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THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
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INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium-term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.

2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 30 June 2019.

I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

A. Participation in high-level events

3. In January, the Executive Secretary was in Davos, Switzerland to participate in a series of high-level events throughout the week of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, in her capacity as CBD Executive Secretary but also as Environmental Steward on Environment and Natural Resource Security, and as Co-Chair of the Global Future Council on Biodiversity and the Economy for the 2018-2019 term. Her attendance contributed to greatly to the outreach efforts of the Secretariat, raising the political profile of biodiversity, informing of the ongoing preparations for the development of the post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and bringing the biodiversity agenda to the attention of important stakeholders in government, business, media and civil society organizations. It also provided an exceptional opportunity to promote the post2020 global framework for biodiversity, including the Sharm El-Sheikh to Beijing Action Agenda for Nature and People, and encourage participation from the business sector either as champions or contributors/supporters in the lead-up to COP15 in 2020 and beyond.

4. Following the invitation by the UN Secretary General to serve as a member of the Steering Committee the 2019 Climate Action Summit, as well as the successful UN Biodiversity Conference in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt in November 2018, the Executive Secretary was in New York to meet with the UN Secretary General with a view to update him on the outcomes of the conference and the importance of the next Biodiversity Conference, which will take place in China in 2020. They also discussed the UN 2020 Nature Summit at the UNGA, which was adopted as a UN General Assembly resolution, emphasizing the political importance of the moment to change course towards living in harmony with nature. Bilateral meetings were also organized with key partners with the overall objective to galvanize support in the lead up to COP15 and the preparatory process for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, including the Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Action Summit, the UN Special Envoy for the Ocean; and senior representatives from the National Geographic Society. A meeting was also held with officials from the Department of Operational Support of the United Nations.

5. In March, the Executive Secretary was in Paris to attend a Symposium, in her capacity as a co-lead of the “Nature based solutions” workstream of the One Planet Lab. Established by the President of France, the Lab aims to gather an active and open network of influential people from the business, international financial institutions and research areas, known for their engagement and their innovative proposals to tackle climate, biodiversity and ocean issues in an integrated manner. The objective of the Lab is to come up with ideas for new commitments on climate, ocean issues, biodiversity and sustainable finance and a specific workstream was established for each of these topics. The event was organized for a preliminary presentation of the inputs that can feed into the G7 and the One Planet Summit agendas in 2019. Her intervention highlighted a number of key messages, including the need for concerted action to safeguard our planet; nature-based solutions, such as the preservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, offer an important opportunity for shared progress on these interlocking goals; and also the

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roadmap for the preparatory process of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be adopted at COP 15 in 2020 in China; as well as several initiatives organized by the Secretariat as a platform where stakeholders can contribute and lead efforts. In the margins of the event, bilateral meetings were held with the CEO of Agence Francaise de Development, and the French Ambassador for the Environment. A number of organizations and personalities expressed high interest to contribute and support the CBD Secretariat in the lead up to 2020, including the CEO and Founder of Blue like an Orange Sustainable Capital; the CEO of Danone; the CEO of Fondation Paul Ricard; and the CEO of Agence Francaise de Développement. Taking advantage of her presence in Europe, the Executive Secretary then traveled to Brussels, Belgium to hold key meetings with the Director General of Environment and Director General of International Cooperation and Development of the European Union, in particular to discuss support of the post-2020 preparatory process.

6. The Executive Secretary was in Nairobi in March 2019 to attend the high-level segment of the fourth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 3), held under the theme “Innovative Solutions for Environmental Challenges and Sustainable Consumption and Production”. She had an opportunity to address the plenary, where she called for enhanced engagement and active involvement in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in order to reach the vision of Living in Harmony with Nature by 2050. She also attended a Ministerial Breakfast “Nature resource use: towards a safe operating space”, organized by the European Union, taking part in the discussion on “How to scaleup global efforts to make the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which China will host in 2020, the “Paris moment” for global biodiversity policy?”. She also one of the panel members during the leadership dialogue on “Environmental challenges related to poverty and natural resources management, including sustainable food systems, food security and halting biodiversity loss”. A bilateral meeting was held with the UN Environment Executive Director-designate, which provided an opportunity to offer congratulations on her appointment and brief her on the work of the CBD, in particular the post-2020 process, and UNEP’s support and important role in the preparatory process. Administrative-related matters were also raised, including strengthened coordination between the two offices. Meetings were also held with relevant UN Environment and UNON senior staff, as well as a meeting with the MFA Special Representative of Climate Change of China.

7. Taking advantage of the presence of the members of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux in Nairobi, a joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux was convened on 15 March, on the margins of UNEA 4, which mainly discussed the overview of the workplan of the biennium, with a focus on the preparations for the post-2020 process. The two Bureaux held separate meetings on 16 March, and then a joint meeting of the two Bureaux was reconvened to hold its final session on 17 March.

8. A meeting of the COP Bureau was also held on 16 March. Items discussed included: preparations for the meetings of the WG2020, the WG8J 10, SBI 3 and the 2020 UN Biodiversity Conference. The Bureau was also briefed on the status of credentials of the last Biodiversity Conference, as well as the status of contributions in the BE and BZ trust funds, and other administrative-related matters. The SBSTTA Bureau discussed preparations and agendas for SBSTTA 23 and SBSTTA 24.

9. At the kind invitation of the Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, the Executive Secretary visited Beijing during the third week of March, to discuss substantive and logistical preparations for the UN Biodiversity Conference to be held in Kunming in 2020. A site visit of the proposed conference venue was also arranged. During the visit in Beijing, substantive discussion on the post-2020 process was held with the Chinese delegation, as well as bilateral meeting with the Special Representative on Climate Change. In Kunming, a briefing on venue plans was made, and meetings were also organized with senior representatives from the national, provincial and municipal offices to discuss involvement and engagement, with a view to enhance collaboration and mobilize support for the Biodiversity Conference.

10. The Executive Secretary was in Toronto in early April to attend and deliver a keynote address at the annual conference of the International Relations Society of the University of Toronto, titled “Building Biodiversity and Controlling Climate Change: International and Canadians Contributions”, at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy and Trinity College. Featuring six panels that comprised distinguished professors, politicians, and professionals, the conference explored the intersectionality of climate change, unpacking the effects of it on the political, economic, and socio-cultural arenas in international affairs, and identified actions that students and others in the university community can take now to effectively control climate change. In her statement, the Executive Secretary provided a brief overview of a holistic understanding of nature and biodiversity, informed about the IPBES Global Assessment on the state of biodiversity, as well as the CBD strategy to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, and how the leadership of the youth can contribute and make a difference in the process.

11. In April, the Executive Secretary was in New York to attend and deliver a keynote statement at the eighteenth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held under the theme “Traditional knowledge: generation, transmission and protection”. In her address, the Executive Secretary highlighted the lead role that the Convention has played internationally regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples, the importance of biological and cultural diversity, and relevant to this - the establishment of an international alliance for nature and culture, an initiative proposed together with UNESCO and IUCN, which was adopted by COP 14 – and the important contribution of the indigenous peoples and local communities in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In the margins of the forum, the Executive Secretary also participated in a press conference alongside the UNPFII Chair and also held bilateral meetings with the 16 independent experts of the UNPFII and with a number of high-profile personalities.

12. In May, the Executive Secretary travelled to France to participate in the 7th session of the IPBES Plenary (IPBES 7) in Paris and in the G7 Environment Ministers meeting in Metz. At IPBES 7, she delivered a statement during the closing plenary, where she commended the work of the IPBES team, in particular in the launching of the landmark report on the global assessment of the status of biodiversity and ecosystems, and highlighting the need for a systemic, holistic, and transformative approach to safeguard life on Earth in the coming decades. At the kind invitation of the Minister of Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France, the Executive Secretary participated in the meeting of the G7 Environment Ministers and delivered closing remarks on the session “Scientific alerts and international mobilization for biodiversity and climate”. While in Metz, she also participated in a number of events and held a series of bilateral meetings with different Ministers and high-level representatives of organizations. Taking advantage of her presence in France, bilateral meetings were also held with the Agence Française de Développement and UNESCO, to discuss possible contributions and support in the lead up to COP 15 and the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

13. Pursuant to COP decision 14/37 and in accordance with Article 14 of the Financial Rules, the Secretariat welcomed a team of auditors from OIOS from 3 to 21 June 2019. As per the Terms of Reference, the objective of the audit was to assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance, risk management and control processes over the provision of UNEP secretariat services to the SCBD. The final report of the audit will be made available to Governments prior to its publication on the OIOS website.

14. A consultation workshop with the Biodiversity-related Conventions was organized on 10 June 2019 in Bern, Switzerland, as part of the broad consultative process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Hosted and funded by the Government of Switzerland, with financial contribution as well from the United Nations Environment Programme, the workshop convened representatives of Parties to the eight global conventions represented in the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and the two Rio conventions. Government representatives of the Parties to the conventions were nominated by each convention from the bureaux or other standing bodies and committees in a manner to ensure regional balance. In the case of the Convention on Biological Diversity, members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the chairpersons of its two subsidiary

bodies, the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and members of the Convention's informal advisory group on synergies were also selected according to regional balance and participated to ensure that insights from the workshop would inform negotiation of the post-2020 framework effectively. The workshop provided an initial opportunity for an exchange of views and consideration with regard to the role of each convention in the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including identify possible elements that could be included in the framework. The Executive Secretary then travelled to Stockholm where she was invited to deliver remarks at the Stockholm Food Forum, a high-level event organized by the EAT Foundation with the support of the Government of Norway, which brought together over 1000 experts from the food, agriculture and nature sectors. She also participated in the high-level panel discussion to address the connection between biodiversity, food and health, and was invited to address the board of the EAT Forum and advise on the opportunity to holding a Food Global Forum in the margins on biodiversity events leading up to COP 15. In the margins of the forum, meetings were held with the International Development Minister of Norway, the Director-General of Bioversity International and the Director of the Potsdam Institute Climate Impact Research and Chair of EAT Advisory Board

B. Memorandum of Cooperation/Understanding

United Nations Foundation

15. The purpose of this agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to further their shared objectives, namely, to develop an effective communication strategy to raise the visibility of the biodiversity agenda and outreach of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

C. Communication and Awareness

16. During the first half of 2019, the Secretariat carried out the following CEPA-related activities:

International Day for Biological Diversity 2019 (IDB2019)

Theme

Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health. The IDB2019 theme focused on biodiversity as the foundation for our food and health and a key catalyst to transforming food systems and improving human health. It aimed to leverage knowledge and spread awareness of the dependency of our food systems, nutrition, and health on biodiversity and healthy ecosystems. The Secretariat announced the theme by notification on 14 February 2019. More details are available at www.cbd.int/idb/2019.

Participation worldwide

Celebrations

At least 121 countries, as well as 19 organizations/entities, have celebrated IDB2019 to varying degrees, and held a variety of activities: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala,

Guinea, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

It is also worth noting that Mexico's CONABIO registered over 200 activities across 28 states; www.biomfdag.se listed 330 activities all over Sweden; In Cambodia, the official event, in Monduliri province, gathered over 1,000 participants; In India, nearly 1,300 participants (including the Vice President) attended the event organized by MoEFCC. India has also launched its Biodiversity Finance Plan; Ireland celebrated National Biodiversity Week. The Community Foundation for Ireland has launched a €200,000 environment and nature fund; HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presided over the opening ceremony of the first biodiversity academic conference in Thailand; The UK released a new tranche of funding for conservation projects. Also, the National Lottery has announced £2million in funding for wildlife conservation across the county of Cumbria.

Celebration at the CBD Secretariat

In addition to the global communications work, Staff organized a gardening activity (re-potting/sharing office plants), followed by a group photo and a picnic in Montreal's Old Port waterfront green space.

Messages & statements

A number of governments and organizations have expressed their support to biodiversity by issuing messages to commemorate the IDB: Bioersity International; China; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); EAT; Egypt; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU); International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD); International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); United Nations Headquarters; World Health Organization (WHO).

As every year, as part of the CBD's outreach activities, the Executive Secretary of the CBD has also released a message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QH1WWPcfqVA>

Communications Products

Logo & branding

The IDB2019 logo was designed by the United Nations Department of Global Communications, Branding & Graphic Design Unit, and was released on 11 May 2019. It was available in the 6 UN languages. Courtesy translations were also available in Korean, Malay and Telugu. The logo was awarded the 2019 [American Inhouse Design Award](#).

The logo was used in outgoing emails (signature), and featured on the CBD homepage www.cbd.int (carousel & slider) as well as on CBD social media accounts.

Website - www.cbd.int/idb/2019

In 2019, celebrations were submitted online through an interactive form shared with the website of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (www.cbd.int/2011-2020/dashboard/submit/event/new).

On 22 May 2019, Google analytics showed that the IDB2019 page (www.cbd.int/idb/2019) had 6,910 pageviews, which is a 23% increase over IDB2018.

Social Media

The social media campaign started on 15 May. The hashtags used were #IDB2019, #BiodiversityDay, #BiodiversityIsHealth, #BiodiversityIsFood.

Twitter – The combined top 3 posts reached 222,000 people. The top post earned over 500 likes and reached 135,000 people. The IDB2019 video earned 200 likes on Twitter, and over 8,000 views, reaching 30,000 people.

Facebook – The most popular post reached more than 71,000 people, with 280 likes and 533 shares.

LinkedIn – The most popular post received 181 likes and reached over 4,000 people (a 70% increase compared to the previous month).

Instagram – The campaign was supported by GYBN and received a combined 7543 likes between 15 and 22 May. Among the new products, the Secretariat’s communications unit initiated in December 2018 “weekly take overs” with interested influencers in the social media field. After starting the strategy, we increased our followers by more than 50% surpassing 100K on Instagram. We have collected beautiful nature inspired images from previous takeovers and will be using the approach to also help raise awareness on the post 2020 process.

Report on social media performance (general)

The Programme of Work on CEPA was supported on social media. During the reporting period 1 January to 30 June 2019, social media platforms performed as follows:

	followers on 1 Jan	followers on 30 Jun	increase
UNDB Facebook	158,158	160,122	1.24%
UNDB Twitter	23,900	31,386	31.3%
UNDB Instagram	57,000	87,300	53%
UNDB LinkedIn	3,300	5,024	52%
ES Facebook	14474	14585	1%
ES Twitter	1215	2180	79%

Follow the CBD on:

<https://www.facebook.com/UNBiodiversity>

<https://twitter.com/unbiodiversity>

<https://www.instagram.com/unbiodiversity>

<https://ca.linkedin.com/company/unbiodiversity>

<https://www.facebook.com/CristianaPascaPalmer>

<https://twitter.com/cristianapascap>

17. Other highlights include: preparations of the draft Global Communications Strategy; the Executive Secretary's interview with the BBC on the IPBES release; and publication of two op-eds on biodiversity in advance of the G7 leader's Summit in Biarritz, France. The link to the op-eds on biodiversity can be found at: <http://www.globalgovernanceproject.org/2019/08/12/bolstering-biodiversity/> The link to the publication on the Global Governance Project is on: <http://bit.ly/G7France>. Also, CBD was promoted in an article from MIT's Undark Magazine, which includes a quote from the Executive Secretary: <https://undark.org/article/elephants-whales-cancer-clues-mammals/>. In view of the IPCC Special Report on Land released in August 2019, I also prepared the following op-ed: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2019/op-2019-08-22-ipcc-en.pdf>.

18. The Secretariat was also deeply honored by the announcement from the Minister of Environment of Costa Rica, and Bureau member, Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, to dedicate and name after CBD a new species of insect discovered in Costa Rica, *Philtronomia cbdora*. https://twitter.com/UNBiodiversity/status/1108390364329771009?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Eembeddedtimeline%7Ctwtterm%5Eprofile%3ACristianaPascaP%7Ctwcon%5Etimelinedata%3A%2F%2Fwww.cbd.int%2Fexecutive-secretary%2Fwork

19. As CBD's contribution to many significant UN International Days, the Secretariat's communication team prepared seven videos, in close consultation with CBD substantive officers and experts, during the March to August period.

- Women's Day - cbd.int/gender/ #InternationalWomensDay #IWD2019 @UN_Women
- Wildlife Day - <https://twitter.com/UNBiodiversity/status/1102353459926298625>
- Forests Day - <https://twitter.com/UNBiodiversity/status/1108813025610330112>
- Water Day - <https://twitter.com/UNBiodiversity/status/1109201836345643008>
- Health Day - <https://twitter.com/UNBiodiversity/status/1114989975299170305>
- Indigenous Peoples' Day - <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=875357342845484>
- Youth Day -

https://twitter.com/UNBiodiversity/status/1160943776535179264?fbclid=IwAR0_wq5tABwrg7BY61tvAA-Ak2ISNG36sNMkh9zIYIARtWUD_pOqesNdwk

EAT Conference

20. Eat Stockholm Food Forum (June mission to Stockholm): The EAT annual Stockholm Food Forum took place on June 12-13, 2019, in Sweden, bringing together over 1000 representatives of government, as well as experts from the private and public sector working on food, agriculture, biodiversity, and health, among other topics. The Food Forum is the world's leading effort to transform global food systems. In the context of this year's theme for the UN International Day of Biological Diversity – Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health – The Executive Secretary was invited to address the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity into the agriculture and health sectors, with a special focus on the implications of sustainable agriculture, food systems, and sustainable land management in safeguarding biodiversity and ensuring a diverse diet. This event has generated a strong partnership with EAT, catalyzing growing attention to biodiversity among agriculture related coalitions. Participation at the Forum provided an opportunity to re-invigorate partnerships with other organizations, including with Bioversity International, Danone, the Food and Land-Use Coalition (FOLU) and CIFOR's Global Landscape Forum.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Personnel Arrangements

21. During the period January to June 2019, 43 of the 49 professional posts approved under the core budgets of the Convention, the Biosafety Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, were regularized. The recruitment of six professional posts is currently in progress.
22. Of the 29 General Service posts approved under the core budget for 2018-2019, 25 posts were regularized, with 4 vacant posts under recruitment.
23. In addition to the posts funded under the core budgets, 19 posts (4 Professionals and 15 General Service) are filled with funding from the programme support costs (PSC) charged by the UN Environment Programme. There are 2 additional vacant posts funded by the PSC that are under recruitment.
24. There were a total of six professional project or seconded staff and one General Service project staff working at the Secretariat during the period under review. Additionally, one professional project post and two General Service project staff are under recruitment.
25. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).
26. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 43 Professional staff members and 25 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 8 Professional vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and 4 vacant General Service posts. Additionally, 10 professional posts and 16 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigrams (Appendix 1 and Annex III respectively).
27. In addition, the following twenty-one (21) posts are funded by UNEP from the Programme Support funds (PSC): Chief of Section, Programme Budget (P-5); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-4); two (2) Finance and Budget Officers (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Senior Documents Assistant (G-7); Meeting Services Assistant (G-6); five (5) Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Management Assistant (G-6), Mail Assistant (G-5) and Team Assistant (G-3).

B. Financial arrangements

28. In decision 14/37 the Conference of the Parties adopted an integrated programme of work and budget for the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing. Complementary decisions were taken by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at its ninth meeting (Decision CP-9/16), and the Conference of the Parties (COP) serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing at its third meeting (Decision NP-3/16).
29. The Conference of the Parties (COP) and respective meetings of the Parties for the protocols approved an integrated core budget of US\$ 18,949,000 for the year 2019 and US\$ 19,895,100 for the year 2020, for a total of US\$ 38,844,100 for the biennium.
30. The Conference of the Parties and respective meetings of the Parties for the protocols also approved the funding estimates for:
 - The Special Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE) for the period 2019-2020, amounting to US\$ 23,291,600.

- The Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) for Facilitating the Participation of Developing Country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States as well as Parties with economies in transition, in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period 2019-2020, amounting to US\$ 3,842,000[1];
- The General Trust Fund (VB) for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period 2019-2020, amounting to US\$ 565,000[2].

31. As regards the status of assessed contributions to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the General Trust Fund for the Core Budget et the Cartagena Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), and the General Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**), which are the core budgets for the Convention and protocols as of 30 June 2019, unpaid assessments amount to US\$8,805,211 for the Convention, US\$ 2,384,823 for the Cartagena Protocol and US\$1,217,999 for the Nagoya Protocol respectively. Details of the BY, BG and BB Trust Fund are contained in Annexes V, VII and VIII.

32. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2019, an amount of US\$ 3,072,695 for the biennium 2019-2020. Total unpaid pledges for 2019 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$ 369,134. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

33. As at 30 June 2019, US\$ 603,226 has been pledged in 2019 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (BZ Trust Fund). Total unpaid pledges for 2019 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund is US\$ 338,435. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

34. As at 30 June 2019, several parties have pledged to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Trust Fund) in 2019. The total pledges amount to US\$ 158,141. The totality of the pledges is yet to be paid. Full details of the pledges to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

Status of expenditure

35. The Conference of the Parties (COP) and respective meetings of the Parties for the protocols approved an integrated core budget of US\$ 18,949,000 for the year 2019. As at 30 June 2019, a total of US\$7,600,910 was spent or committed. This represents 40.1% of the total approved budget for 2019. The details of expenditure are contained in Annex III.

36. Staff costs during the period under review amounted to US\$4,862,362 or 42.5% of the annual approved staffing budget. A total of US\$293,940 was spent on Travel on Official Business, or 73.5% of the approved on this object of expenditure line ; US\$38,395 or 76.8% of the approved amount for 2019 were spent on Consultants and Subcontracts; US\$279,896 or 10.6% was spent on Meeting Costs, including Bureau, Expert Meetings and Extraordinary Meetings on Post-2020; and US\$230,210 or 31.7% of the approved budget on this object of expenditure was spent on General Operating Expenses.

37. Expenditures and budgets referred to in point 16 above exclude the 13% programme support charges.

C. Conference and Editorial Services

Conference Services

38. During the reporting period (January to June 2019), the Conference Services Unit continued to provide programme officers and external partners with guidance and support on preparations for 18 regional meetings, workshops and capacity-building initiatives in Montreal, worldwide and online,

following up on arrangements for venues, equipment, catering, transport, interpretation and provision of all required conference services.

39. The Unit continues guiding and supporting substantive programmes in the preparations for all regional meetings and capacity-building workshops scheduled for 2019-20. The Unit acted as the SCBD focal point for the compilation of the information needed for the Secretariat's carbon emissions report and followed up with coordinating actions towards related compensation.

40. During the first six months of the period under review, the Conference Services Unit conducted the following activities:

- Statistics were compiled for the meetings of COP 14, CP COP-MOP 9, NP COP-MOP 3 and related parallel and side events;
- The statements and session recordings for the above meetings were verified, catalogued and stored;
- Activities and payments outstanding from COP 14 were finalized;
- Participation in and contribution to coordination meetings related to the organization of the COP 15 preparatory committee, OEWG 2020 and workshops;
- Preparation of information to be transmitted to the Government of China on logistical requirements to host a CBD COP, including costs estimates, and followed by participation in the first mission to Kunming for the assessment of the proposed facilities for COP 15 and associated meetings;
- Provided logistical guidance and support in the preparations for the regional consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- Coordination of logistical arrangements for the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, at UNON, Kenya;
- Prepared draft host country agreements and costs estimates for a meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in Colombia;
- Prepared draft host country agreements and costs estimates for a meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in China;
- Revised and updated the draft host country agreement and costs estimates for COP 15, CP COP-MOP 10 and NP COP-MOP 4 in China in 2020, and submitted them for internal clearance prior to negotiations with the Government of China;
- Liaised with ICAO for the booking of facilities and other arrangements for SBSTTA, WG8(j), SBI and other meetings through 2022;
- Logistical assistance, planning and arrangements (including procurement) were provided for the convening of 18 meetings and workshops in Montreal and worldwide, including 3 on-line meetings. The full list is of meetings organized by the Secretariat in the reporting period is contained in Annex XII;
- Identification of new members for the registration team;
- Support was provided for other events organized by the Secretariat as needed;
- The Unit acted the SCBD focal point for compiling and reporting the Secretariat's carbon emissions related to its activities. Activities in this regard included identifying and engaging new members for the task team.

Editorial and Translation Services

41. During the period under review, editorial and translation services finalized editing, translation and posting of the reports of the COP 14, CP COP-MOP-9 and NP COP-MOP-3 meetings, and the posting of the decisions adopted at those meetings as individual documents, on the Secretariat's website. Agendas, pre-session working documents and final reports of five regional consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework were prepared, with translation in three cases. Documentation for 12 meetings/workshops/online forums were edited and posted.

42. Preliminary documentation for the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity was issued.

43. Translation teams in five languages were secured for the upcoming SBSTTA-23 and WG8J-11 meetings in November 2019 and for the SBSTTA-24 and SBI-3 meetings in May 2020 as well as COP 14 and associated meetings in October 2020.

III. IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

A. Monitoring, Review and National Reporting

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

44. In response to decision XIII/1 (as well as decisions XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10 relating to NBSAP support), the Secretariat:

- (a) Posted 4 NBSAPs received during this reporting period, bringing the total number of post-Nagoya NBSAPs received to date to 168, all of which are available at the country profile webpages, as well as summarized at the Latest NBSAPs webpage (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>). Information is also maintained on those Parties that have adopted their NBSAP as a policy instrument, in accordance with Aichi Biodiversity Target 17. In addition, all national targets contained in these NBSAPs have been loaded in the targets database (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>). Moreover, information presented on the NBSAP Portal (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>) has been updated and maintained, as have administrative records on NBSAP submissions in the CBD database.
- (b) Continued to support those countries that are revising/updating their NBSAPs including through reviewing draft updated NBSAPs and providing inputs to facilitate their finalization.
- (c) Continued to support ASEAN member states in the implementation of updated NBSAPs through providing inputs to relevant workshops organized by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in April and May 2019. Also continued to support UNU-IAS and the University of Tokyo in undertaking a second phase of its project on integrating landscape approaches into development and implementation of NBSAPs and contributing to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (d) Continued to provide support to the JBF Team in relation to the Voluntary Peer Review of NBSAP revision and implementation for Sri Lanka conducted in November 2018 (decision XII/29). The draft review report is currently being finalized by the review team and will be submitted to Sri Lanka for fact-checking shortly.
- (e) Prepared a document containing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) regarding the receipt and analysis of NBSAPs and national reports, to be included with other SOPs collected for the operations of the Implementation Management Support Division.

Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings

45. In response to decision XIII/26, the Secretariat:

- (a) Created the “COP-15 Task Force” which met twice during this reporting period to discuss a work plan for the lead-up to and including COP-15. Agenda items included the dates for COP/MOPs and intersessional meetings, preparation of agendas/annotations and documents for the meetings, costings, logistical arrangements, parallel events, greening of the meetings, the Host Government Agreement with China, COP-15 site venue and theme. The task force was also updated on the

outcomes of the COP Bureau meeting, held in March in Nairobi, and on the Executive Secretary's mission to Beijing and Kunming, China, which also took place in March.

National Reporting

46. In response to decision Decisions XIII/27, XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10, the Secretariat:
- (a) By 30 June 2019, had received 96 sixth national reports which were due 31 December 2018. Of these, 67 had been prepared and submitted using the new online reporting tool for the sixth national report available on the CHM, and 29 had been prepared and submitted "offline", guided by the guidelines annexed to decision XIII/27. They are accessible at https://chm.cbd.int/database?schema_s=nationalReport6 and <https://www.cbd.int/reports/>, respectively.
 - (b) Provided administrative and technical support to Parties in regard to the registration of National Publishing Authorities and National Authorized Users in the CHM database, upon receipt of official requests or nominations from the CBD National Focal Point, and in regard to the use of the tool.
 - (c) Provided support to capacity development activities undertaken during this period for the preparation of the sixth national report. These activities included a workshop organized by UNDP for the Caribbean and Central American countries (January 2019), workshop organized by UN Environment for Western Balkan and Central Asian countries (March 2019), workshop organized by the Gulf Cooperation Council for the Gulf countries (March 2019), workshop organized by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity for ASEAN member states (April, 2019) and a workshop to be organized in the margins of the first meeting of the open-ended working group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in Nairobi in August 2019. Also assisted with UNDP in organizing a few webinars in support of the preparation of the sixth national reports.
 - (d) Reviewed and provided comments and suggestions on draft versions of sixth national reports as requested by relevant Parties to facilitate the finalization and submission of these reports.
 - (e) Issued a notification to Parties on 22 January 2019 requesting Parties to submit their sixth national reports as early as possible, and sent reminders to Parties on regular basis including through emails, phone and Skype calls.
 - (f) Continued to raise awareness of the sixth national report online reporting tool in formal acknowledgements of receipt of NBSAPs and national reports submitted to CBD National Focal Points, and remind them to ensure that their NBSAPs, national reports, national targets and other relevant documents, are uploaded to the CHM.
 - (g) Updated and maintained the information portal for the sixth national report and the sixth national report online reporting tool on the CHM (including updating, as necessary, the User Manual for the latter in all six UN languages).
 - (h) Prepared a draft survey of the online reporting tool which will be dispatched to Parties prior to SBSTTA-23, and whose final results will be incorporated in a document on national reporting to be prepared for SBI-3.
 - (i) Continued to provide support to the ABS Unit by updating and maintaining an Excel analysis document containing information and data on the global status of ratification of the Nagoya Protocol, planned and/or implemented legislative, administrative or policy measures for access and benefit-sharing, pertaining to implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 16, extracted from newly-received NBSAPs and sixth national reports.
 - (j) Undertook initial discussions with UNEP and UNEP-WCMC about follow-ups with decision 14/27 in particular paragraph 3 (e) relating to identifying concrete actions for enhancing synergies in reporting to the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio Conventions.
 - (k) Had general discussions with staff members responsible for voluntary national reviews in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) about the possibilities of enhancing

synergies in CBD national reporting and voluntary national reviews under the High-Level Political Forum. Also contributed to a webinar jointly organized by SCBD and DESA on biodiversity-inclusive review of implementation of SDGs.

Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan

47. In response to decisions XIII/28, 14/29 and 14/34, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared an information document on national reporting to the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio Conventions, for the consultation workshop of biodiversity-related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, held in Bern, Switzerland in June 2019.
- (b) Prepared a first draft of a paper containing a roadmap for enhancing accountability and review under the Convention and a proposal for testing a party-led review process through an open-ended forum at SBI-3, for submission to the COP 14 Bureau meeting, to be held in August 2019.
- (c) Participated in relevant meetings of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.

Process for the Preparation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

48. In response to decision 14/34, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared two syntheses of the comments from Parties and observers related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (b) Catalogued and posted the submission received from Parties and observers related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (c) Developed a dedicated webpage for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (d) Organised five regional consultation meetings related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (e) Organised two thematic consultations related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- (f) Prepared documentation for the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group to be held in Nairobi in August 2019.

The Global Biodiversity Outlook and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

49. In response to decision XIII/29 and decision 14/35, the Secretariat continued to undertake preparatory work in support of implementing the above decisions, including liaising regularly with the science writer contracted to assist with the preparation of the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-5). A draft version of GBO-5 will be submitted to SBSTTA-23 for its consideration.

B. Stakeholder Engagement

Major Groups

Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

50. During the reporting period, and in response to decision XIV/30 on Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, and decision 14/30 (para. 12), the Conference of the Parties requested organization of a workshop to facilitate discussions among Parties to the various biodiversity-related conventions to explore ways in which they could contribute to the post-2020 framework and identify elements for inclusion. A workshop was organized to respond to that request.

51. The workshop was held at the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union in Bern, from 10 to 12 June 2019. It was hosted and sponsored by the Government of Switzerland. The United Nations Environment Programme also contributed to its funding. It convened representatives of Parties to the

eight global conventions represented in the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and the two Rio conventions.¹ Government representatives of the Parties to the conventions were nominated by each convention from the bureaux or other standing bodies and committees in a manner to ensure regional balance. In the case of the Convention on Biological Diversity, members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the chairpersons of its two subsidiary bodies, the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and members of the CBD informal advisory group on synergies² were also selected according to regional balance and participated to ensure that insights from the workshop would effectively inform negotiation of the post-2020 framework. The full Report of the meeting is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/BRC-WS-2019-01>.

52. Following the workshop a one half day meeting with representatives of international organizations was convened on the morning of 13 June 2019 to further discuss other aspects of the contribution of relevant organizations to the preparation and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

53. The Secretariat also participated in EMG mid-term meeting in May, and following up with EMG/UNEP on inputs to their paper on geoengineering and preparation for the Senior Officials meeting in September for which we have proposed strategic focus on biodiversity.

Youth engagement

54. During the reporting period, the Secretariat launched the Joint video competition with CBD, UNCCD, UNFCCC, GEF/SGP.

Engagement of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities

55. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:

- (a) Participated in the Nature of Cities Summit, Paris, 4-7 June 2019 which aims to promote green urban design and nature-based solutions, and develop methods of design for livable, resilient, sustainable, healthy, and just cities;
- (b) Contributed to preparing a roadmap of events and deliverables for cities and SNGs to contribute to preparation of the post-2020 framework and the Action Agenda; and a work plan towards a Paris-Montreal francophone network of cities on green infrastructure;
- (c) Participated in the the Nature of Cities' Summit in Paris, June, resulted in a draft participative roadmap for local and subnational governments towards the post-2020 framework; and the Medellin/Aburrá Valley meeting of the role of Metropolitan Areas in the above roadmap (July) was technically and politically very successful. The Environment Minister closed it and Foreign Affairs agreed to write to the Executive Secretary to share outcomes with Parties and produced a Statement; Both meetings received funding from Expertise France/EU and ICLEI; the EU and ICLEI South America will organize a follow up meeting in Brasilia in early November (for the CitiesWithNature platform) to which the SCBD will be invited.

¹ The eight conventions represented in the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions are: the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Convention (WHC)), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention on Wetlands), International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) and International Whaling Commission (IWC). The Rio conventions are CBD, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

² In decision 14/30 (para. 10), the work of the informal advisory group was extended to include: "... provide the Secretariat and the open-ended working group... with advice on ways to optimize synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions in the development of the post-2020 biodiversity framework".

Financial mechanism

56. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:
- (a) Attended the 56th GEF Council Meeting in Washington, USA from 10-13 June 2019, where the Executive Secretary delivered a statement;
 - (b) Is currently preparing GEF-8 needs-assessment that will be conducted jointly with the study on resource mobilization for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Voluntary contributions so far made by Germany (resource mobilization) and Sweden (GEF-8 needs-assessment) and included also in proposal to the EC.

C. Capacity Building and Knowledge Management

57. The main activities undertaken by the Capacity-Building and Knowledge Management Unit during the reporting period include the following:

Capacity-Building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation

- (a) Commissioned a study to provide an information base for the preparation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, in response to decision 14/24 (section A, paragraph 1a). UNEP-WCMC was selected, through a competitive process, to conduct the study, which is underway, and a final report is expected by 31 October 2019.
- (b) Produced and disseminated the seventh and eighth issues of the quarterly e-newsletter BioCAP: Biodiversity Capacity Development Update. All previous issues of BioCAP are available on the CBD Periodical Publications page.
- (c) Developed an introductory e-learning course on access and benefit-sharing in collaboration with the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) and made it available on the Biodiversity E-learning Platform in English, French and Spanish.
- (d) Prepared a draft working document on proposals to enhance technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, pursuant to decision 14/24 (section B, paragraphs 6 and 9), and submitted it for consideration by the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC) in June 2019. A revised version will be submitted to SBSTTA 23 in November 2019.
- (e) Successfully activated seven of the ten technical and scientific cooperation projects that were selected as per Notification 2018-11-23. Project activities have been implemented in Singapore, Liberia, Thailand, and Namibia.
- (f) Continued to support the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity (CSP) to implement its work plan 2019-2020. This included updating its membership criteria and embarking on the recruitment of new members. The Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF) expressed interest to join. Other institutions are being considered as well.
- (g) Continued to maintain the Bio-Bridge help-desk service and the Bio-Bridge web platform, and showcased successful examples of technical and scientific cooperation, notably in Colombia and Ghana

Knowledge Management and the Clearing-House Mechanism

- (a) Prepared a draft working document on the knowledge management component for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in response to decision 14/25 (paragraph 4f), and submitted it for consideration by the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC) in June 2019. A revised version will be submitted to SBI 3 in July 2020.

- (b) Continued to support the implementation of the Web Strategy for the Convention and its Protocols in line with paragraph 4(c) of decision 14/25 and the implementation of the joint modalities of operation for the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing House.

Conducted a sub-regional training workshop on the development of national clearing-house mechanisms (CHMs) for Member States of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 14 to 18 April 2019, pursuant to decision 14/25 (paragraph 4b) and in response to the request from the Government of Saudi Arabia. A total of 19 government officials were trained on how to use the Bioland tool developed by the Secretariat to establish or further develop their national clearing-house websites.

- (c) Developed beta version 3 of the Bioland tool and migrated it to the CBD web infrastructure³. This version is undergoing final testing by Parties and the CHM-Bioland Sub-committee and it is expected to be completed and deployed by 30 July 2019.
- (d) Continued to provide support to Parties, including Canada, France and the Netherlands, with the migration of their national CHM websites to the Bioland tool or in using the tool to develop new websites. For example, Canada has been supported and its clearing-house mechanism is now fully running on Bioland.
- (e) Organized and serviced the meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC) from 17-19 June 2019. The CHM-IAC reviewed progress reports and updates on activities carried out by the Secretariat, in collaboration with partners, with respect to the award for national clearing-house mechanism, Web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols, the online reporting tool, interoperability, and support to national clearing-house mechanism. It also discussed two main issues: (i) proposals to review and strengthen technical and scientific cooperation, and (ii) development of the knowledge management component of the post-2020 framework. It made a number of recommendations to the Executive Secretary on the above issues.
- (f) Continued to populate the CBD virtual library: 55 new records were added to the CBD virtual and physical libraries.

Information Technology (Development)

58. During the reporting period, the Information Technology Development (IT-DEV) team focused on the following ongoing projects:

- (a) Continued migration of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) database, common formats and platform to the new common clearing-house platform and drafted a new migration plan, chronogram and release of the beta version of the new BCH platform.
- (b) Developed the online version of the format of 4th National Report on the implementation of Cartagena Protocol and available through the new BCH beta site.
- (c) Provided helpdesk support to Parties in using the online reporting tool to submit their sixth National Report to the Convention and further developed and enhanced the tool, taking into account the feedback received from Parties. Some of the enhancements include allowing Parties to share draft records without a login to the SCBD system and to generate PDFs from draft records.
- (d) Continued to develop the ABS Clearing-House, including improvements on the generation of PDF versions of records, such as Internationally Recognized Certificate of Compliance, and development of mechanisms to support the translation of the ABS Clearing-House in all the six UN languages.

³ The latest version can be visualized at <https://demo.chm-cbd.net/>

- (e) Supported the integration of the new CBD website into the Secretariat's cloud infrastructure and the plan to migrate content from the old to new website and make the old website capable of rendering using the website template.
- (f) Further developed the platform for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Process (<https://www.cbd.int/post2020>), the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda platform (<https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda>), as well as the IDB and BBI platforms.
- (g) Integrated Bioland tool into the Secretariat's cloud infrastructure, in preparation for the migration of national clearing-house mechanism websites.
- (h) Developed and released a new web-based notification viewer, which includes submission from Parties and observers.
- (i) Further developed and improved the translation mechanism system for Secretariat's developed software and databases.
- (j) Further developed and improved conferences section with a new dynamic and customizable top menu.
- (k) Made improvements to the Search Engine Optimization (SEO) compatibility by adding server-side rendering of web-based application (e.g. ABS-CH) and dynamic sitemap to search engine crawler.
- (l) Continued to maintain the Secretariat's IT infrastructure (on-site and cloud) including upgrades and backup, IT security compliance and integration of non-intrusive captcha system to reduce spamming.
- (m) Provided support to the CBD meeting management application (Kronos) and additional development including improved free text search with phonetic and ranking; and
- (n) Developed an internal IT request tracking system, supported by JIRA, to prioritize and track all Secretariat IT-related requests, issues, projects and support services.
- (o) Continued to maintain (translation and administration) the Biodiversity E-learning Platform, which reported 240 users logged in since January 2019.

IV. SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

A. Biodiversity Science, Policy and Governance

Area-based Conservation

59. In response to decisions XIII/2 (para. 5 to 10) and XIV/8 (para. 10) of the thirteenth and fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention respectively, previous COP decisions XI/24 (Para.10), X/31 (Para. 3 and 7), and IX/18 (para.15 to 20); the Program of Work on Protected Areas; as well as observations in the fourth Global Biodiversity Outlook, the Secretariat continued its activities by focusing on different types of analyses to evaluate progress in the elements⁴ of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in twelve UN sub-regions. Efforts also focussed on facilitating implementation of the national priority actions and commitments identified by Parties through coordination agencies, regional implementation support networks in the UN sub-regions and the support of the global Partnership for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 with its Attendant Multiple Benefits by 2020 (was launched at COP 14 in 2018). Activities also continued to include regular communication with Parties to the Convention, partners, and various funding agencies by sharing, *inter alia*, updates on the status of the target and results of analyses in order to further speed up engagement in concerted efforts to achieve Target 11 by 2020.

⁴ The elements of Target 11 include governance and equity, integration into wider land- and seascapes and sectors, areas important for biodiversity, connectivity and corridors, key biodiversity areas, ecological representativeness etc.

Stocktaking, Coordination and Development of Monitoring Plan Meeting for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 by 2020

60. A meeting was organised in Vilm, Germany (24 to 27 April 2019), involving coordination agencies from nine of 12 identified sub-regions, UN and other relevant organizations, as well as representatives of Parties that are members of the Global Partnership for Aichi Target 11. The main objectives of the meeting included, *inter alia*, sharing and discussing sub-regional draft action plans for decentralized implementation of national commitments for Target 11; discussing the status and gaps of the elements of Target 11 and available opportunities for advancing progress; facilitating consultations to enable prioritization of activities leading up to 2020; deciding on appropriate tracking and monitoring mechanisms, and reporting modalities to inform the upcoming meetings of the Convention, in particular COP-15. Key outcomes include:

- (i) Establishment of a Global Steering Committee to oversee, guide and monitor the status of implementation in 2019-2020, leading up to COP 15;
- (ii) Agreement regarding monitoring and reporting by sub-regional coordination agencies; design and use of an Action Plan template to ensure coherence of data; creating a database for storing OECMs data in WDPA;
- (iii) Development of a Barometer/Dashboard for visualizing progress on the elements of Target 11 and encouraging healthy competition; preparation of various guidelines to assist Parties;
- (iv) Decision to assist Parties in updating the World Database of Protected Areas, ensuring consistency with the data in the sixth National Reports; and
- (v) Agreement to publish a journal article outlining outcomes of the meeting, including a Call to Action for accelerating progress to achieve Target 11 to be published in an upcoming edition of *Parks*.

Sub-regional Analysis of the Status of Target 11 and Work with Coordination Agencies

61. Sub-regional analysis of the status of Target 11, and remaining gaps to be addressed by 2020, for the elements of Target 11 with indicators and global assessments are prepared. This information was provided to coordinating agencies and other partners at the above mentioned meeting in Vilm as well.

62. Work continues with regional implementation support networks in nine of 12 sub-regions. SSFAs with the coordinating agencies for these sub-regions are on-going. Funding is being sought for the coordination agencies in remaining three sub-regions. Most of the sub-regional coordination agencies were present at the Vilm meeting and participated in strategic planning for the ways and means to speed up effective implementation of focussed actions and commitments, as well as modalities for monitoring and reporting to upcoming meetings of the Convention, including COP 15 and the post-2020 process.

Publication in the Journal for Nature Conservation

63. An article on Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 implementation in the Like-Minded Megadiverse Countries (LMMCs) was published in the Journal for Nature Conservation. The article highlights the progress in implementation of national priority actions and other commitments in the LMMCs and the benefits and co-benefits including contributions to other Aichi Targets and in meeting the obligations under other multi-lateral environmental agreements, as well as at the global level.

Other Activities

64. Assessment/analysis of information on area-based conservation reported by Parties in their sixth national reports. To date, information on protected area coverage from the Sixth National Reports of 90 Parties has been collected. Communication with National Focal Points and contacts at UNEP-WCMC

has started to begin facilitating the updating of records in the WDPA to better reflect nationally reported figures.

65. Work with UNDP to collect and analyse spatial data for GEF-5/6 protected area projects (specifically those aimed at expanding coverage) is on-going, in order to assess their impact on the representation element of Target 11.

66. A study on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs) is also on-going in order to better reflect the impact on the elements of Target 11 and assess their contribution to the achievement of Target 11.

Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative

67. Work for the peace and biodiversity dialogue initiative included: communicating with the Liberian Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the establishment of transboundary marine peace parks (Liberia-Sierra Leone & Liberia-Côte d'Ivoire) and the involvement of the PBDI; preparing an SSFA for the Liberian EPA to establish the Liberia-Sierra Leone transboundary marine peace park, and to explore the opportunity of a transboundary marine peace park with Côte d'Ivoire; and reporting to the Republic of Korea's focal points.

Marine and coastal biodiversity

68. In response to decisions 14/8, 14/9, 14/10, XIII/3, XIII/9, XIII/10, XIII/11, XIII/12, XII/22, XII/23, XI/17, XI/18 and X/29, the Secretariat:

Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSA)

- (a) Disseminated information on EBSAs described in the Baltic Sea and Black Sea and Caspian Sea, as considered by COP, to the UN Secretary-General and various other relevant global and regional intergovernmental organizations.
- (b) Initiated preparations for the Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the North-East Atlantic Ocean, to take place from 23 to 27 September 2019 in Stockholm, Sweden.
- (c) Developed an improved structure and design for the EBSA website (serving as the EBSA repository and information-sharing mechanism) in order to improve the functionality of the EBSA website and to support the use of EBSA information.

Sustainable Ocean Initiative

- (a) Facilitated the convening of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity-building Workshop for the Maldives (17- 19 June 2019). This workshop was coordinated by the Secretariat of the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI), together with the Ministry of Environment of the Maldives.

SDG 14

- (a) Developed interim report of the SDG 14 Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, together with The Nature Conservancy, and submitted to UNDESA.
- (b) Co-coordinated the SDG 14 Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Management, together with The Nature Conservancy. This includes various modes of

communication and engagement with the Community, including the convening of webinars and disseminating newsletters.

Other Activities

- (a) Contributed to the second session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (General Assembly resolution 72/249) in New York (25 March – 5 April 2019) with input related to developments and work under the CBD such as, ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, genetic resources, environmental impact assessment. The Secretariat also organized a side event during the meeting, in collaboration with various partners.
- (b) Presented at the stakeholder engagement workshop on “Building a common understanding amongst the Member States, IGOs, the private sector, and academic/research institution representatives on the key elements needed for an effective future BBNJ agreement”, co-organized by the Governments of Jamaica and Norway, and Pacific Small Island Developing States in collaboration with IUCN.
- (c) Collaborated in the organization of the Expert Meeting on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in the Marine Capture Fishery Sector (7-10 May 2019).
- (d) Produced short videos: i) for World Wildlife Day (theme: Life Below Water) and ii) for World Oceans Day (theme: Gender and the Ocean).
- (e) Provided formal input on behalf of the Secretariat to the UN Secretary-General’s report on oceans and the law of the sea.
- (f) Supported the Executive Secretary in her role as a member of the high-level Friends of Ocean Action, including through the drafting of input and briefing notes for various events organized by the Friends of Ocean Action.

Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

69. In response to decision 14/5, the Secretariat:

- (a) Published, launched and disseminated the report on the voluntary guidelines for the design and effective implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and supplementary information. Available in CBD Technical Series no. 93. Report was presented during a special event on the margins of UNFCCC SB50 in collaboration with GIZ and disseminated through networks, webinars and social media;
- (b) Prepared a report on review of new scientific and technical information on biodiversity and climate change and its implications for the work of the Convention for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting (pre-session document and information note);
- (c) Collaborated with SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre regarding a potential future workshop in Central America and the Caribbean as part of the series of regional dialogues on ecosystem-based approaches;
- (d) Prepared proposals for potential input and involvement in the UN Secretary General Summit on Climate in September 2019;
- (e) Collaborated with the biodiversity and climate change related networks such as Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (FEBA), the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR) and Nature4Climate;
- (f) Provided comments on the work of related processes including the draft of the IPCC special reports on oceans and land, and on the update of the Strategic Plan of the Green Climate Fund.

Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

70. In response to decision 14/30, the Secretariat:

- (a) Contributed to the 57th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands by promoting synergies and preparing the renewal of the Joint Work Plan between both Conventions.
- (b) As members of UN-Water:
 - (i) Contributed to the organization of a side event at UNFCCC COP24 on “The role of water in achieving climate neutrality” in Katowice, Poland in December 2018;
 - (ii) Provided inputs to a policy brief on climate change and water launched at the high level political forum in July 2019;
 - (iii) Engaged with the UN-Water Joint Steering Group including through regular calls;
- (c) Delivered a presentation (remotely) as an invited speaker at the workshop “Exploring Synergies for Peatlands: Detecting and enhancing the global importance of peatlands in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals” held in the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 21-24 May 2019 organized by the government of Germany.

Agricultural biodiversity

71. In response to decision XIII/3, the Secretariat presented and contributed to the delivery of the Regional Consultative Meeting on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, Thailand, 17-19 July 2019), organized by FAO as part of the activities under the Biodiversity Mainstreaming Platform.

72. In response to decision 14/30, the Secretariat:

- (a) Provided inputs to the concept note and background document as a basis for the report on the state of knowledge on soil biodiversity, in collaboration with FAO. The Secretariat is part of the Editorial Board and contributed to the identification of lead authors for the report.
- (b) Provided inputs on the structure and disseminated the national survey on the status of soil biodiversity: knowledge, challenges and opportunities to collect information at country level on the status of soil biodiversity, compile relevant policies, and catalogue current soil biodiversity management efforts.

The Global Taxonomy Initiative

73. During the reporting period, the Secretariat made presentations on the ten projects of the GTI-DNA-tech trainings funded by Japan Biodiversity Fund to the 14th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in Rome, Italy from 1 to 5 May, and the 8th International Conference of Barcode of Life in Trondheim, Norway from 17 to 20 June 2019 in response to the invitations from the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the International Barcode of Life (iBOL) Consortium, respectively. In both opportunities the contracting parties to the IPPC and the iBOL Consortium welcomed the programmatic approach of capacity building in developing countries to apply DNA technologies for rapid species identification.

Invasive Alien Species

74. During the reporting period, the Secretariat participated to the 14th Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-14) in Rome, Italy from 1 to 5 May 2019 and 88th General Session of the World Assembly of OIE Delegates for World Organisation of Animal Health in Paris, France from 26 to 31 May 2019, and reported on the outcome of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on invasive alien species, including the new CBD guidance for avoiding unintentional introduction of invasive alien species of trade in live organisms, and partook as a panel member on phytosanitary capacity development. The Secretariat also exchanged information on the International Year of Plant Health 2020 and the final year of United Nations Decade of Biodiversity.

75. The Secretariat organized the tenth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group meeting on Invasive Alien Species, at the OIE headquarters in Paris, France from 3 to 4 June 2019, at this meeting the World Customs Organization was unanimously welcomed by the Liaison Group members to become a member of the Liaison Group. In response to decision 14/11 paragraph 13(a), the Liaison Group prepared an informal document on transport of living organisms to explore the possibility of developing a system of classification and labelling on the consignments of live organisms, which was considered by the ECOSOC Sub-Committee of the Expert on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Subcommittee) at its 55th session in Geneva, Switzerland, 1-5 July 2019, The Sub-Committee noted the request from the Conference of the Parties to the CBD. It was recommended to resume consideration of this subject at the forthcoming session. Experts on biological invasions were invited to join that session and to provide more detailed information on possible risk and hazards.

Post-2020 global biodiversity framework

17. In response to decision 14/34, the Secretariat:
- (a) Supported the convening of regional consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for (i) Central and Eastern Europe (16-18 April 2019) and (ii) Latin America and the Caribbean (14-17 May 2019).
 - (b) Initiated preparations for the Thematic Consultation on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to take place from 6-8 November 2019 in Montreal, Canada.
 - (c) Initiated discussions with UN-Water to discuss modalities and timeline to inform the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
 - (d) Collaborated with the United Nations University Institute for Advanced Sustainability (UNU-IAS) in the organization of an Expert Thematic Workshop on Landscape Approaches for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Kumamoto, Japan, 3-6 September 2019).

Other activities by staff of the unit

18. Synthesized various sources of information on marine and coastal biodiversity and collaborated with FAO to synthesize information on fisheries and biodiversity from the FAO Questionnaire for the Code of Conduct on Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) as input to the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*.

B. Biodiversity Economy Transformation and Innovation

Decision 14/3: Mainstreaming of biodiversity in the energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing sectors

76. During the reporting period, the Secretariat initiated implementation of the request to further develop a long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming, by establishing an Informal Advisory Group (IAG) of Biodiversity Mainstreaming and holding a first webinar with the IAG on 13 June. The work of the IAG will be supported by a broader Extended Consultative Network (ECN) of relevant organizations and initiatives. By the time of reporting, a first round of online consultations with the IAG and the (ECN) had been launched.

77. The Secretariat continued its close collaboration with relevant organizations and initiatives to advance the integration of biodiversity values in national accounts, as foreseen in Aichi Biodiversity Target 2 as a critical mainstreaming tool. Specifically, the Secretariat participated in an expert meeting, held from 12-14 February 2019 in Cambridge, United Kingdom, which advanced the development of indicators for SDGs and potentially the post-2020 global biodiversity framework using the United Nations System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA). The Secretariat also represented the CBD in the Fourteenth Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEAA), held from 24 -25 June 2019 in New York, as well as the Forum of Experts in SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting 2019, held from 26-27 June in Glen Cove, New York, USA. The UNCEEAA has initiated a revision of the current SEEA guidance on Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA-EEA) with a view to strengthen it, to be completed in 2020, on time for the new global biodiversity framework, and the meeting made progress on a number of important conceptual issues.

Business and biodiversity

78. During the period under review, the Secretariat intensified its continuous support to the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity, including by organizing virtual meetings with the Executive Committee and extended network and relevant partners; supporting the development of guidelines for private sector voluntary contributions to the post 2020 framework; expanding the network with two potential national initiatives joining the partnership in 2019; and by liaising with key actors such as Business 4 Nature, IUCN and ICC to strengthen the GP and advance collaboration on business engagement.

79. As required by the decision, the Secretariat advanced work on aligning biodiversity measures or metrics for businesses, by intensifying its collaboration with WCMC/UNEP and participating in the first workshop in Brussels in March. The workshop brought together key indicator developers and stakeholders and advanced towards a common view on the measurement, monitoring and disclosure of corporate biodiversity impact and dependencies, as a key precondition to integrate biodiversity goals into corporate reporting and global policy frameworks.

Sustainable development and poverty alleviation

80. During the period under review, the Secretariat responded to a series of formal requests for input or updates to the meeting of the 2019 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), including from the President of Economic and Social Council and the Undersecretary General of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The Secretariat prepared and released several products to support pertinent work at national level, such as guidance on how to reflect the key role of biodiversity in the Voluntary National Reviews that are submitted by member States to the High-level Political Forum, as well as guidance on how to reflect its role in preparing a Common Country Analysis (CCA)

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in support of national United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs). On the former product, the Secretariat held a global webinar in collaboration with the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), which informed and raised awareness of national focal points about the potential opportunities to raise the biodiversity profile in VNRs.

Decision 14/22: Resource mobilization

81. During the reporting period, the Secretariat initiated the work towards preparing a number of studies, through a contracted panel of experts, for supporting the development of a resource mobilization component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by the Open-ended Working Group and COP-15, including by preparing of terms of reference, initiating collaboration with relevant partners, and mobilizing requisite resources.

82. The Secretariat encouraged and facilitated leveraging synergies among different funding sources including for the Rio Conventions at the first meeting of the Strategic Board of the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Fund, which was held from 13 to 16 January 2019 in Paris, France.

83. As regards the further implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3, addressed by the decision, the Secretariat secured the continuous support of the OECD, by representing the CBD at the meeting of the OECD Working Party on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Water (WPBWE), that was held from 26 -28 February 2019, as well as at the Workshop on post-2020 indicators (26 February 2019), in Paris, France. Agendas and work programmes were aligned in light of relevant COP-14 decisions, such as the work on harmful incentives, including subsidies.

C. People and Biodiversity

Article 8(j) and related provisions

84. In light of the decisions adopted by COP 14, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during this period include the following:

Capacity-building

- Reports of the following were finalized:
 - Regional Training Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on national arrangements on traditional knowledge for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, 2-6 April, Tepoztlan, Mexico;
 - Pacific Regional Training Workshop on National Arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and Contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, 21-25 May 2018;
 - Asian Regional Training Workshop on National Arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and Contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, 27-31 July, Kandy, Sri Lanka
 - African Regional Training Workshop on National Arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and Contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, 8-12 October 2019. Marrakesh, Morocco
 - Report of the Nature and Culture Summit (COP-14)
 - Report of the First North American Conference on Biocultural Diversity
 - Resources and guidance provided on capacity-building for gender mainstreaming to inform preparation of a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building

Inter-sessional activities

- 11 February 2019: Supported video preparation and CBD social media outreach for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 19 February 2019: Webinar on the Integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols
- 19 February- 12 March 2019: Online Forum on the integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols
- 8 March 2019: Supported video preparation and CBD social media outreach for the International Women's Day. CBD staff activities – brown bag lunch and activity to recognize women role models
- 13 March 2019: Webinar on Mainstreaming Gender into Access and Benefit-Sharing under the Nagoya Protocol, experimenting new ways and approaches to think equal, build smart, and innovate for change
- 11-12 April 2019: Expert Workshop to Develop Recommendations for Possible Gender Elements in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, UN-Women's headquarters in New York
- 5-8 May 2019: First North American Conference on Biocultural Diversity in Montreal, Canada along with a Declaration which included a reception and a site visit to Kahnawake (Mohawk Territory)
- 8 June 2019: Statement by the CBD Executive Secretary on World Ocean's Day, theme of Gender. Prepared video on Gender and Small-Scale Fisheries for social media outreach
- Selection of women's group representatives to receive funding to participate in regional and thematic consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- Selection of indigenous and local community representatives to receive funding from the Voluntary Trust Fund for participation in WG-2020-1
- Compilation of submissions of views (notification 87922)
- Draft concept note for the training of trainer's workshop to be held in South East Asia in November 2019
- Established and maintained webpage on a Gender-responsive Process (CBD Post-2020 website)
- Guidance note and support material for Co-Chairs of the process to develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- CBD Executive Secretary became an International Gender Champion
- Resources and inputs provided on gender and biodiversity issues to inform preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*
- Updated CBD gender webpages
- Progress report and draft recommendations
- 6 (six) Draft Documents for WG8J-11 submitted for review.

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners:

- 25 February 2019: Nature Canada's Women for Nature reception
- UNESCO and WIPO meetings in March 2019 (COP Decision 14/30, para. 26)
- 8-9 April 2019: Equator Initiative Technical Advisory Committee, Washington DC, United States of America

- United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 18th Session (UNPFII-18) (22 April -3 May, UN Headquarters, NY) which included the opening of the Session by the ES
- Two side-events at UNPFII-18:
 - 23 April: Future Work on Traditional Knowledge in Post-2020; and
 - 26 April: Mainstreaming the Contribution of TK and Biocultural Diversity for the Implementation of UNDRIP.
- Electronic Presentation to UNFCCC Local community and indigenous Peoples Platform, on the concept of local communities, Bonn, 17 June 2019.
- Electronic Presentation to the Australian National 2019 Indigenous Knowledge Forum, University of technology, Sydney, Australia, on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol, 13 June 2019.

V. ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AND THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

Decisions of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

85. In light of the decisions adopted by COP-MOP 3, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during this period include the following:

Status of Ratification

- (a) Follow-up with CBD NFPs, ABS NFPs and other national contacts regarding ratification and encouraging countries to finalize their national processes as soon as possible.
- (b) During this period, Romania and Eritrea ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol. By the end of June 2019, 118 countries had ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol.

Follow-up to the UN Biodiversity Conference 2018 organized by the Secretariat

- (a) Following the UN Biodiversity Conference, the ABS-Unit established the workplan and timeline towards COP-MOP 4. The main outcomes of the meetings related to access and benefit-sharing were summarized and communicated through a notification as well as with relevant stakeholders through individual letters.
- (b) The webpages of key issues under the Nagoya Protocol as well as information related to digital sequence information on genetic resources have been updated (<https://www.cbd.int/abs/>).

Capacity-building activities

- (a) Evaluation of the Strategic Framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
 - Carried out the literature review and interviewed 25 stakeholders.
 - Draft evaluation report is underway.
- (b) Preparatory work for the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, which is planned to take place from 29 to 31 October 2019 in Montreal, Canada
- (c) The 2017-2018 capacity-building programme on “Establishing Measures to Implement the Nagoya Protocol” carried out in cooperation with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) was extended until June 2019 and the following additional activities were added:

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- Activity 1: Carrying out a follow-up survey among the participants of the six regional courses under the SCBD-IDLO capacity-building programme in 2017-2018
 - Activity 2: Development of an ABS Training Package and Trainer's Manual and organization of a face-to-face ABS 'Training of Trainers' Workshop to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol at the national level for Francophone African countries, in Casablanca, Morocco, from 11 to 13 June 2019. 22 participants from 10 countries participated in the Training of Trainers.
- (d) Finalization of the translation of two e-learning modules "Introduction to Access and Benefit-sharing" and "The ABS Clearing-House" developed in collaboration with the UN Staff College.

The ABS Clearing-House

- (a) Support to Parties, as well as other stakeholders, in the population of relevant information and the use of the ABS Clearing-House.
- (b) Capacity-building and awareness-raising for the ABS Clearing-House including three related projects: (1) ongoing outreach and awareness raising campaign; (2) providing users of the ABS Clearing-House with immediate technical support through the ABS help desk; and (3) finalizing a number of guidance materials, such as, eLearning courses, an online information section, as well as a number of step-by-step instructional guides outlining how to submit information and use the ABS Clearing-House website. Much of our work on these projects has been made possible thanks to generous support provided by the Japan Biodiversity Fund.
- (c) A number of the features and functionalities of ABS Clearing-House website improved. For example, significant progress was made on the translation of the website into the six official UN languages, the automated national report analyser, a new common formats for ABS Procedures and National Model Contractual Clauses and work was carried out to integrate the Convention's Central Clearing-House, the Biosafety Clearing-House and ABS Clearing-House under one common platform.
- (d) Preparatory work for the International Workshop on monitoring the utilization of genetic resources: 30 September to 2 October 2019, Bonn, Germany
- (e) Preparatory work for the Informal Advisory Committee to the ABS Clearing-House, which is planned to take place from 2 to 4 December 2019 in Montreal, Canada

Post-2020 global consultation on ABS and Nagoya Protocol back to back with OEWG

Preparatory work for the Global Consultation Workshop on ABS and Nagoya Protocol in the context of developing the global post-2020 biodiversity framework: 25 August 2019, Nairobi, Kenya

Digital sequence information on genetic resources

- (a) A call for expression of interest to undertake studies related to digital sequence information on genetic resources was issued. Consultants to undertake the studies were identified and studies were commissioned.
- (b) Webpage describing the process on digital sequence information on genetic resources during the 2019-2020 has been made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/abs/dsi-gr/2019-2020/default.shtml>
 - 17 submissions were received from Parties, 1 from a non-Party and 17 from organizations and stakeholders. Submissions of views and information were made available on the webpage.

Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners

- (a) Participated and contributed to the Steering Committee of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative which took place in Bonn, Germany, from 27 to 28 March 2019.
- (b) Participated and contributed to the Community of Practice Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for European CIS, Arab and Asian countries of the UNDP-GEF Global ABS Project which took place from 9 to 12 April 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- (c) Participated and contributed to the 72th meeting of the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO) which took place from 20 to 28 May 2019 at Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.
- (d) Presented remotely in the SCBD-IDLO ABS ‘Training of Trainers’ Workshop to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol at the national level for Francophone African countries, which took place in Casablanca, Morocco, from 11 to 13 June 2019.

VI. BIOSAFETY AND THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL

Programme areas under the Cartagena Protocol

Mainstreaming and integrated implementation of biosafety

86. During the reporting period, the Secretariat supported Parties in finalizing their national project activities under the project “Capacity building for mainstreaming biosafety: integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity”.

Capacity-building

87. For activities related to the development of the post-2020 action plan for capacity building for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol see the section ‘Post-2020 processes for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety’, below.

Cooperation with other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives

88. The World Health Organization participated in the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Synthetic Biology in Montreal, Canada from 4 to 7 June 2019. Please see ‘Synthetic Biology’ below for more information.

89. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), in particular through revising a first version of a pocket guide describing benefits, systemic challenges, priority areas and good practices in relation to promoting transparency and public participation in LMO/GMO matters.

Compliance

90. During the reporting period, the Secretariat convened the sixteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee in Montreal, Canada from 29 to 31 May 2019. The Committee reviewed the outcomes of the ninth meeting of the Parties relating to compliance and agreed on a workplan for the biennium. The Committee also undertook a review of compliance on the basis on information available in the Biosafety Clearing-House, which included an overview of the completeness of key mandatory information to be provided by Parties to the BCH. The Committee also reviewed general issues of compliance and considered an overview of intersessional activities concerning individual cases of non-compliance. The Committee discussed the process for and agreed on the scope of its input to the fourth assessment and

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review of the Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan. The Committee discussed the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the post-2020 processes under the Protocol. Furthermore, the Committee agreed to a workplan for the seventeenth meeting to be held in the first quarter of 2020.

91. The report of the Compliance Committee meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CPCC-16>.

Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20)

92. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued the work of the migration of the Biosafety Clearing-House to its new platform. A consultant was engaged to provide advice on the migration process and to develop a chronogram (i.e. timeline) detailing the migration and follow-up processes that could be used by the biosafety unit to inform BCH national focal points. The consultant's mandate also included assisting the IT team in creating additional tools for facilitating statistical analysis of information in the BCH as requested by the BCH-IAC in the report of its tenth meeting, as well as providing an assessment of additional adjustments/additions that would be still be necessary to ensure that the new BCH responds to all requests from the IAC and COP-MOP.

93. As part of the migration, a preview version of the new BCH platform was launched (<https://beta.bch.cbd.int/>) to enable Parties and other Governments to submit their fourth national reports through the new platform.

Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15 and 16)

94. During the reporting period, the Secretariat convened a regional training course on risk assessment of LMOs. The course was held in Pretoria, South Africa for the Anglophone Africa region, from 8 to 12 April 2019. The objectives of the training course were to provide theoretical and practical training for participants on:

- (a) The risk assessment process (concepts, steps, methodology, key issues to consider);
- (b) The evaluation of case studies of LMOs for environmental release, identifying protection goals and applying the risk assessment methodology to develop risk scenarios to assess.

95. The workshop was attended by 37 participants from 16 Parties and five organizations. The report of the workshop is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/1f09/a15c/9bf1ade9cbddf8149141ee4c/cp-rarm-cb-2019-01-02-en.pdf>.

96. The Secretariat also called for submissions of information during the reporting period on topics related to:

- 1) Experience in undertaking risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and living modified fish (detailing how and for which cases); or else, lack of experience in doing so;
- 2) Challenges experienced or foreseen in undertaking risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives and living modified fish;
- 3) Specific needs (if any) to properly undertake risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives.

97. A total of 29 submissions were received from Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations.

Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)

98. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification calling for submissions of information on preliminary experiences using the voluntary Guidance, as well as examples of methodologies and applications of socio-economic considerations, in the light of the elements of the voluntary Guidance, preferably in the form of case studies. A total of 15 submissions were received from 13 Parties, one other Government, and one organization.

99. The same notification also called for nominations to participate in an online forum on socio-economic considerations scheduled to be held in September 2019.

Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)

100. During the reporting period, the Secretariat received an additional third national report (Jordan), bringing the total number of third national reports received to 155.

101. The Secretariat also issued a notification, inviting Parties to submit their fourth national reports using the format adopted at COP-MOP 9. The notification stressed the importance of timely submission of fourth national reports in order to facilitate the fourth assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol.

102. A second notification was issued during the reporting period urging eligible Parties to submit a letter of commitment expressing their support for the funding project developed by the Global Environment Facility to assist eligible Parties in the preparation of their fourth national reports.

103. A final notification on the subject of fourth national reports was issued during the reporting period, advising Parties of the availability of the online version of the format of the report.

Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)

104. The Secretariat issued a notification calling for nominations of experts for the upcoming workshop “Anglophone African Laboratory Training Workshop on Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms” in Abuja, Nigeria 16-20 September 2019.

Post-2020 processes for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

105. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification inviting for submission of views on:

- (a) the structure and content of the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety post-2020;
- (b) possible elements of a specific action plan for capacity-building on biosafety, covering the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol; and
- (c) relevant elements of the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

106. A total of 28 submissions were received, of which 22 were from Parties, one from other Governments, and five from organizations. The submissions are intended to form the basis for the preparation of: (a) the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol; (b) the action plan for capacity-building on biosafety, covering the Protocol and the Supplementary Protocol; and (c) the biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

107. The draft Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol will be discussed during an online discussion to be held from 8 to 19 July 2019 and subsequently be considered by the Liaison Group, the SBI and MOP-10.

108. The biosafety component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be discussed at the Global Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol, to be held on 25 August 2019, and subsequently considered by the Liaison Group for the Cartagena Protocol, at its thirteenth meeting, and be submitted to the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

109. The action plan for capacity building on biosafety will be considered by the Liaison Group, the SBI and MOP-10.

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

110. In the current reporting period, one instrument of ratification (Italy) to the Nagoya Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress was submitted, bringing the total number of contracting Parties to the Supplementary Protocol to 44. The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/#tab=1>.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol

111. As of 30 June 2019, 171 countries had ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Protocol’s website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

General outreach and other activities in support of the programme areas under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

112. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized an exhibition at McGill University, in collaboration with the Redpath Museum, with videos, banners and publications of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity. The event was attended by over 2,500 visitors.

Programme areas under the Convention

Synthetic biology

113. During the reporting period, the Secretariat hosted the Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology. The discussions were held over a period of four weeks on the website of the Biosafety Clearing-House and recorded over 338 interventions. Topics discussed included:

- (a) New technological developments in synthetic biology since the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group;
- (b) Recommend options for carrying out the regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of developments referred to in para 3 of decision 14/19;
- (c) Review of the current state of knowledge;
- (d) Possible impacts of synthetic biology applications that are in early stages of research and development on the three objectives of the Convention;
- (e) Consider whether any living organism developed thus far through new developments in synthetic biology fall outside the definition of living modified organisms as per the Cartagena Protocol;
- (f) Sharing of experiences on detection, identification and monitoring of organisms, components and products of synthetic biology;
- (g) Relationship between synthetic biology and the criteria set out in decision IX/29.

114. The Secretariat also called for the submission of information on synthetic biology on the topics outlined in the terms of reference in decision 14/19. A total of 28 submissions were received from Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations.

115. Furthermore, the Secretariat also convened the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Synthetic Biology in Montreal, Canada from 4 to 7 June 2019 with the generous financial support of the European Union. The AHTEG considered:

- (a) New technological developments in synthetic biology;
- (b) Synthetic biology applications that are in early stages of research and development, vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention;
- (c) Synthetic biology organisms that may fall outside the definition of living modified organisms as per the Cartagena Protocol;
- (d) The state of knowledge on the potential environmental impacts of applications of synthetic biology, including those applications that involve organisms containing engineered gene drives;
- (e) Options for regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of developments;
- (f) Relationship between synthetic biology and the criteria set out in decision IX/29, paragraph 12.

116. The AHTEG meeting was attended by 34 experts, including 22 from Parties, one from other Governments, two representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and nine from organizations. The report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/b2bb/cf58/b09729bb00be6abf72325a1a/synbio-ahteg-2019-01-03-en.pdf>.

VII. JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND

Secretariat portfolio projects

117. The JBF team has been managing the 2017-2018 portfolio based on the progress reports submitted by the SCBD Programme Officers and through cross checking any contracts, notifications and travel plans under the projects with the original proposal, before authorizing them. Additionally, the JBF team has been serving as a daily help desk for the respective Programme Officers to support their projects.

118. Since the approval of the Secretariat portfolio for the biennium in February 2017, most of the projects have had important progress. To date, four projects have been completed:

- (a) 1718-OES-1 – GSPC: Capacity building to support the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as a cross cutting initiative of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
- (b) 1718-SPS-5 – Invasive Alien Species: Programme for International Island Initiative Towards achieving ABT 9 and related tools development
- (c) 1718-SPS-8 – ABS: Regional and sub regional training for the use of the ABS Awareness raising toolkit
- (d) 1718 SPS 10 – Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements for achieving traditional knowledge elements of ABT 18 and 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

119. The following projects have been extended to be able to complete the activities, and in some cases to add additional activities and funds:

- (a) 1718-IMS-1 – CHM: Support to the Development of National Clearing-House Mechanisms
- (b) 1718-MCO-1 – Youth: Building capacity of youth to support implementation of NBSAPs, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- (c) 1718-OES-2 – Decision tracking tool /Development and maintenance of decision-tracking tool in the clearing-house mechanism.
- (d) 1718-SPS-1 – Sustainable Ocean Initiative: Sustainable Ocean Initiative: Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity through Partnerships in support of achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- (e) 1718-SPS-2 – Protected Areas: Facilitate the achievement of as many elements of ABT 11 by 2020 as well as showcase their contribution to other ABTs and other globally agreed goals, through implementation of road maps identified in JBF project SAM-5 (2015-2016) in developing countries, least developed countries, and SIDS (in GRULAC, Asia and Pacific regions) by providing targeted capacity development, in a decentralized manner.
- (f) 1718-SPS-3 – Biosafety: Science and Policy Support/Biosafety and Biosecurity
- (g) 1718-SPS-4 – GTI: Filling capacity gap for application of DNA technologies in taxonomy - GTI trainings/workshops driven by the trained trainers.
- (h) 1718-SPS-6 – ABS-CH: Support to the capacity-building program for the ABS Clearing-House (ABS-CH).
- (i) 1718-SPS-7 – ABS: Capacity-building programme to support the establishment of legal frameworks for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.
- (j) 1718-SPS-9 – ABS: Capacity-building for implementing the Nagoya Protocol in a mutually supportive manner with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

Pilot projects

120. The first phase of the pilot project implemented by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP/WCMC) to pilot (test) their methodology for mapping biodiversity in three African countries is about to be completed and most outputs have been delivered. In early June 2019 a two-day International Learning Exchange Workshop was held in Northern Drakensberg, South Africa, back to back with the annual South African Planning Forum. Representatives from the three project countries presented their activities and outputs, their experiences and challenges. Several other African countries participated in the workshop to assess possibilities for upscaling. Discussions were held about a possible phase 2 of the project with the project implementers and country representatives. A JBF representative attended the meetings.

Projects Implemented by External Partners

121. The JBF team has monitored and backstopped the implementation of the following projects implemented by external partners:

- (a) *IPBES-IGES: Capacity building project for the implementation of IPBES Asia Pacific Regional Assessment:*

Under component 3 of the project, there were several developments in this term:

- (i) A side event titled “JBF-IPBES Capacity Building Project” was organized during the CBD regional consultation meeting on post 2020 global biodiversity framework held in Nagoya, Japan on 30 January 2019 with the objectives of promoting the JBF-IPBES project and understanding the needs of policy makers and stakeholders in terms of strengthening the science–policy interface through building capacity for the implementation of the regional assessment. The event was attended by 40 participants.
- (ii) The sub-regional science-policy dialogue on IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment for South and West Asia was held in Kathmandu, Nepal on 27-28 February 2019, attended by 57 participants. The dialogue was organized by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), in collaboration with IPBES Secretariat and hosted by the Minister and the Secretary of Ministry of Forestry and Environment of Nepal, who graced the inaugural session. Examples of challenges that were discussed revolved around: (1) Terrestrial ecosystem with a focus on deforestation in Sri Lanka; (2) Marine ecosystem with a focus on coral reef conservation in Maldives; (3) Progress on conserving wildlife with a focus on Lebanon; and (4) Human and wildlife conflict in Bhutan. Also, the uptake of the regional assessment and possible policy support was discussed among the participants. An online press release can be accessed through this URL: <http://www.apn-gcr.org/?p=13373A>
- (iii) The sub-regional science-policy dialogue on IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment for Oceania was organized on 4–5 April 2019 at Rydges Capital Hill in Canberra, Australia. The dialogue gathered officials and policy makers from 12 governments, experts, researchers, as well as leaders and practitioners from the civil society and academia. The dialogue was organized by IGES and APN, in collaboration with IPBES Secretariat and hosted by the Department of Environment and Energy (DOEE) of the Australian Government. The two-day dialogue covered compelling challenges and issues on biodiversity and ecosystem services in Oceania which focuses on: (1) invasive alien species; (2) threatened species; (3) implementation of biodiversity policy; and (4) development of biodiversity policy. In addition, it aimed to provide an avenue for highlighting the findings from the IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment complementing the knowledge that biodiversity and ecosystem services are intricately linked to human development and wellbeing.

(b) *COMDEKS: Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative Project*

The second phase of COMDEKS has been completed, and the final report was submitted on 31 May 2019.

(c) *Eco-DRR: RELIEF Kit Phase 2*

Following the strong success of Phase I of the project, the second phase, RELIEF Kit II, aims to further support capacity development and provide concrete tools for senior-level technically oriented policy makers to enable them to further operationalize and scale up Eco-DRR and Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) for their citizens. As part of RELIEF Kit II, a workshop on “Nature-based Solutions for reducing disaster risks and climate impacts” was held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8-9 May 2019. The aim of the workshop was to enhance technical capacities to implement nature-based solutions, and increase the understanding of the concepts, strategies and approaches to mainstream Eco-DRR and EbA. The workshop was attended by 16 participants from member state missions, UN agencies, international organizations and other actors from the humanitarian and disaster risk reduction community.

NBSAP Support

(a) *Piloting the methodology for Voluntary Peer Review of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) revision and implementation:*

122. During the reporting period the Secretariat hosted a teleconference with the review team members and a draft of the review report for Sri Lanka was prepared but not yet finalized. A final draft will be sent to Sri Lanka for fact checking and the inclusion of their policy response and peer learning experiences. The report will then be finalized and uploaded to the CBD website. A Team Leader was identified for a next VPR in Uganda for which preparations have started. Discussions were held internally with the purpose of further streamlining activities on review mechanisms.

(b) *Analysis of contents of the revised Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs):*

123. The JBF team has developed an ongoing internal analysis of the revised (post-2010) national biodiversity strategies and action plans submitted to the Secretariat. During 2019, 4 NBSAPs were received for review.

Contribution to the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

(a) *Support for GBO-5*

124. With support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, an annotated outline for the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-5) and initial text elements have been prepared by the Secretariat with the support of a science writer. They provide information on the proposed structure and key narrative flow of the Outlook and highlight key questions. The purpose of supporting of the start-up of the preparation for GBO-5 was to make available relevant information to the Regional Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Asia and the Pacific, convened from 28 January - 1 February 2019 in Nagoya, Japan. The annotated outline was made available as an information document and was presented in a plenary session on the first day of the workshop. The annotated outline and presentation are accessible from the workshop meeting page (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/POST2020-WS-2019-01>)

125. On the basis of the outline, the science writer has begun the preparation of the main text for GBO-5.

Organization of the regional consultations for Asia and the Pacific, and support for the regional consultations for Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean

- (i) Regional consultations were held in all 5 major regions of the world. Topics discussed include the identification of opportunities and challenges resulting from the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in the regions, the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and 2050 Vision. The development of strategies to integrate diverse perspectives, the improvement of technical and scientific cooperation, and the development of capacities were also discussed.
- (ii) The Japan Biodiversity Fund supported these workshops by funding participants (AP and CEE), and providing staff time for their organization and implementation (AP, GRULAC)
- (iii) Summary reports of these consultations can be found through the relevant links from the Post 2020 dedicated web site: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020>.

Support for the coordination of the planning for landscapes/seascapes thematic consultation workshop will be organized by UNU-IAS

The JBF team has assisted the Programme Officer for agriculture and inland water ecosystem in developing the concept note and programme for the post-2020 thematic consultation on landscape and seascape which will be organized on 4-6 September 2019 in Kumamoto, Japan by the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS).

Additional activity

126. Through collaboration with other SCBD Programme Officers, JBF provided support on various issues including representation of the Secretariat in a Steering Committee meeting of the CONNECT project on mainstreaming biodiversity information into the heart of government decision making in May 2019 in South Africa.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I

STAFFING TABLE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY

January – June 2019

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. C. Paşca Palmer
2.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (OES)	Mr. D. Cooper
3.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (SSSF)	Mr. Alexander Shestakov
4.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (IMS)	Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp
5.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (DES)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
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7.	P5	Senior Legal Officer (DES)	Mr. W. Yifru
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9.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (OES)	Ms. Catalina Santamaria
10.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Indigenous Knowledge) (SSSF/PB)	Mr. J. Scott
11.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer. (Reports & Reviews) (IMS/SEC)	Mr. N. Pratt
12.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. E. Tamale
13.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific/Tech. Assessments) (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. R. Hoft
14.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Access & Benefit Sharing) (DES/ABSP)	Ms. V. Normand
15.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific, Technical Information) (DES/BP)	Vacant
16.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (In situ & ex situ conservation) (SSSF/BSPG)	Mr. V. Gidda
17.	P4	Public Information Officer (OES/C&A)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
18.	P4	Programme Management Officer (IMS/SEC)	Mr. Y. Xiang
19.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (SSSF/BSPG)	Vacant
20.	P4	Programme Management Officer (Business – SSF/BETTI)	Vacant
21.	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer, (Jakarta Mandate) (SSSF/BSPG)	Vacant
22.	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by PSC)
23.	P4	Administrative Officer (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. Jacinta Mukui (Post funded by PSC)

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No.	Level	Title	Staff member
24.	P4	Editor (AFC/CS)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
25.	P4	Programme Management Officer (Taxonomy), (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Shimura
26.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Dry & Sub-humid lands) (SSSF/BSPG)	Vacant
27.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Reports) (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. L. Cai
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35.	P3	Website Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
36.	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (DES/BP)	Mr. P. Deupmann
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41.	P3	Information Systems Officer, (IMS/CBKM)	Vacant
42.	P3	Legal Officer (L&I)	Mr. Thomas Deleuil
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52.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. B. Fonseca
53.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (SSSF/PB)	Vacant

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
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58.	G6	Staff Assistant (OES/SS)	Vacant
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61.	G6	Programme Management Assistant - (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Grekin
62.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/SEC)	Ms. S. Meehan
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64.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/MR&R)	Ms. M. Chiasson
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No.	Level	Title	Staff member
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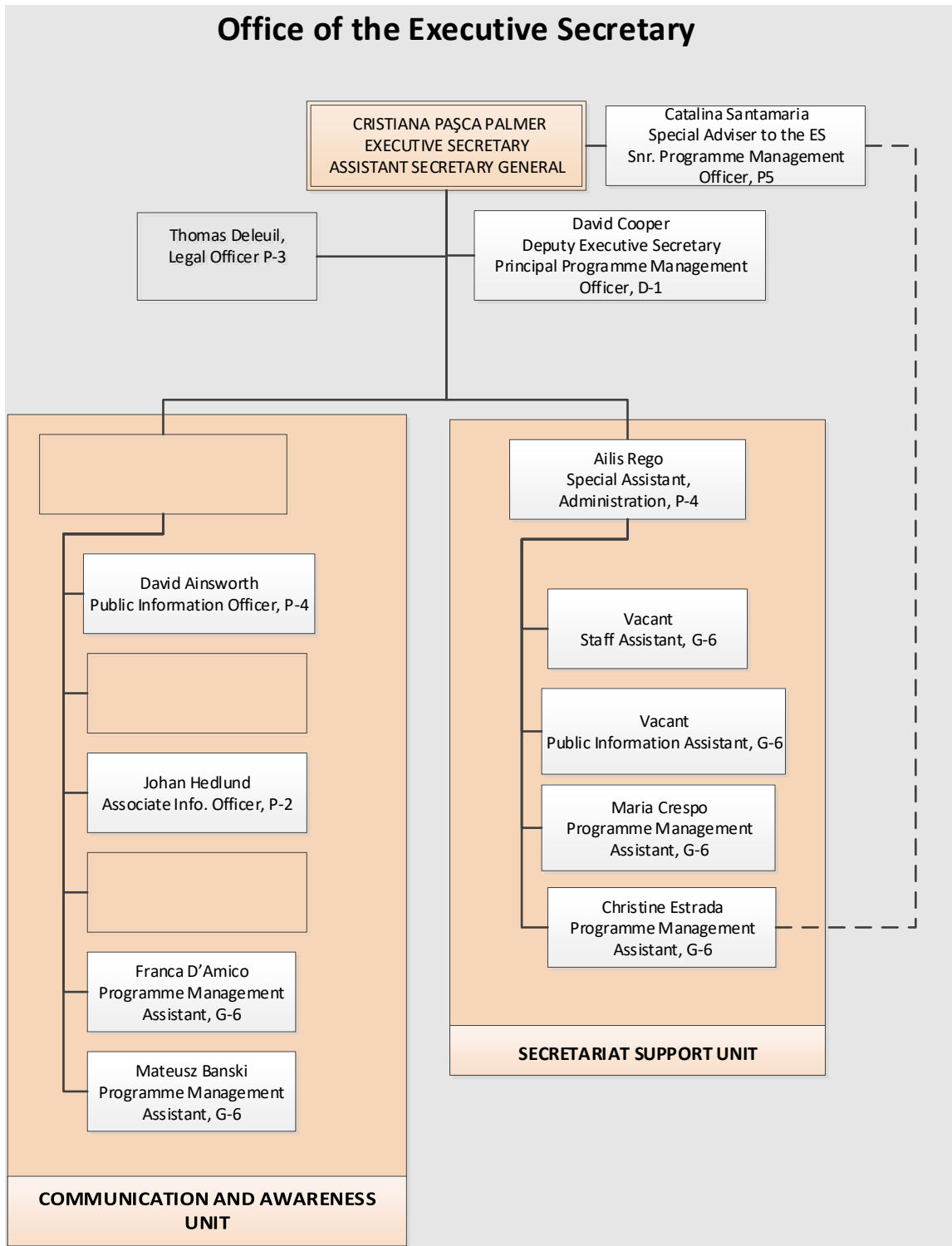
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1.	Ms. M. Yanagiya, JPO (DES/JBF-P2)	Japan	Government of Japan
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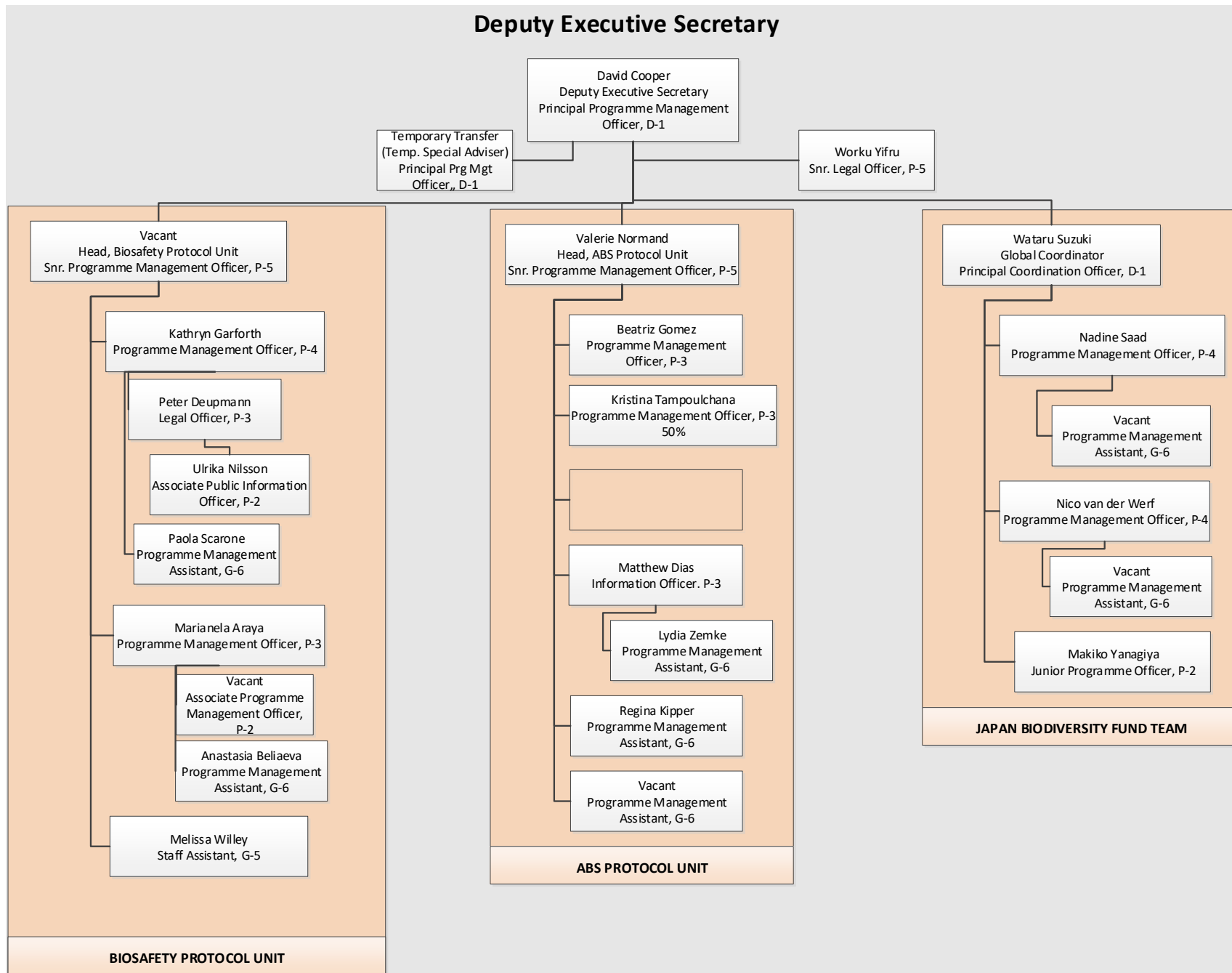
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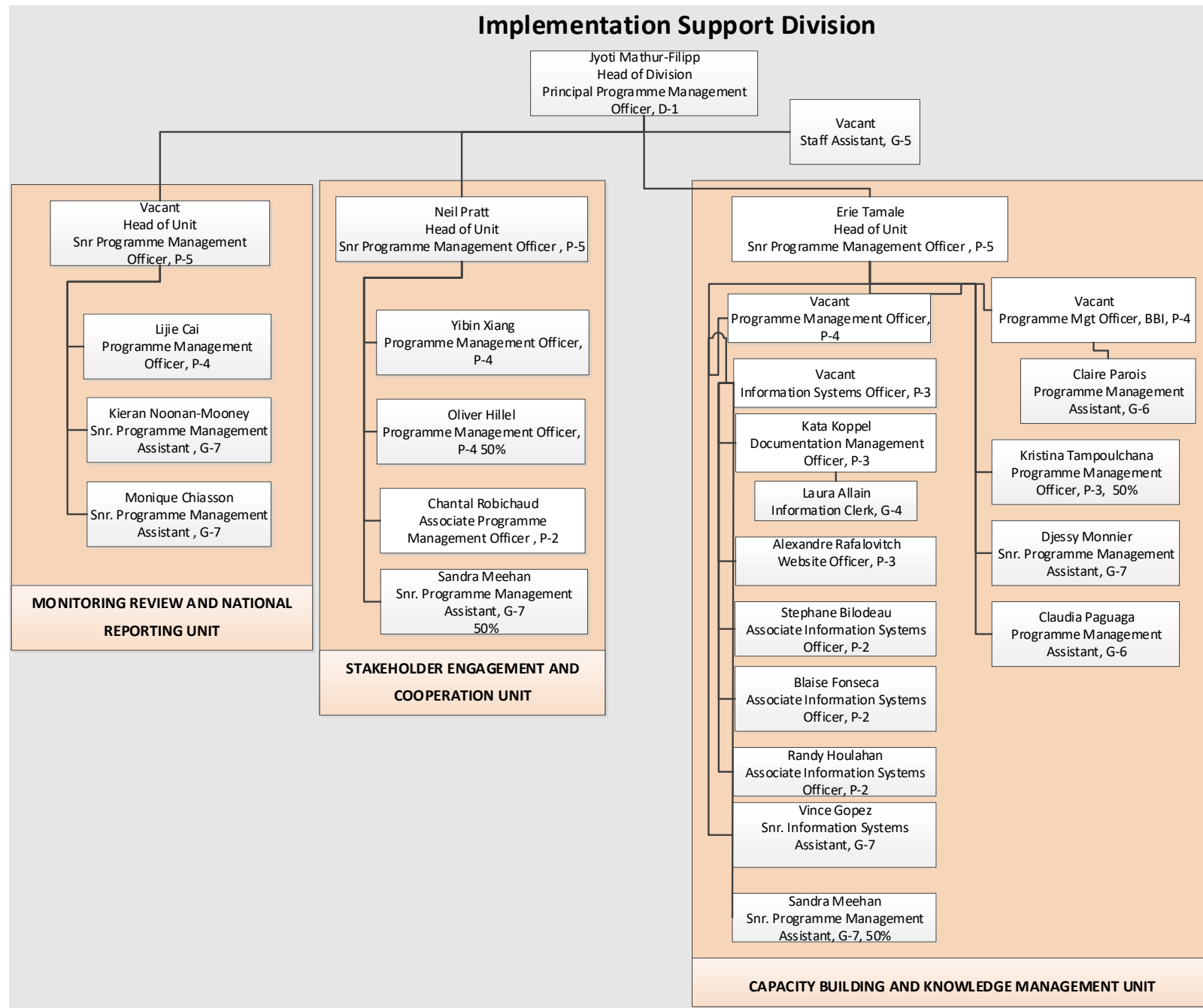
Interns working at SCBD during the period Jan to June 2019

No.	Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
1	Bailey CORDREY	Canada	University of Waterloo	Media and Communication	06-Sep-18	16-Jan-19
2	Allan YÉPEZ	Ecuador	Université de Montreal	Economics and Finance	16-Aug-18	01-Mar-19
3	Karin ARAUJO FLORES	Canada	McGill University	Media and Communication	07-Jan-19	05-Apr-19
4	Daniel TWIJUKE	Uganda	Carleton University	Capacity Building	11-Jan-19	10-Apr-19
5	Kareem BAHLOWAN	Canada	James Cook University	National Reports	04-Mar-19	03-Jun-19
6	Juliette GOURLAY DUPLESSIS	France	Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne	National Reports	04-Mar-19	30-Aug-19
7	Chenshan RONG	China	Communication University of China	Media and Communication	08-Apr-19	08-Jul-19
8	Yun ZHOU	China	Université de Montreal	Strategic Partnership	23-Apr-19	06-Sep-19
9	Rachel Adelaine ALMULI	Canada	McGill University	Technical and Scientific Cooperation	29-Apr-19	26-Jul-19
10	Valériane BUSLOT	Belgium	McGill University	Capacity Building	06-May-19	05-Aug-19
11	Justine CARLONE	Canada	ESCP-Europe-Berlin	Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Business Engagement	06-May-19	05-Aug-19
12	Ricardo PELAI	Bolivia	University of British Columbia	National Reports	06-May-19	02-Aug-19
13	Haruka TOMITA	Japan	University of Toronto	Programme Support for JBF	13-May-19	05-Aug-19
14	Justine FRIIS	Canada	Université de Montreal	Traditional Knowledge	13-May-19	30-Aug-19
15	Ying Fen Jessalyn TAN	Singapore	University of British Columbia	Programme Support for JBF	21-May-19	20-Aug-19
16	Johannes Christian HAAS	Germany	Technische Universität München	Traditional Knowledge Post 2020	03-Jun-19	30-Aug-19
17	Charlotte AUBRUC	France	McGill University	National Reports	17-Jun-19	27-Sep-19
18	Britta DOSCH	USA	Yale University	Climate Change	25-Jun-19	23-Aug-19

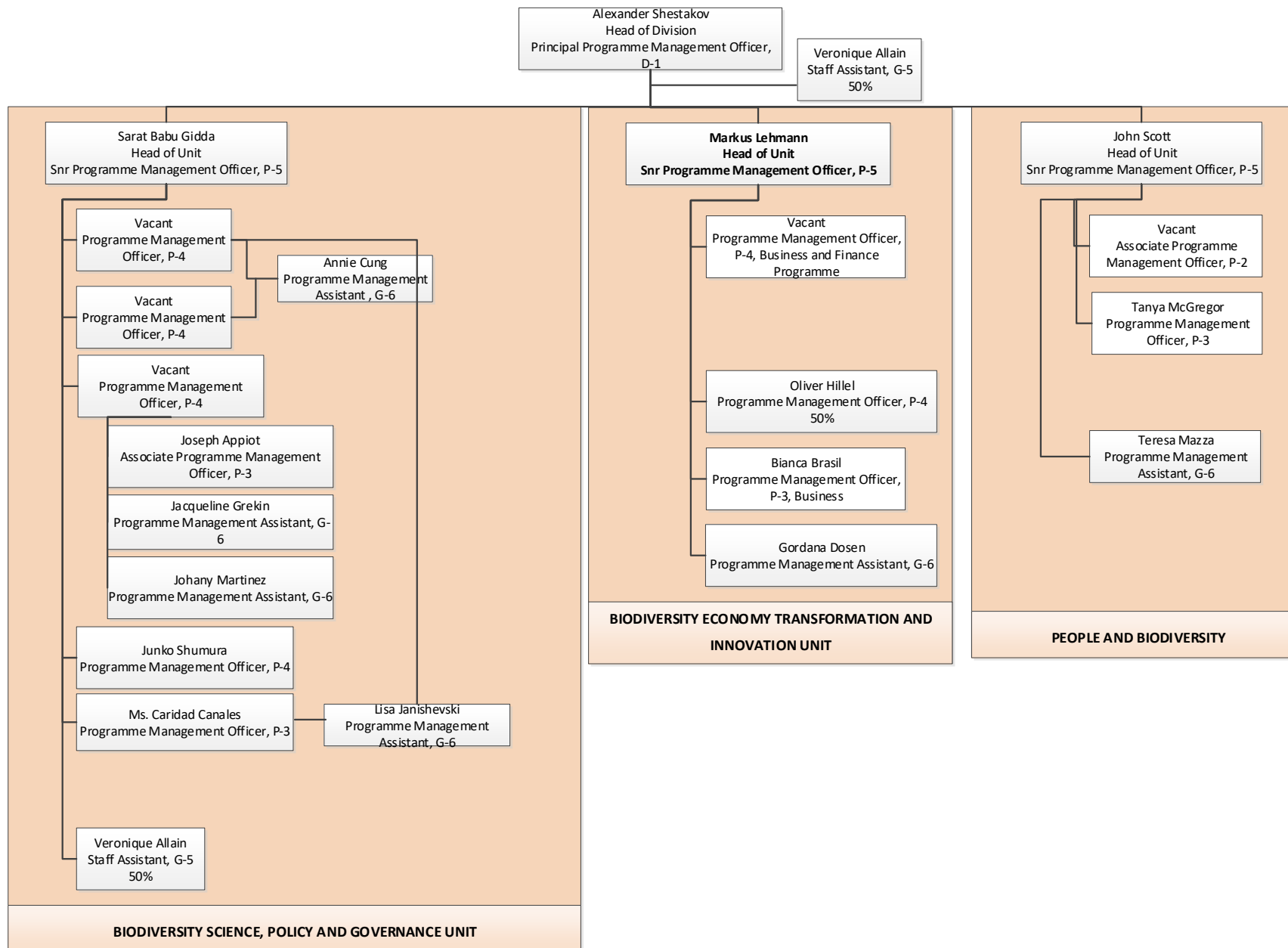
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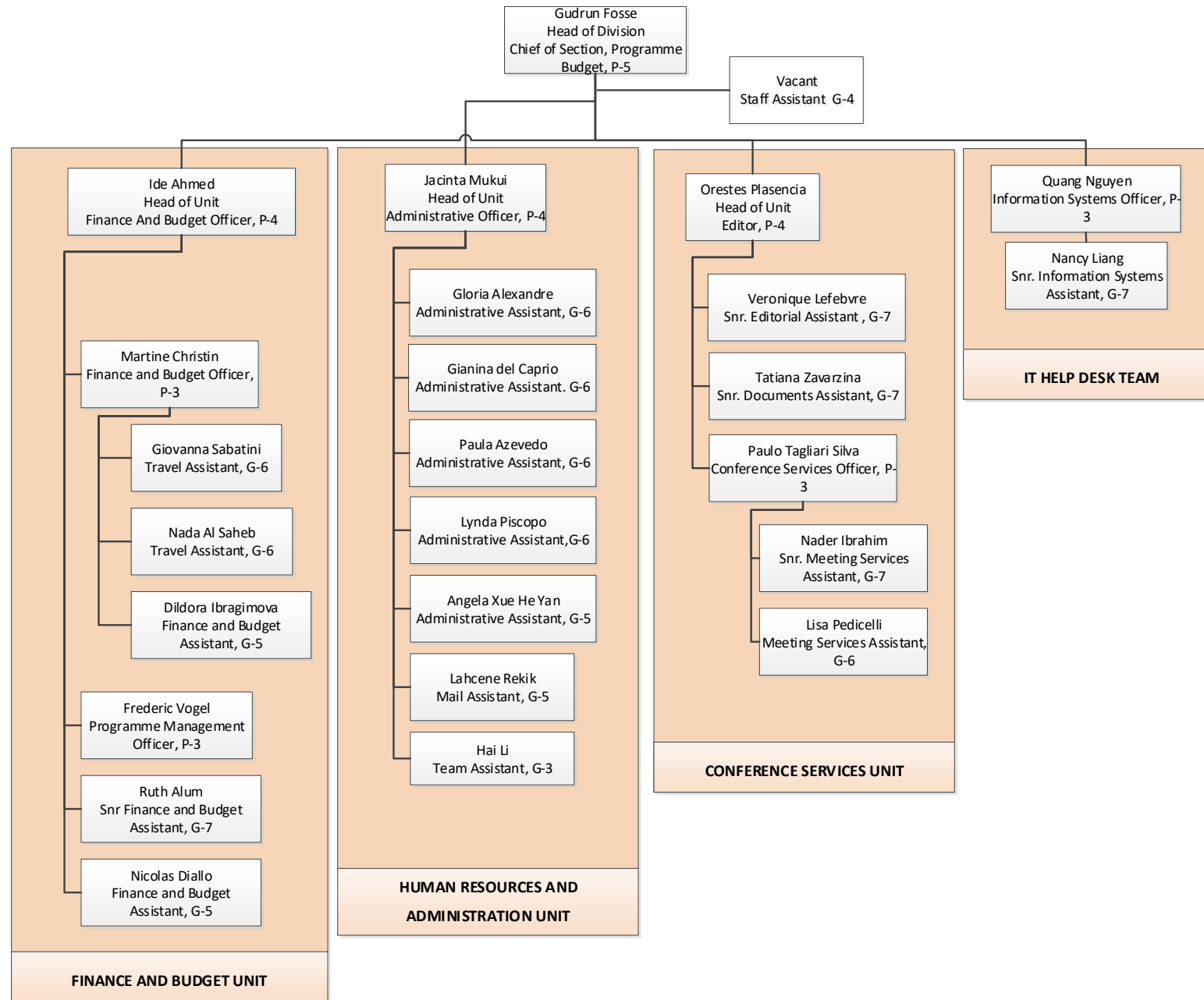




Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division



Administrative, Finance and Conference Services Division



**ANNEX III
CORE BUDGET EXPENDITURE REPORT, INCLUDING 13% PSC**

US\$							
		2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Total budget (2019-2020)	Expenditure 1Jan-30Jun 2019	Variance on 2019 Budget	Variance on biennial Budget
I: Programmes	Office of the Executive Secretary	3,534,025	3,444,820	6,978,845	1,364,211	2,169,814	5,614,634
	ABS and BS Protocols	2,322,625	2,375,920	4,698,545	801,083	1,521,542	3,897,462
	Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division	3,912,325	3,909,020	7,821,345	1,244,961	2,667,364	6,576,384
	Implementation Support Division	3,105,025	3,708,220	6,813,245	1,675,151	1,429,874	5,138,094
II. Administration, Finance and Conference Services		3,845,000	4,052,620	7,897,620	1,641,064	2,203,936	6,256,556
Total (excluding PSC)		16,719,000	17,490,600	34,209,600	6,726,470	9,992,530	27,483,130
13% Programme Support Costs		2,173,470	2,273,778	4,447,248	874,441	1,299,029	3,572,807
Working Capital Reserve		56,550	130,750	187,300			
Total		18,949,020	19,895,128	38,844,148	7,600,911	11,291,559	31,055,937

US\$							
	Approved Lines	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Total budget (2019-2020)	Expenditure 1Jan-30Jun 2019	Variance on 2019 Budget	Variance on biennial Budget
A	Staff costs	11,453,900	11,626,600	23,080,500	4,862,362	6,764,238	18,218,138
B	Bureau meetings	150,000	215,000	365,000	86,276	128,724	278,724
C	Travel on official business	400,000	400,000	800,000	293,940	106,060	506,060
D	Consultants / Subcontractors	50,000	50,000	100,000	38,395	11,605	61,605
E	Public Awareness Materials / communication	50,000	50,000	100,000	14,491	35,509	85,509
F	Temporary assistance/overtime	100,000	100,000	200,000	96,214	3,786	103,786
G	Training	5,000	5,000	10,000	0	5,000	10,000
H	Translation of CHM websites / websites projects	65,000	65,000	130,000	28,919	36,081	101,081
I	Meetings	1,569,000	2,119,000	3,688,000	4,716	2,114,284	3,683,284
J	Expert Meetings	170,000	150,000	320,000	64,198	85,802	255,802
K	Extraordinary meetings on post-2020	750,000	560,000	1,310,000	124,706	435,294	1,185,294
L	Rent and associated costs	1,229,500	1,423,400	2,652,900	882,042	541,358	1,770,858
M	General operating expenses	726,600	726,600	1,453,200	230,210	496,390	1,222,990
Sub-total I	Total (excluding PSC)	16,719,000	17,490,600	34,209,600	6,726,469	10,764,131	27,483,131
13% Programme Support Costs		2,173,470	2,273,778	4,447,248	874,441	1,399,337	3,572,807
Working Capital Reserve		56,550	130,750	187,300			
Total		18,949,020	19,895,128	38,844,148	7,600,910	12,163,468	31,055,938

ANNEX IV

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)

Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
Canada	224,215	1/		74,738		149,477
Canada	4,520	2/				4,520
European Union		3/	890,243		890,243	
France	23,635	4/				23,635
France	43,800	5/		13,125		30,675
Germany		6/	25,000		25,000	
Germany		7/	30,000			30,000
Korea		8/	265,004		265,004	
Korea		9/	17,697		17,697	
Korea		10/	338,462		338,462	
Korea		11/	403,870		403,870	
Norway		12/	531,152		531,152	
OSPAR Commission		13/	6,538		6,538	
South Africa		14/	50,000			50,000
Sweden		15/	80,828			80,828
Switzerland	100,000	16/		100,000		
Switzerland	101,051	17/		101,051		
United Kingdom		18/	169,242		169,242	
United Kingdom		19/	264,660		264,660	
Total	497,221		3,072,695	288,914	2,911,868	369,134

- 1/Canada pledge CAD 500,000 for the period 2016-2020 allocated CAD 100,000 annually for Advancing Canada's priorities in CBD. Biodiversity - Wildlife and Habitat.
- 2/Canada pledge USD 129,950 for expert workshop on marine protected areas- Aichi Biodiversity Target 11
- 3/EU pledge USD 890,243.42 - GPGC 2017-2018 - for supporting enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and outcomes of COP13 and COP-MOP 9
- 4/France pledged Euros 180,000 for Marine EBSA project
- 5/France pledged Euros 38,500 for GIEC - IPBES Workshop 2018
- 6/Germany pledge USD 25,000 for participation in the Regional Consultation w/s on Post-2020 Global Biodiv. Framework for EU Member States and Western European and Others Group (WEOG) - 19 to 21 March 2019 in Bonn, Germany
- 7/Germany pledge USD 30,000 for study on Risk Assessment: application of annex 1 of decision CP 9/13 to LMOs containing engineered gene drives
- 8/Korea pledge KRW 300,000,000 to support Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI) for the period 1 December 2018 - 30 November 2019
- 9/Korea pledge KRW 20,000,000 for regional BBI round table for WEOG to advance objectives of Bio-Bridge action plan 2017-2020
- 10/Korea pledge KRW 396,000,000 (KRW 400,000,000 less 1% levy fee) to implement the action plan for Sustainable Ocean Initiative (2019 grant)
- 11/Korea pledge USD 403,870.29 to implement the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI) (2019 grant)
- 12/Norway pledge NOK 4,653,000 (NOK 4,700,000 less 1% levy fee) for Regional consultations in Africa, Asia-Pacific and GRULAC under the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Studies on digital sequence information and AHTEG on socio-economic considerations.
- 13/OSPAR Commission pledge EUR 5,991.84 for the regional workshop to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in the North-East Atlantic Ocean and training session on EBSAs
- 14/South Africa pledge USD 50,000 for development of Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework process of CBD & Protocol
- 15/Sweden pledge SEK 750,000 for the GEF needs assessment described in CBD/COP/DEC/14/23
- 16/ Switzerland pledge USD 100,000 to support Voluntary Peer Review (VPR)process for post 2020 global biodiversity
- 17/ Switzerland pledge CHF 100,000 as contribution towards the Post 2020 workshop among biodiversity related MEAs
- 18/UK pledge GBP 128,000 for preparation of 2nd Edition of the Local Biodiversity Outlook (LBO-2) and use of LBO online website
- 19/UK pledge GBP 200,000 for building evidence for the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

ANNEX V
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 30 June 2019

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Afghanistan	953	1,037					953	1,037	1,990	
Albania	2,507	1,185					2,507	1,185	3,692	
Algeria	25,574	20,439					25,574	20,439	46,013	
Andorra		741						741	741	
Angola	2,507	1,185					2,507	1,185	3,692	
Antigua and Barbuda	1,851	296					1,851	296	2,147	
Argentina	141,689	135,519		70,845			70,844	135,519	206,363	
Armenia		1,037			1,037					
Australia		327,319	400,000			313,110				385,791
Austria		100,269			100,269					
Azerbaijan		7,257			7,257					
Bahamas	2,224	2,666					2,224	2,666	4,890	
Bahrain		7,405						7,405	7,405	
Bangladesh		1,185						1,185	1,185	
Barbados	968	1,037					968	1,037	2,005	
Belarus		7,257			7,257					
Belgium		121,597						121,597	121,597	
Belize	870	148					870	148	1,018	
Benin	3,230	444					3,230	444	3,674	
Bhutan		148			148					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	1,906	2,370					1,906	2,370	4,276	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,074	1,777			1,777		4,074		4,074	
Botswana	4,388	2,074					4,388	2,074	6,462	
Brazil	607,456	436,623					607,456	436,623	1,044,079	
Brunei		3,703						3,703	3,703	
Bulgaria		6,813			6,813					
Burkina Faso	3,500	444					3,500	444	3,944	
Burundi	1,214	148					1,214	148	1,362	
Cambodia		889						889	889	
Cameroon	8,569	1,925					8,569	1,925	10,494	
Canada		404,928			404,928					
Cape Verde	780	148					780	148	928	
Central African Republic	1,705	148					1,705	148	1,853	
Chad	3,363	592					3,363	592	3,955	
Chile	19,019	60,280					19,019	60,280	79,299	
China		1,778,039						1,778,039	1,778,039	
Colombia		42,655						42,655	42,655	
Comoros	4,598	148					4,598	148	4,746	
Congo - Brazzaville	5,703	889					5,703	889	6,592	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Cook Islands	138	148		138	37			111	111	
Costa Rica		9,183	5,230		3,953	1,825				1,825
Cote d'Ivoire		1,925	6,087							4,162
Croatia		11,404			11,404					
Cuba	123,458	11,849					123,458	11,849	135,307	
Cyprus		5,332			5,332					
Czech Republic		46,062	50,945							4,883
Democratic. People's Republic of Korea.	4,736	889					4,736	889	5,625	
Democratic Republic of Congo	12,152	1,185					12,152	1,185	13,337	
Denmark	92,765	82,052		92,765	82,052	90,253				90,253
Djibouti	907	148					907	148	1,055	
Dominica		148						148	148	
Dominican Republic	20,828	7,850					20,828	7,850	28,678	
Ecuador	10,643	11,849					10,643	11,849	22,492	
European Union		296,163			296,163					
Egypt	47,634	27,548		47,634				27,548	27,548	
El Salvador	9,378	1,777					9,378	1,777	11,155	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Equatorial Guinea	10,856	1,185					10,856	1,185	12,041	
Eritrea		148						148	148	
Estonia		5,776			5,776					
Ethiopia	1,271	1,185		1,271				1,185	1,185	
Fiji	941	444					941	444	1,385	
Finland		62,354			62,354					
France		655,675						655,675	655,675	
Gabon	552	2,222					552	2,222	2,774	
Gambia	626	148		626				148	148	
Georgia		1,185			1,185					
Germany		901,979			901,979					
Ghana	5,015	2,222					5,015	2,222	7,237	
Greece		54,208						54,208	54,208	
Grenada	626	148					626	148	774	
Guatemala	17,197	5,332					17,197	5,332	22,529	
Guinea	1,250	444					1,250	444	1,694	
Guinea-Bissau	4,119	148					4,119	148	4,267	
Guyana		296						296	296	
Haiti		444			444					
Honduras	2,301	1,333					2,301	1,333	3,634	
Hungary		30,510						30,510	30,510	
Iceland	7,207	4,147					7,207	4,147	11,354	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
India	117,068	123,522		117,068				123,522	123,522	
Indonesia		80,423						80,423	80,423	
Iraq	40,427	19,106					40,427	19,106	59,533	
Ireland		54,948						54,948	54,948	
Islamic Republic of Iran	307,646	58,947					307,646	58,947	366,593	
Israel	68,303	72,573					68,303	72,573	140,876	
Italy		489,794						489,794	489,794	
Jamaica		1,185						1,185	1,185	
Japan		1,268,399			1,268,399					
Jordan		3,110						3,110	3,110	
Kazakhstan		26,363						26,363	26,363	
Kenya		3,555						3,555	3,555	
Kiribati	314	148					314	148	462	
Kuwait		37,323						37,323	37,323	
Kyrgyzstan		296			296	22				22
Lao People's Democratic Republic	462	741					462	741	1,203	
Latvia		6,961						6,961	6,961	
Lebanon	15,598	6,961					15,598	6,961	22,559	
Lesotho		148	153							5

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Liberia	1,484	148					1,484	148	1,632	
Libya	152,566	4,443					152,566	4,443	157,009	
Liechtenstein		1,333			1,333					
Lithuania		10,516			10,516					
Luxembourg		9,923	2,690					7,233	7,233	
Madagascar	447	592					447	592	1,039	
Malawi	627	296					627	296	923	
Malaysia	12,199	50,505					12,199	50,505	62,704	
Maldives	309	592					309	592	901	
Mali	168	592					168	592	760	
Malta	2,542	2,518		2,542	2,518					
Marshall Islands	1,597	148					1,597	148	1,745	
Mauritania	4,053	296					4,053	296	4,349	
Mauritius		1,629			1,629					
Mexico		191,356	59		191,297	36,644				36,644
Micronesia, Federated States of		148	155							7
Monaco		1,629			1,629					
Mongolia		741			741					
Montenegro		592						592	592	
Morocco	8,578	8,146		8,578				8,146	8,146	
Mozambique		592						592	592	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Myanmar	1,291	1,185					1,291	1,185	2,476	
Namibia		1,333						1,333	1,333	
Nauru	545	148					545	148	693	
Nepal	29	1,037					29	1,037	1,066	
Netherlands		200,835			200,835	34,572				34,572
New Zealand	41,417	43,099					41,417	43,099	84,516	
Nicaragua		741						741	741	
Niger	5,663	296					5,663	296	5,959	
Nigeria	93,570	37,027					93,570	37,027	130,597	
Niue	314	148					314	148	462	
Norway		111,674						111,674	111,674	
Oman	34,138	17,032					34,138	17,032	51,170	
Pakistan	63,702	17,032		6,000			57,702	17,032	74,734	
Palau	1,492	148					1,492	148	1,640	
Panama		6,665	1,931					4,734	4,734	
Papua New Guinea	982	1,481					982	1,481	2,463	
Paraguay		2,370						2,370	2,370	
Peru	14,506	22,512		14,506	19,812			2,700	2,700	
Philippines		30,362						30,362	30,362	
Poland		118,783			118,783					
Portugal		51,838						51,838	51,838	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Qatar	84,301	41,767					84,301	41,767	126,068	
Republic of Korea		335,761			335,761					
Republic of Macedonia	9,502	1,037					9,502	1,037	10,539	
Republic of Moldova		444						444	444	
Romania		29,325						29,325	29,325	
Russian Federation		356,200			356,200					
Rwanda	25	444					25	444	469	
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	3,769	148					3,769	148	3,917	
Samoa		148	344							196
San Marino		296			296					
Sao Tome Principe	2,271	148					2,271	148	2,419	
Saudi Arabia	182,035	173,583					182,035	173,583	355,618	
Senegal	1,567	1,037					1,567	1,037	2,604	
Serbia		4,147			4,147					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Seychelles		296						296	296	
Sierra Leone	626	148					626	148	774	
Singapore		71,832			71,832					
Slovakia		22,661			22,661					
Slovenia		11,256						11,256	11,256	
Solomon Islands		148	781			626				1,259
Somalia	1,363	148					1,363	148	1,511	
South Africa		40,285						40,285	40,285	
South Sudan	2,189	889					2,189	889	3,078	
Spain		317,840						317,840	317,840	
Sri Lanka	260	6,517		260	3,448		0	3,069	3,070	
Saint Lucia	193	148					193	148	341	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	314	148					314	148	462	
State of Palestine	2,194	1,185					2,194	1,185	3,379	
Sudan	12,742	1,185					12,742	1,185	13,927	
Suriname	3,672	741					3,672	741	4,413	
Sweden		134,186			134,186					
Switzerland		170,473			170,473					
Syrian Arab Republic	31,101	1,629					31,101	1,629	32,730	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Tajikistan		592	1,189							597
Thailand		45,469			45,469					
The Kingdom of Eswatini		296						296	296	
Timor - Leste		296						296	296	
Togo	314	296					314	296	610	
Tonga	780	148					780	148	928	
Trinidad & Tobago	15,526	5,924					15,526	5,924	21,450	
Tunisia	4,448	3,703					4,448	3,703	8,151	
Turkey		203,056						203,056	203,056	
Turkmenistan	21,889	4,888					21,889	4,888	26,777	
Tuvalu	159	148					159	148	307	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		676,410			676,410					
Uganda	4,403	1,185					4,403	1,185	5,588	
Ukraine		8,442						8,442	8,442	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
United Republic of Tanzania		1,185	5,513							4,328
United Arab Emirates	95,942	91,235					95,942	91,235	187,177	
Uruguay	12,209	12,885		12,209				12,885	12,885	
Uzbekistan	17,795	4,739		3,653			14,142	4,739	18,881	
Vanuatu	1,484	148					1,484	148	1,632	
Venezuela	516,186	107,823					516,186	107,823	624,009	
Viet Nam		11,404						11,404	11,404	
Yemen	13,687	1,185					13,687	1,185	14,872	
Zambia	2,194	1,333					2,194	1,333	3,527	
Zimbabwe	2,777	741					2,777	741	3,518	
Sub Total	3,263,202	11,846,524	475,078	378,095	5,538,835	477,052	2,885,108	5,920,103	8,805,211	564,544
Additional Contributions										
Canada	706,770	678,186		706,770				678,186	678,186	
Quebec Province	235,590	226,062		235,590				226,062	226,062	
Grand Total	4,205,563	12,750,772	475,078	1,320,455	5,538,835	477,052	2,885,108	6,824,351	9,709,459	564,544

ANNEX VI

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)

Status as at 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
Austria	16,949	1/		16,949		
Canada		2/	37,258		37,258	
European Union		3/	200,000		200,000	
Finland		4/	27,533		27,533	
Germany		5/	221,760			221,760
Sweden		6/	116,675			116,675
Switzerland	80,008	7/		80,008		
Total	96,957		603,226	96,957	264,791	338,435

1/Austria pledge EUR 15,000 for participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition

2/Canada pledge CAD 50,000 for participation of developing country parties 2018-2019

3/EU pledge USD 200,000 GPGC 2017-2020 - for participation of developing country delegates in processes of the Convention on Biological Diversity

4/Finland pledge EUR 25,000 for 2019 travel support for the developing country representatives for the upcoming Art 8(j)/SBSTTA/Post 2020 meetings

5/Germany pledge USD 221,760 (224,000 less 1% levy fee) for participation costs for 2019 OEWG meetings

6/Sweden pledge SEK 1,112,500 for the participation of developing parties and indigenous and local communities in the work of the CBD during 2019.

7/ Switzerland pledge CHF 80,000 for participation of developing countries in OEWG on post 2020 global biodiversity.

ANNEX VII
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BG)
as at 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Afghanistan	232	240					232	240	472	
Albania		275						275	275	
Algeria	7,232	4,737					7,232	4,737	11,969	
Angola	1,322	240					1,322	240	1,562	
Antigua and Barbuda	306	69					306	69	375	
Armenia		240						240	240	
Austria		23,240			23,240					
Azerbaijan		1,682			1,682					
Bahamas	1,072	618					1,072	618	1,690	
Bahrain		1,716						1,716	1,716	
Bangladesh	527	240					527	240	767	
Barbados	271	240					271	240	511	
Belarus		1,682			1,682					
Belgium		28,183						28,183	28,183	
Belize	189	34					189	34	223	
Benin	782	103					782	103	885	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Bhutan		34			34					
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	919	549					919	549	1,468	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		412			412					
Botswana	1,072	481					1,072	481	1,553	
Brazil	292,745	101,197					292,745	101,197	393,942	
Bulgaria		1,579			1,579					
Burkina Faso	710	103					710	103	813	
Burundi	351	34					351	34	385	
Cambodia		206						206	206	
Cameroon	2,083	446					2,083	446	2,529	
Cape Verde	168	34					168	34	202	
Central African Republic	347	34					347	34	381	
Chad	383	137					383	137	520	
China		412,099						412,099	412,099	
Colombia		9,886						9,886	9,886	
Comoros	322	34					322	34	356	
Congo, Brazzaville	1,395	206					1,395	206	1,601	
Costa Rica	36	2,128					36	2,128	2,164	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,352	446					1,352	446	1,798	
Croatia		2,643			2,643					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Cuba	28,562	2,746					28,562	2,746	31,308	
Cyprus		1,236			1,236					
Czech Republic		10,676	11,961							1,285
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1,025	206					1,025	206	1,231	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,283	240					1,283	240	1,523	
Denmark	44,719	19,017		44,719				19,017	19,017	
Djibouti	289	34					289	34	323	
Dominica		34						34	34	
Dominican Republic		1,819	1,037					782	782	
Ecuador	2,595	2,746					2,595	2,746	5,341	
Egypt	11,639	6,385					11,639	6,385	18,024	
El Salvador	2,376	412					2,376	412	2,788	
Eritrea		34	35							1
Estonia		1,339			1,339					
Ethiopia		240	127					113	113	
European Union		60,033			60,033					
Fiji	230	103					230	103	333	
Finland		14,452			14,452					
France		151,967						151,967	151,967	
Gabon	3,320	515					3,320	515	3,835	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Gambia	77	34		77				34	34	
Georgia		275			275					
Germany		209,053			209,053					
Ghana	3,108	515					3,108	515	3,623	
Greece		12,564						12,564	12,564	
Grenada	153	34					153	34	187	
Guatemala	3,151	1,236					3,151	1,236	4,387	
Guinea	301	103					301	103	404	
Guinea-Bissau	302	34					302	34	336	
Guyana		69						69	69	
Honduras	1,354	309		667			687	309	996	
Hungary		7,071						7,071	7,071	
India	56,435	28,629		56,435				28,629	28,629	
Indonesia		18,640						18,640	18,640	
Iraq	12,540	4,428					12,540	4,428	16,968	
Ireland	12,975	12,735		12,975				12,735	12,735	
Islamic Republic of Iran		13,662	16,107							2,445
Italy		113,520						113,520	113,520	
Jamaica		275						275	275	
Japan		293,979			251,982			41,997	41,997	
Jordan		721						721	721	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Kenya		824			824	824				824
Kiribati	153	34					153	34	187	
Kyrgyzstan		69			69	8				8
Kuwait	14,688	8,650					14,688	8,650	23,338	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	230	172					230	172	402	
Latvia		1,613						1,613	1,613	
Lebanon	3,201	1,613					3,201	1,613	4,814	
Lesotho		34	83							49
Liberia	245	34					245	34	279	
Libya	48,249	1,030					48,249	1,030	49,279	
Lithuania		2,437			2,437					
Luxembourg		2,300	546					1,754	1,754	
Madagascar		137	127					10	10	
Malawi	493	69					493	69	562	
Malaysia		11,706						11,706	11,706	
Maldives		137	290							153
Mali	236	137					236	137	373	
Malta		584			584					
Marshall Islands	475	34					475	34	509	
Mauritania	599	69					599	69	668	
Mauritius		378			378					
Mexico		44,351	236					44,115	44,115	
Mongolia		172			172					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Montenegro		137	151							14
Morocco	2,092	1,888						1,888	1,888	
Mozambique	306	137					306	137	443	
Myanmar	267	240					267	240	507	
Namibia	765	309					765	309	1,074	
Nauru	475	34					475	34	509	
Netherlands		46,548						46,548	46,548	
New Zealand		9,989			9,989					
Nicaragua	155	172					155	172	327	
Niger	762	69					762	69	831	
Nigeria	25,721	8,582					25,721	8,582	34,303	
Niue		34						34	34	
Norway		25,883						25,883	25,883	
Oman	3,993	3,948					3,993	3,948	7,941	
Pakistan	22,723	3,948		4,761			17,962	3,948	21,910	
Palau	475	34					475	34	509	
Panama		1,545			1,545					
Papua New Guinea	680	343					680	343	1,023	
Paraguay	2,508	549					2,508	549	3,057	
Peru	5,122	5,218		5,122	5,218	1,423				1,423
Philippines		7,037			7,037					
Poland		27,530			27,530					

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Portugal		12,015						12,015	12,015	
Qatar	28,781	9,680					28,781	9,680	38,461	
Republic of Korea		77,820			75,905			1,915	1,915	
Republic of Macedonia	1,402	240					1,402	240	1,642	
Republic of Moldova		103						103	103	
Romania		6,797						6,797	6,797	
Rwanda	25	103					25	103	128	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	39	34					39	34	73	
Saint Lucia		34						34	34	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	475	34					475	34	509	
Samoa	39	34					39	34	73	
Saudi Arabia	87,754	40,232					87,754	40,232	127,986	
Senegal	1,697	240					1,697	240	1,937	
Serbia		961						961	961	
Seychelles	39	69					39	69	108	
Slovakia		5,252			5,252					
Slovenia		2,609						2,609	2,609	
Solomon Islands		34						34	34	
Somalia	295	34					295	34	329	
South Africa		9,337			9,337					
Spain		73,666						73,666	73,666	
Sri Lanka	73	1,510		73	833			677	677	
State of Palestine	536	275					536	275	811	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Sudan	1,549	240					1,549	240	1,789	
Suriname	1,085	172					1,085	172	1,257	
Sweden		31,101			31,101					
Switzerland		39,511			39,511					
Syrian Arab Republic	8,499	378					8,499	378	8,877	
Tajikistan	827	137					827	137	964	
Thailand		10,538			10,538					
The Kingdom of Eswatini		687						687	687	
Togo	77	69					77	69	146	
Tonga		34	2,534							2,500
Trinidad and Tobago	4,380	1,373					4,380	1,373	5,753	
Tunisia	1,084	858		1,084				858	858	
Turkey		47,063						47,063	47,063	
Turkmenistan	5,498	1,133					5,498	1,133	6,631	
Uganda		240	1,970							1,730
Ukraine		1,957						1,957	1,957	
United Arab Emirates	23,394	21,146					23,394	21,146	44,540	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	172,859	156,773		172,859				156,773	156,773	
United Republic of Tanzania	267	240					267	240	507	

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for 2018 & Prior Years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections During 2019 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2018 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Venezuela	139,745	24,990					139,745	24,990	164,735	
Viet Nam		2,643						2,643	2,643	
Yemen	2,269	240					2,269	240	2,509	
Zambia	536	309					536	309	845	
Zimbabwe	306	172					306	172	478	
Sub Total	1,118,393	2,392,222	35,204	298,772	797,902	2,255	817,529	1,567,294	2,384,823	10,431

Additional Contributions										
Canada	148,794	137,470		148,794				137,470	137,470	
Quebec Province	49,598	45,823		49,598				45,823	45,823	
Grand Total	1,316,785	2,575,515	35,204	497,164	797,902	2,255	817,529	1,750,587	2,568,116	10,431

ANNEX VIII
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (BB)

Status as at 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Afghanistan	49	220					49	220	269	
Albania		251						251	251	
Angola	219	176					219	176	395	
Antigua and Barbuda	103	63					103	63	166	
Argentina	22,380	28,743		11,190			11,190	28,743	39,933	
Austria	3,600	21,267		3,600	21,267					
Belarus		1,539			1,539					
Belgium	25	25,791					25	25,791	25,816	
Benin	303	94					303	94	397	
Bhutan		31			31					
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	696	503					696	503	1,199	
Botswana	816	440					816	440	1,256	
Bulgaria		1,445			1,445					
Burkina Faso	361	94					361	94	455	
Burundi	185	31					185	31	216	
Cambodia		188	119					69	69	
Cameroon	529	408					529	408	937	
Central African Republic	5	31					5	31	36	
Chad	49	126					49	126	175	
China		377,120						377,120	377,120	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Comoros	185	31					185	31	216	
Congo, Brazzaville	892	188					892	188	1,080	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,591	408					1,591	408	1,999	
Croatia		2,419			2,419					
Cuba	10,561	2,513					10,561	2,513	13,074	
Czech Republic		9,770	11,193							1,423
Democratic Republic of Congo	382	176					382	176	558	
Denmark		17,403	31,350							13,947
Djibouti	155	31					155	31	186	
Dominican Republic		1,665						1,665	1,665	
Ecuador		2,513						2,513	2,513	
Egypt	25,858	5,843					25,858	5,843	31,701	
Ethiopia		176						176	176	
European Union		44,024			44,024					
Fiji	175	94					175	94	269	
Finland		13,225			13,225					
France		139,068						139,068	139,068	
Gabon	3,528	471		3,316			212	471	683	
Gambia	155	31		155				31	31	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Germany		191,308			191,308					
Guatemala	1,632	1,131					1,632	1,131	2,763	
Guinea	213	94					213	94	307	
Guinea-Bissau	185	31					185	31	216	
Guyana		63						63	63	
Honduras	1,482	283					1,482	283	1,765	
Hungary		6,471						6,471	6,471	
India		26,199						26,199	26,199	
Indonesia		17,058						17,058	17,058	
Japan		269,026			269,026					
Jordan		660						660	660	
Kazakhstan	23,862	5,592					23,862	5,592	29,454	
Kenya		754			754					
Kuwait	9,959	7,916					9,959	7,916	17,875	
Kyrgyzstan		63			63	3				3
Lao People's Democratic Republic	75	157					75	157	232	
Lebanon	1,024	1,476					1,024	1,476	2,500	
Lesotho	182	31					182	31	213	
Liberia	159	31					159	31	190	
Luxembourg		2,105			2,105					
Madagascar	169	126					169	126	295	
Malawi	244	63					244	63	307	
Mali	184	126					184	126	310	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Marshall Islands	184	31					184	31	215	
Mauritania	222	63					222	63	285	
Mauritius		346			346					
Mexico		40,586	996		36,004			3,586	3,586	
Micronesia (Federated States of)		31						31	31	
Mongolia		157						157	157	
Mozambique	233	126					233	126	359	
Myanmar	134	176		134				176	176	
Namibia	583	283					583	283	866	
Netherlands	95,088	42,597					95,088	42,597	137,685	
Niger	244	63					244	63	307	
Norway		23,686						23,686	23,686	
Pakistan		3,613	743		2,870	217				217
Palau	8	31					8	31	39	
Panama	5,280	1,414					5,280	1,414	6,694	
Peru	3,076	4,775		3,076	4,106			669	669	
Philippines		6,440			6,440					
Portugal	6,014	10,995		6,014				10,995	10,995	
Qatar	12,717	8,859					12,717	8,859	21,576	
Republic of Korea	74,532	71,214					74,532	71,214	145,746	
Republic of Moldova		94						94	94	
Rwanda	25	94					25	94	119	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Samoa		31	126							95
Sao Tome and Principe	48	31					48	31	79	
Senegal	322	220					322	220	542	
Seychelles		63	30					33	33	
Sierra Leone	55	31					55	31	86	
Slovakia		4,806						4,806	4,806	
South Africa		8,544						8,544	8,544	
Spain		67,413						67,413	67,413	
Sudan	392	176					392	176	568	
Sweden		28,461			28,461					
Switzerland		36,157			36,157					
Syrian Arab Republic	5,966	346					5,966	346	6,312	
Tajikistan	614	126					614	126	740	
The Kingdom of Eswatini	119	63					119	63	182	
Togo	118	63					118	63	181	
Tuvalu	2	31					2	31	33	
Uganda	392	176					392	176	568	
United Arab Emirates	15,154	19,351		15,154				19,351	19,351	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		143,466			143,466					
United Republic of Tanzania	94	176					94	176	270	
Uruguay		2,733						2,733	2,733	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018	Pledges for 2019	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018	Collections in 2019 for prior years	Collections in 2019 for 2019	Collections in 2019 for futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2019	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2019
Vanuatu	185	31					185	31	216	
Viet Nam		2,419						2,419	2,419	
Zambia	301	283					301	283	584	
Zimbabwe	110	157					110	157	267	
Total	334,384	1,760,402	44,557	42,639	805,056	220	291,745	926,254	1,217,999	15,685

Additional Contributions										
Canada	74,397	100,812		74,397				100,812	100,812	
Province of Quebec	24,799	33,604		24,799				33,604	33,604	
Grand Total	433,581	1,894,818	44,557	141,836	805,056	220	291,745	1,060,670	1,352,415	15,685

ANNEX IX

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (VB)

Status as at 30 June 2019 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2018		Pledges for 2019	Collections in 2019 for 2019 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2019 & prior years
Australia		1/	41,465		41,465
Sweden		2/	116,675		116,675
Total	0	-	158,141	0	158,141

1/Australia pledge AUD 60,000 to support Indigenous Australians to attend CBD meetings and relevant workshops

2/Sweden pledge SEK 1,112,500 for the participation of developing parties and indigenous and local communities in the work of the CBD during 2019.

ANNEX X

List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
(January to June 2019)

Date / Location	Meeting
17 - 19 June 2019 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism
17 - 19 June 2019 Island of Dhiffushi, Maldives	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity-building Workshop for Maldives
10 - 12 June 2019 Bern, Switzerland	Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
4 - 7 June 2019 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology
29 - 31 May 2019 Montreal, Canada	Sixteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
28 - 31 May 2019 Nadi, Fiji	Subregional Exchange for the Pacific on the Restoration of Forests and Other Ecosystems
14 - 17 May 2019 Montevideo, Uruguay	Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Latin America and the Caribbean
5 - 8 May 2019 Montreal, Canada	First North American Dialogue on Biocultural Diversity
16 - 18 April 2019 Belgrade, Serbia	Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Central and Eastern Europe
14 - 18 April 2019 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Subregional Workshop on National Clearing-House Mechanisms for the Member States of the Gulf Cooperation Council
11 - 12 April 2019 New York, United States of America	Expert Workshop to Develop Recommendations for Possible Gender Elements in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
8 - 12 April 2019 Pretoria, South Africa	Anglophone African Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms
2 - 5 April 2019 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Africa
19 - 21 March 2019 Bonn, Germany	Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for the Western European and Others Group and Other Members of the European Union
4 - 29 March 2019 Online Forum	Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology
21 February - 28 March 2019 Online Discussion Forum	Integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols
19 February 2019 Online Forum	Integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols
28 January - 1 February 2019 Nagoya, Japan	Regional Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Asia and the Pacific
