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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

14/36. Second work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions XII/25 and XIII/29,

Recognizing the growing relevance of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the work under the Convention,

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* the progress in implementing the first work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

2. *Also welcomes* the approval by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to undertake the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species, the thematic assessment of invasive alien species, and the methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits;

3. *Agrees* that the strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services should be relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and will contribute to supporting its implementation and assessing progress, including through further integration of the four functions of the Platform, and *recognizes* that the rolling nature of the work plan should allow for ongoing exchange of information and further requests from the Convention in the light of the needs arising from the final form and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

4. *Notes* that the strategic framework up to 2030 and elements of the rolling work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is also expected to be relevant to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹ and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change² and other biodiversity-relevant processes;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to further enhance its cooperation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in developing and implementing its work programme, and *notes* that the Convention will benefit from coherence between the scenarios and related assessments and synthesis reports prepared in the context of biodiversity and climate change and the enhanced collaboration between the scientific communities related

¹ See General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, No. 54113.

to these bodies with a view, among other things, to facilitating the inclusion of biodiversity–climate change linkages and their implications for human well-being in all assessments of the Platform;

6. *Recognizes* the benefits to the Convention of enhanced cooperation between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and other relevant assessment activities undertaken by United Nations agencies and multilateral environmental agreements, and *invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to continue to collaborate with relevant international organizations, including those engaged in activities relevant to the mainstreaming of biodiversity in production sectors;

7. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to consider the request contained in the annex to the present decision as part of its strategic framework and work programme towards 2030;

8. *Also invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to allow for additional inputs to its work programme towards 2030 in the light of the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and for subsequent consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, proposals for a further request to be considered for inclusion in the work programme towards 2030 of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services with a view to supporting the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, further to decision XII/25, to develop modalities for the systematic consideration of all deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, taking into consideration the findings of the review of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,³ with a view to optimizing their use in support of the implementation of the Convention, and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND WORK PROGRAMME TOWARDS 2030

1. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is invited to take into account the following considerations when developing its strategic framework and work programme towards 2030:

(a) The key scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, endorsed in decision XII/1, remain valid and should therefore continue to be considered in the design and delivery of future activities of the Platform across all four of its functions;

(b) The scope and timing of a future global assessment, including consideration of a single assessment that integrates the regional and global components, including resource requirements for the regional components, should be considered carefully to serve the assessment needs arising from the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in relation to biodiversity and ecosystem services. Overlap with other activities, analyses and assessments, including possible future editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, should be minimized and synergies maximized;

³ Decision IPBES-6/1 on implementation of the first work programme of the Platform.

(c) The need for a gender equality and women's empowerment perspective in its strategic framework and in the implementation of its work programme towards 2030;

(d) There is a strong need to further enhance cooperation with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, with a view to promoting coherence between the scenarios and related assessments prepared in the context of biodiversity and climate change, including consideration of joint assessment activities, and to fostering further enhanced collaboration between the scientific communities related to these bodies;

(e) There is a continued need for work on scenarios and models to assess pathways towards, and the transformational change required for, a sustainable future;

(f) The steps being taken by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to further integrate the four functions of the Platform will help to ensure that its deliverables are relevant to the work under the Convention;

(g) The knowledge and data gaps that have been identified in the first work programme should be addressed;

(h) The importance of communication with organizations and initiatives, such as One Health, the International Resource Panel, the One Planet Network, the World Economic Forum, the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Statistics Division, the International Integrated Reporting Council, the Natural Capital Coalition and its biodiversity working group, and the Global Reporting Initiative, among others;

2. Noting that further scoping and prioritization of the needs of the Convention will arise from developing and implementing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is also invited to take into account the following initial requests for its rolling work programme towards 2030:

(a) Understand and assess the behavioural, social, economic, institutional, technical and technological determinants of transformational change, and how these may be deployed to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity;

(b) Develop a multidisciplinary approach to understand the interactions of the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss;

(c) Assess issues at the nexus of biodiversity, food and water, agriculture and health, nutrition and food security, forestry and fisheries, considering trade-offs among these areas and related policy options regarding sustainable production and consumption, pollution and urbanization, including implications for energy and climate, taking into account the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals, with a view to enabling decisions that support the coherent policy and transformational change necessary to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity;

(d) Undertake methodological assessments on the effectiveness of various policy instruments and policy and planning support tools for understanding on how to achieve transformational change, and to characterize and quantify successful approaches and cases of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their impacts;

(e) Assess the potential positive and negative impacts of productive sectors and undertake a methodological assessment of the criteria, metrics and indicators of the impacts of productive sectors on biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as the benefits derived from biodiversity and ecosystem services, with a view to enabling business to reduce such negative impacts and to promote consistency in assessment and reporting, taking into account the direct and indirect pressures on biodiversity as well as the interconnections between them.
