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**Findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental
Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and their
implications for the work undertaken under the Convention**

**Recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific,
Technical and Technological Advice on 19 October 2023**

**25/5. Review of findings from the *Methodological Assessment Report
on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature* of the Intergovernmental
Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and
their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention**

The Subsidiary Body recommends that, at its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of Parties,

Recalling the preamble to the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹ in which the Parties acknowledge that they are conscious of the intrinsic value of biological diversity and of the ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values of biological diversity and its components,

Recalling also its decision [15/19](#) of 19 December 2022,

Emphasizing the fact that the diverse value systems and concepts are recognized and considered in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,² including, for those countries that recognize them, the rights of nature and the rights of Mother Earth as an integral part of the successful implementation of the Framework,

Emphasizing also that Target 14 of the Framework calls for the full integration of biodiversity and its multiple values into decision-making at all levels and across all sectors,

1. *Welcomes* [with appreciation] *The Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature* of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision [15/4](#), annex.

and Ecosystem Services,³ including the summary for policymakers [and its key messages] approved by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its ninth session;

2. *Notes* the relevance of the findings of the assessment, which calls for the recognition and consideration of integrating diverse knowledge and value systems, valuation methods and concepts and world views of nature in policymaking and decision-making to leverage a transformative change towards sustainable and just futures for people and nature, and thus for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity, including its goals and targets, the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity⁴ and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;⁵

[3. *[Welcomes][Endorses]* the key messages contained in the summary for policymakers of the assessment;⁶

4. *Recognizes* the relevance of the assessment as an important input for the implementation of the programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention^{7,8} and the Joint Programme of Work on the Links Between Biological and Cultural Diversity;⁹

5. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments at all levels, relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders to make use, as appropriate, of the information contained in the assessment in their implementation of the Convention and the Framework, including in planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including through the update and revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the preparation of the seventh and subsequent national reports;

6. *Encourages* Parties to develop capacities, as appropriate, to take into account and consider the findings of the assessment in relevant national implementation processes, including the use of the proposed methodologies for measuring progress in national implementation, and urges developed country Parties, other Parties and other Governments in a position to do so, as well as relevant organizations, to provide support to developing countries in this regard, including through capacity-building, financing and technology transfer;

7. *Also encourages* Parties, according to their national needs, capacities and circumstances, and in accordance with relevant international obligations, to take, as appropriate, steps to:

(a) Address the diverse values of nature in ongoing and new valuation processes, including as part of ecosystem assessments, while recognizing that, given the diversity of social, economic and ecological contexts, there is no one-size-fits-all valuation method and available valuation methods may be adapted to address local realities;

(b) Meaningfully include the diverse intrinsic, relational and instrumental values of nature in decision-making;

[(c) Reform policies and institutions, and their underlying norms and societal goals, to internalize the diverse intrinsic, relational and instrumental values of nature, and align them with the

³ Patricia Balvanera and others, eds., *The Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature* (Bonn, Germany, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Secretariat, 2022).

⁴ Decision X/2, annex.

⁵ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

⁶ Unai Pascual and others, *The Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature: Summary for Policymakers* (Bonn, Germany, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Secretariat, 2022).

⁷ Decision V/16, annex.

⁸ Pending consideration of the new programme of work by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

⁹ UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/3, annex I.

global objectives of sustainability and environmental justice through a gradual medium- and long-term process;]

[Alt. (c) Support participatory processes to promote various sustainability pathways;]

(d) Consider undertaking an assessment of diverse values when developing measures to support the implementation of Target 14 of the Framework;

8. *Further encourages* Parties, and invites other Governments, to ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and girls, children and young people, and persons with disabilities, in line with Targets 22 and 23 of the Framework, in incorporating diverse intrinsic, relational and instrumental values and perspectives of nature and knowledge systems in decision-making.
