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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION

1/1. Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Takes note* of the analysis of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;¹

2. *Emphasizing* that the effective review of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 depends on the timely submission of information from Parties, and *recalling* decisions XI/3 and XII/2 A, *urges* those Parties that have not yet submitted their fifth national report to do so as a matter of urgency, and no later than 30 June 2016;

3. *Recalling* decisions IX/8 and XII/2 A, *urges* those Parties that have not yet updated their national biodiversity strategies and action plans to do so as soon as possible;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to update the analysis of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 on the basis of information contained in additional national biodiversity strategies and action plans and fifth national reports, and taking into account comments by Parties on the analysis referred to in paragraph 1 above that are received by 30 June 2016, and to make the updated analysis available for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation recommends that the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions X/2 and XII/1,

¹ [UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/2](#) and addenda.

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the [180]² Parties, listed in annex I, that have submitted their fifth national reports;
2. *Congratulates* the [89] Parties, listed in annex II, that have updated their national biodiversity strategies and action plans since 2010;
3. *Takes note* of the analysis of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets based on the information provided in the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the fifth national reports;³
4. *Also takes note* of the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the updated report on progress towards the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;⁴
5. *Welcomes* the contribution by Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora⁵ and by the Secretariat of that Convention to the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, as reported to the Convention's Plants Committee;⁶
6. *Notes* that [most⁷] of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans developed or revised since 2010 contain targets related to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, *also notes*, however, that only [a minority of ⁸] Parties have established targets with a level of ambition and scope commensurate with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
7. *Notes with concern* that Aichi Biodiversity Target 17 was not met by the target date of 2015 and, recalling decision XII/1, paragraph 8, and decision XII/23, *reiterates* its great concern that Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 was not achieved by its 2015 target date, and *further urges* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to pursue their efforts to achieve these targets as soon as possible;
8. *Also notes* with concern the limited progress made towards Aichi Biodiversity Targets 18 and 14 at the national level and in mainstreaming Article 8(j) and related provisions into various areas of work under the Convention, including capacity development and the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention;
9. *Recalls* decision XII/2 A and, in this regard, *urges* those Parties that have not already done so to update their national or regional biodiversity strategies and action plans using a participatory approach and to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets as a flexible framework, in accordance with national priorities and capacities and taking into account the various elements of the global targets and the status and trends of biological diversity within the country, and the resources provided through the strategy for resource mobilization, with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets;

² Numbers in brackets to be updated ahead of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in the light of additional submissions.

³ To be updated on the basis of documents [UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/2](#) and addenda to reflect information in additional national biodiversity strategies and action plans and fifth national reports that are received by 30 June 2016.

⁴ See [UNEP/SBI/1/INF/32](#).

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 993, No. 14537.

⁶ See [UNEP/SBI/1/INF/33](#).

⁷ To be updated in line with the updated analysis referred to in footnote 3.

⁸ To be updated in line with the updated analysis referred to in footnote 3.

10. *Recommends*, in view of recommendation XX/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, that Parties, in the process of updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, consider, as appropriate, the indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and, once available, the indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals;

11. *Encourages* Parties that have updated their national or regional biodiversity strategies and action plans to review these strategies and action plans, and the national or regional targets contained therein periodically and, as appropriate and in accordance with national circumstances, priorities and capacities, to consider increasing the level of ambition and/or scope of the national or regional targets and to integrate the targets across different sectors, including in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁹ and the Sustainable Development Goals, so as to make a greater contribution to collective global efforts to achieve the global targets;

12. *Recalling* decision X/22, in which it invited Parties to involve subnational governments, cities and other local authorities when revising their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, *encourages* Parties to facilitate subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to develop subnational biodiversity strategies and action plans to contribute to the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

13. *Encourages* Parties to undertake the activities referred to in paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 above with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, in accordance with national circumstances, recognizing the contribution of the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities, and the role of their holistic systems for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;

14. *Encourages* Parties, when establishing or reviewing their national targets under the Convention, and when implementing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, to take into account relevant national and international targets under other processes, as appropriate, including targets of other relevant conventions and the Sustainable Development Goals;

15. *Encourages* Parties to ensure that national biodiversity strategies and action plans are adopted as policy instruments, as appropriate, with a view to enabling the mainstreaming of biodiversity at all relevant levels across political, economic and social sectors;

16. *Encourages* Parties to reinforce and strengthen efforts to mainstream Article 8(j) and Article 10(c), including the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity¹⁰ and capacity development, in the development, updating and implementation of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

17. *Recalling* decision XII/1, *notes* that, while there has been significant progress towards the achievement of some elements of some of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, for most targets the progress to date is insufficient to achieve them by 2020, and therefore *urges* Parties and *invites* other Governments to intensify their efforts to achieve their national targets, thereby contributing to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

18. *Requests* the financial mechanism, and *invites* other donors in a position to do so, to continue to provide support, based on the expressed needs of Parties, especially for developing countries and in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, for the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the strategy and targets for resource mobilization agreed to in decision XII/3;

⁹ [General Assembly resolution 70/1](#), annex.

¹⁰ [Decision XII/12 B](#), annex.

19. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant international organizations to submit updated information, including on the use of existing indicators and data sets, on progress towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, through the voluntary online reporting tool preferably by 31 December 2017, to allow the Executive Secretary to synthesize and make available the information for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;

20. *Also invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to submit updated information on progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biodiversity, including on the various elements of the target, as well as implementation of the plan of action on customary sustainable use, in time to allow the Executive Secretary to synthesize and make available the information for consideration by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions at its tenth meeting and by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;

21. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to report on: (a) progress in mainstreaming Article 8(j) and related provisions across the areas of work of the Convention; (b) the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Secretariat; and on (c) strengthening the work on Article 8(j) and related provisions through ongoing capacity-building efforts, in partnership with indigenous peoples and local communities.

*Annex I***LIST OF NATIONAL REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY BY 3 MARCH 2016**

1. Afghanistan
2. Albania
3. Algeria
4. Andorra
5. Angola
6. Antigua and Barbuda
7. Argentina
8. Armenia
9. Australia
10. Austria
11. Azerbaijan
12. Bahrain
13. Bangladesh
14. Belarus
15. Belgium
16. Belize
17. Benin
18. Bhutan
19. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
20. Bosnia and Herzegovina
21. Botswana
22. Brazil
23. Brunei Darussalam
24. Bulgaria
25. Burkina Faso
26. Burundi
27. Cambodia
28. Cameroon
29. Canada
30. Cabo Verde
31. Chad
32. Chile
33. China
34. Colombia
35. Comoros
36. Congo
37. Costa Rica
38. Côte d'Ivoire
39. Croatia
40. Cuba
41. Cyprus
42. Czech Republic
43. Democratic Republic of the Congo
44. Denmark
45. Djibouti
46. Dominica
47. Dominican Republic
48. Ecuador
49. Egypt
50. El Salvador
51. Equatorial Guinea
52. Eritrea
53. Estonia
54. Ethiopia
55. European Union
56. Fiji
57. Finland
58. France
59. Gambia
60. Georgia
61. Germany
62. Ghana

63. Greece
64. Grenada
65. Guatemala
66. Guinea
67. Guinea-Bissau
68. Guyana
69. Honduras
70. Hungary
71. India
72. Indonesia
73. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
74. Iraq
75. Ireland
76. Israel
77. Italy
78. Japan
79. Jordan
80. Kazakhstan
81. Kenya
82. Kiribati
83. Kuwait
84. Kyrgyzstan
85. Lao People's Democratic Republic
86. Latvia
87. Lebanon
88. Liberia
89. Liechtenstein
90. Luxemburg
91. Madagascar
92. Malawi
93. Malaysia
94. Maldives
95. Mali
96. Malta
97. Mauritania
98. Mauritius
99. Mexico
100. Micronesia (Federated States of)
101. Monaco
102. Mongolia
103. Montenegro
104. Morocco
105. Mozambique
106. Myanmar
107. Namibia
108. Nauru
109. Nepal
110. Netherlands
111. New Zealand
112. Nicaragua
113. Niger
114. Nigeria
115. Niue
116. Norway
117. Oman
118. Pakistan
119. Palau
120. Panama
121. Paraguay
122. Peru
123. Philippines
124. Poland
125. Portugal
126. Qatar
127. Republic of Korea
128. Republic of Moldova
129. Romania
130. Russian Federation
131. Rwanda
132. Saint Kitts and Nevis
133. Saint Lucia
134. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

135. Samoa
136. San Marino
137. Sao Tome and Principe
138. Saudi Arabia
139. Senegal
140. Serbia
141. Seychelles
142. Sierra Leone
143. Singapore
144. Slovakia
145. Slovenia
146. Solomon Islands
147. Somalia
148. South Africa
149. South Sudan
150. Spain
151. Sri Lanka
152. State of Palestine
153. Sudan
154. Suriname
155. Swaziland
156. Sweden
157. Switzerland
158. Tajikistan
159. Thailand
160. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
161. Timor-Leste
162. Togo
163. Tonga
164. Tunisia
165. Turkey
166. Turkmenistan
167. Tuvalu
168. Uganda
169. Ukraine
170. United Arab Emirates
171. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
172. United Republic of Tanzania
173. Uruguay
174. Uzbekistan
175. Vanuatu
176. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
177. Viet Nam
178. Yemen
179. Zambia
180. Zimbabwe

Annex II

**LIST OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS RECEIVED BY
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY BETWEEN
OCTOBER 2010 AND 3 MARCH 2016**

1. Afghanistan
2. Antigua and Barbuda
3. Armenia
4. Australia
5. Austria
6. Belarus
7. Belgium
8. Benin
9. Bhutan
10. Botswana
11. Burkina Faso
12. Burundi
13. Cameroon
14. Chad
15. Colombia
16. Congo
17. Côte d'Ivoire
18. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
19. Denmark
20. Dominica
21. Dominican Republic
22. Egypt
23. El Salvador
24. Equatorial Guinea
25. Eritrea
26. Estonia
27. European Union
28. Finland
29. France
30. Gambia
31. Georgia
32. Germany
33. Greece
34. Guatemala
35. Guyana
36. Hungary
37. India
38. Iraq
39. Ireland
40. Italy
41. Japan
42. Jordan
43. Kyrgyzstan
44. Latvia
45. Liechtenstein
46. Madagascar
47. Malawi
48. Malaysia
49. Maldives
50. Mali
51. Malta
52. Mauritania
53. Mongolia
54. Myanmar
55. Namibia
56. Nepal
57. Netherlands
58. Nicaragua
59. Niger
60. Nigeria
61. Niue
62. Norway
63. Peru
64. Poland
65. Qatar
66. Republic of Korea
67. Republic of Moldova
68. Saint Kitts and Nevis

69. Senegal
 70. Serbia
 71. Seychelles
 72. Slovakia
 73. South Africa
 74. Spain
 75. Sudan
 76. Suriname
 77. Switzerland
 78. Timor-Leste
 79. Togo
 80. Tuvalu
 81. Uganda
 82. United Arab Emirates
 83. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 84. United Republic of Tanzania
 85. Uruguay
 86. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
 87. Viet Nam
 88. Zambia
 89. Zimbabwe
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