# Key recommendations

WWF urges the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to recommend that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting adopt a decision that:

- Clarifies that the immediate and full implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including through adequate national legislation, is necessary by Parties in order to fulfil their obligations under the Convention (new preambular paragraphs proposed).

- Requests Parties to apply a rights-based approach (RBA) in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to ensure the full, effective and equitable participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in the design, decision, policy-making and monitoring related to biodiversity, including NBSAPs. Applying a RBA will also contribute to the realisation of intergenerational equity and gender equality, respect the collective rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, and the universal right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (new paragraph 11bis).

- Provides guidance about how participation by all stakeholders can be enabled, i.e. through the establishment or strengthening of effective multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral processes, as well as the development and implementation of national, regional and global sectoral plans of action for biodiversity (paragraph 11).

- Urges Parties to ensure synergies with other related agreements and frameworks and the Sustainable Development Goals (new paragraph 12 bis, to complement paragraph 5.h on cooperation).

- Recommends the way in which biodiversity-related targets under the SDGs (with a 2020 timeline) should be dealt with i.e. that those biodiversity related SDG targets with a 2020 timeline should be continued in line with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (paragraph 13).

Furthermore,

- WWF proposes to delete the term ‘flexible’ in the phrase ‘flexible framework’ (e.g. operative paragraph 1) since this term is confusing and does not provide useful guidance.

- WWF proposes to delete paragraph 18.b (on options for the further enhancement of the implementation of the Convention). We believe that all elements necessary for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as the overarching framework to
implement the Convention this decade, should be agreed at COP15 and not be delayed until later decisions.

- With regards to paragraph 5.a (The enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review), WWF considers the implementation mechanism, composed of elements related to planning, reporting, monitoring, reviewing and ratcheting, to be a critical and integral part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It is important to clarify during OEWG4 and COP15, which key elements of a strengthened implementation mechanism will be included in the framework itself, and which details will be left to the decision referred to in paragraph 5.a.

- WWF recommends that Section J of the first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework must be expanded to provide additional details on the main components of a strengthened implementation mechanism, including the different steps of the implementation cycle: planning, reporting, monitoring, reviewing and ratcheting.

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**Text Proposals**

WWF welcomes the draft recommendation outlined in document CBD/WG2020/3/3/Add.3 and calls on the WG2020 to consider the inclusion of the following proposed text changes in the final recommendation.

New text proposed by WWF is in **bold and underlined**. Text that WWF proposes to delete is in strike through.

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The Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

**Recommends** that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting adopt a decision that includes the following elements, taking into account also the conclusions of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation:

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision 14/34, in which it adopted the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and decided to establish an open-ended intersessional working group to support its preparation,

*Noting* the outcomes of the first,1 second2 and third3 and fourth4 meetings of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework,

*Also noting* the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of

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the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

Expressing its gratitude to the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada), for supporting the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

Welcoming the submissions by Parties and observers providing views on the development and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

Recalling the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,\(^5\)

Emphasizing the need for a balanced and enhanced implementation of the Convention’s three objectives,

Recognizing that the fulfilment of biodiversity targets and obligations by developing countries depends, in part, on calls for the effective implementation by developed countries of the provisions of the Convention in Articles 16, 20 and 21,

Recognizing that the immediate and full implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is a necessary step for Parties to fulfil their obligations under the Convention,

Recognizing that each Party must take appropriate measures within its competence, including the adoption of laws and regulations, administrative actions and enforcement measures as well as legally binding and enforceable national and, where relevant, regional targets to ensure compliance with the provisions of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the achievement of its mission, goals and targets,

Recognizing that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework represents a flexible framework designed to be useful and relevant to all biodiversity-related conventions, agreements and processes, and to multilateral agreements, institutions and frameworks in other sectors,

Also recognizing that the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is essential for will support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,\(^6\) including the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recalling UNGA/RES/74/4 and its commitment “to maintain the integrity of the 2030 Agenda, including by ensuring ambitious and continuous action on the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals with a 2020 timeline”.

Recalling the adoption by the UN Human Rights Council of Resolution 48/13 recognizing the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment,

Recalling the conclusions of the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook,\(^7\) the second edition of the Local Biodiversity Outlooks\(^8\) and the Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on

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\(^6\) General Assembly resolution 70/1.


Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services that, despite some progress, none of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets has been fully achieved and that this undermines the attainment of the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and other international goals and objectives,

*Alarmed* by the continued loss of biodiversity and the threat that this poses to nature and human health and well-being and the prospects for reaching the three objectives of the Convention,

1. *Adopts* the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its monitoring framework, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision, as a flexible global framework for essential action and accountability by all Parties and stakeholders to reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, to reach the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and achieve the objectives of the Convention;

2. *Notes* that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should be implemented in accordance with national priorities and capacities, while fulfilling the international obligations of Parties under the Convention;

3. *Also notes* that adequate, timely, predictable and accessible financial resources from all sources are required for urgent and effective implementation of the framework;

4. *Further notes* that the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be monitored, assessed and reported on through its monitoring framework and associated headline indicators;

5. *Notes* that the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be supported through other relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting and, in particular, those addressing the following:
   
   (a) The enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;\(^9\)

   (b) The updated plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity;\(^10\)

   (c) The strategy for resource mobilization;\(^11\)

   (d) The long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support nationally determined priorities for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;\(^12\)

   (e) The gender plan of action for the post-2020 period;\(^13\)

   (f) The communications strategy for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,\(^14\) which will support and contribute to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity

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10 See decision X/2, annex.

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framework;

(g) The long-term approach for mainstreaming and its plan of action;\textsuperscript{17}

(h) Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations;\textsuperscript{18}

6. *Recalls* Article 23 of the text of the Convention, and *reiterates* that the role of the Conference of the Parties is to keep the implementation of the Convention under review;

7. *Decides* that, at each of its future meetings, the Conference of the Parties will review progress in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, share experiences that are relevant for implementation and provide guidance on means to address any obstacles encountered;

8. *Urges* Parties, in particular developed country Parties, and *invites* other Governments and international financial institutions, regional development banks, and other multilateral financial institutions to provide adequate, predictable and timely financial support to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, *and directly to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and other rights-holders* to enable the full implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and *reiterates* the view that the extent to which developing country Parties implement their commitments effectively under this Convention will *also* depend on the effective implementation by developed country Parties of their commitments under this Convention in connection with financial resources and transfer of technology;

9. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to provide adequate, timely and predictable financial support to eligible countries *and directly to Indigenous Peoples and local communities and other rights-holders* with a view to enabling the planning for and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as well as for the monitoring and review of its implementation;

10. *Emphasizes* the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge, in order to support all countries, especially developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, in the implementation of post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

11. *Urges* Parties and other Governments, with the support of intergovernmental and other organizations, as appropriate, to *immediately commence* implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, consistent and in harmony with the Convention and other relevant international obligations, *including human rights obligations*, and, in particular, to enable participation at all levels, with a view to fostering the full and effective contributions of women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations, the private and financial sectors, and stakeholders from all other sectors, *including through the establishment or strengthening of effective multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral platforms as well as the development and implementation of sectoral plans of action for biodiversity*, in the full implementation of the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the achievement of the objectives of the Convention;

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\textsuperscript{18} Decision 15/--
11. **Bis Urges** Parties, other Governments and relevant institutions and organizations to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework using a human rights-based approach, by ensuring full, effective and equitable participation in decision making of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth, and by ensuring intergenerational equity and gender equality, and respecting the collective rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and the universal right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment:

12. **Urges** relevant agreements, processes and organizations to consider the development or updating of relevant strategies and frameworks, as appropriate, as a means of complementing and supporting national, [regional and international](#) actions and of contributing to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and, as appropriate, to complement and support national, [regional and international](#) efforts to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

12. **Bis Urges** Parties to ensure synergies with other related agreements and frameworks and the Sustainable Development Goals in the implementation, reporting and reviewing progress of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

13. **Invites** the General Assembly of the United Nations to acknowledge the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by the Conference of Parties to the Convention as the main foundation for the continuation of the biodiversity-related targets of the Sustainable Development Goals with a 2020 timeline take into account the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the progress in its implementation when monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals;

13. **Bis Invites** the UN General Assembly to convene, as part of its 80th regular session in 2025, a Summit on Biodiversity at the level of Heads of State and Government to review progress in halting and reversing biodiversity loss by 2030, address barriers and scale up efforts in light of latest evidence;

13. **Ter. Invites** the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the UN General Assembly in 2023 and 2027 to review progress of biodiversity-related Sustainable Development Goal targets as part of a review of all Sustainable Development Goals;

14. **Invites** Parties and other Governments of the other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant agreements, [and other Governments and international organizations](#) to consider, as appropriate, endorsing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework through relevant governance processes, and contributing to the collaborative, [urgent](#), effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the forthcoming meetings of the decision-making bodies;

15. **Invites** Parties and other Governments of the other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant agreements, [and other Governments and relevant organizations](#) to cooperate in implementing measures to support the [urgent](#) effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework across the United Nations system at the forthcoming meetings of the decision-making bodies;

16. **Invites** the United Nations Environment Programme, in particular its regional offices, as well as the United Nations Development Programme, [and](#) the Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United Nations and the Multilateral Development Banks, Regional Economic Commissions and other relevant international organizations, to align their policies and programmes with the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to facilitate and support the identification and implementation of activities designed to support the national and regional implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in cooperation with other relevant implementation agencies;

17. Invites the Environment Management Group, the UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD Joint Liaison Group and the Biodiversity Liaison Group to identify measures to support the urgent, effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework across the United Nations system and to submit a report on their work to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

18. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To promote and facilitate, in partnership with Parties and other Governments, relevant international organizations, including indigenous peoples’ and local community organizations, youth, and women’s organizations, as appropriate, activities to strengthen capacity for the implementation and monitoring of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(b) To develop, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held prior to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, options for the further enhancement of the implementation of the Convention;

(c) To develop, taking into account the decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting and previously adopted programmes of work, guidance materials for Parties, including the identification of possible actions and best practices for reaching the goals, targets and other elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including through applying a rights-based approach.

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