
Lao People's Democratic Republic	75	157		75	157					
Lebanon	1,024	1,476					1,024	1,476	2,500	
Lesotho	182	31					182	31	213	
Liberia	159	31					159	31	190	
Luxembourg		2,105			2,105					
Madagascar	169	126					169	126	295	
Malawi	244	63					244	63	307	
Malaysia		9,557						9,557	9,557	
Maldives		32						32	32	
Mali	184	126					184	126	310	
Malta		534			534					
Marshall Islands	184	31					184	31	215	
Mauritania	222	63					222	63	285	
Mauritius		346			346					
Mexico		40,586	996		36,004			3,586	3,586	
Micronesia (Federated States of)		31						31	31	
Mongolia		157						157	157	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Mozambique	233	126					233	126	359	
Myanmar	134	176		134			0	176	176	
Namibia	583	283					583	283	866	
Nepal		165					0	165	165	
Netherlands	95,088	42,597					95,088	42,597	137,685	
Niger	244	63					244	63	307	
Norway		23,686			23,686					
Pakistan		3,613	743		2,870	217				217
Palau	8	31					8	31	39	
Panama	5,280	1,414					5,280	1,414	6,694	
Peru	3,076	4,775		3,076	4,106			669	669	
Philippines		6,440			6,440					
Portugal	6,014	10,995		6,014				10,995	10,995	
Qatar	12,717	8,859					12,717	8,859	21,576	
Republic of Korea	74,532	71,214					74,532	71,214	145,746	
Republic of Moldova		94			94					
Romania		2,230						2,230	2,230	
Rwanda	25	94					25	94	119	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2	31					2	31	33	
Samoa		31	126							95
Sao Tome and Principe	48	31					48	31	79	
Senegal	322	220					322	220	542	
Serbia		804						804	804	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Seychelles		63	30					33	33	
Sierra Leone	55	31					55	31	86	
Slovakia		4,806			4,806	5,097				5,097
South Africa		8,544			8,544					
Spain		67,413			67,413					
Sudan	392	176					392	176	568	
Sweden		28,461			28,461					
Switzerland		36,157			36,157					
Syrian Arab Republic	5,966	346					5,966	346	6,312	
Tajikistan	614	126					614	126	740	
Togo	118	63					118	63	181	
Tuvalu	2	31					2	31	33	
Uganda	392	176					392	176	568	
United Arab Emirates	15,154	19,351		15,154	19,351					
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		143,466			143,466	152,131				152,131
United Republic of Tanzania	94	176					94	176	270	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Uruguay		2,733			2,733					
Vanuatu	185	31					185	31	216	
Venezuela		22,406						22,406	22,406	
Viet Nam		2,419			1,887			532	532	
Zambia	301	283					301	283	584	
Zimbabwe	110	157					110	157	267	
Total	334,386	1,797,197	44,557	43,276	1,510,938	166,844	291,110	257,166	548,276	182,309

Additional Contributions										
Canada	74,397	100,735		74,397				100,735	100,735	
Province of Quebec	24,799	33,578		24,799				33,578	33,578	
Grand Total	433,583	1,931,510	44,557	142,473	1,510,938	166,844	291,110	391,479	682,590	182,309

ANNEX IX

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (VB)

Status as at 31 December 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Australia		1/	40,476		40,476	
Germany		2/	108,000		108,000	
New Zealand		3/	15,533		15,533	
Norway		4/	21,840		21,840	
Sweden		5/	118,806		118,806	
Total		-	304,655		304,655	

1/Australia pledge AUD 60,000 to support Indigenous Australians to attend CBD meetings and relevant workshops

2/Germany pledge USD 108,000 for participation in of ILCs in the 2020 CBD meetings

3/New Zealand pledge NZD 25,000 to support the participation of IPLCs at CBD meetings.

4/Norway pledge NOK 200,000 for participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

5/Sweden pledge SEK 1,112,500 for the participation of developing parties and indigenous and local communities in the work of the CBD during 2019.

ANNEX X

List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
(July to December 2019)

Date / Location	Meeting
16 - 18 December 2019 Geneva, Switzerland	Third joint Aarhus Convention/CBD round table on public awareness, access to information and public participation regarding living modified organisms/genetically modified organisms (LMOs)/(GMOs)
10 - 13 December 2019 Vienna, Austria	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)
9 - 13 December 2019 Manila, Philippines	Regional Training Workshop to Build Understanding and Capacity on Gender and Biodiversity Issues in South-East Asia
2 - 4 December 2019 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearinghouse
2 - 4 December 2019 Montreal, Canada	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Invasive Alien Species
1 - 3 December 2019 Montreal, Canada	Thematic Workshop on Area-based Conservation Measures
26 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism
25 - 29 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
24 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Informal briefing by the Co-Chairs on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
23 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Workshop on the Evidence Base for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Fifth Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and IPBES Global Assessment
21 - 22 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Expert Workshop on the Communications Strategy for 2020
20 - 22 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity
17 - 18 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Global Thematic Dialogue for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
15 - 16 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Global Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on the IPBES Assessment on Invasive Alien Species
13 - 15 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Thematic Workshop on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
11 - 13 November 2019 Montreal, Canada	Advancing Ocean Action Towards Sustainable Development Goal 14: Leveraging Synergies for Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, Mangroves and Coral Reefs (MCB-OM-2019-01)
6 - 8 November 2019 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Thematic Workshop on Ecosystem Restoration for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
4 - 7 November 2019 Belize City, Belize	Regional Dialogue on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level in Central America and the Caribbean
29 - 31 October 2019 Montreal, Canada	Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
8 October - 8 November 2019 Online	Online Discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms
22 - 25 October 2019 Montreal, Canada	Thirteenth meeting of the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
14 - 18 October 2019 Seocheon, Republic of Korea	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Training of Trainers Workshop
30 September - 2 October 2019 Bonn, Germany	Global Capacity-building Workshop on Monitoring the Utilization of Genetic Resources under the Nagoya Protocol

Date / Location	Meeting
22 - 27 September 2019 Stockholm, Sweden	Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the North-East Atlantic Ocean and Training Session on EBSAs
16 - 20 September 2019 Abuja, Nigeria	Anglophone African Laboratory Training Workshop on Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms
9 - 20 September 2019 Online	Online forum on socio-economic considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)
27 - 30 August 2019 Nairobi, Kenya	First meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
25 August 2019 Nairobi, Kenya	Global Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol
25 August 2019 Nairobi, Kenya	Global Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in relation to Access and Benefit-sharing and the Nagoya Protocol
1 August 2019 Videoconference	Second meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)
8 - 19 July 2019 Online	Open-ended online discussions on the Post-2020 Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
