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**RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,
TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

XX/2. Scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

Requests the Executive Secretary to develop proposals for the next scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets for which least progress has been made, further to decisions X/2 and XII/1, taking into account information and priorities emerging from the nineteenth and twentieth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to identify those targets for which a scientific assessment would have the greatest potential to help achieve the relevant targets, and to submit those proposals to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice *recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision XII/1, paragraph 6, in which it recognized that there had been encouraging progress towards meeting some elements of most Aichi Biodiversity Targets but, in most cases, this progress would not be sufficient to achieve the targets unless further urgent and effective action is taken to reduce the pressures on biodiversity and to prevent its continued decline,

Noting that such actions can be informed by a scientific assessment of progress towards the targets,

Acknowledging the role of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in reviewing progress by Parties in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing advice, and recognizing the complementary mandates of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

Requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare, in collaboration with members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership and other relevant partners, for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, updated scientific assessments of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Targets, focusing in particular on those targets on which the least progress has been made and making use of available data and the indicators listed in SBSTTA recommendation XX/13, as appropriate, as well as other information sources used for the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, and *also requests* the Executive Secretary to develop options to accelerate progress towards the achievement of those targets which have been identified as the least advanced.
