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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 June 2020.

I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In January 2020, the Acting Executive Secretary travelled to China to hold meetings with a number of Government senior officials, including the Environment Minister and Vice Minister, in the context of the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Discussions included issues related to the host country agreement and logistical preparations for the WG2020 2 meeting as well as the announcement of COP 15 dates and the roadmap to COP 15 and implementation of its outcomes. A bilateral meeting was also held with the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs to discuss not only COP 15 support but also support to raising the political profile of biodiversity at high-level meetings, in particular the UN Summit on Biodiversity. The visit provided an opportunity to officially launch the COP 15 logo and theme, “Ecological Civilization: Building a shared future for all life on Earth”, with the view to heighten awareness of the super year ahead. Meetings were also held with the COP 15 Executive Committee, and also with representatives from NGOs and other local organizations to ensure their contribution at COP. Other opportunities for collaboration in the lead up to COP 15 included the International Day for Biological Diversity, World Environment Day, UN Summit on Biodiversity and through targeted commitments and pledges through the Action Agenda for Nature and People. A site visit of the meeting venue in Kunming was arranged, as well as bilateral meetings with the Mayor of Kunming and the Governor of the Yunnan Province to discuss preparations and opportunities to contribute to the meeting and other related/parallel events at COP.
4. A delegation from the CBD Secretariat, led by the Acting Executive Secretary, participated in the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), which took place in February 2020 in Gandhinagar, India. The Acting Executive Secretary took part in a number of key sessions of the COP, including the special high-level dialogue on CMS priorities for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as part of the high-level segment of the meeting. An outcome of the meeting was the Gandhinagar Declaration on CMS and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which calls on governments and stakeholders to promote the importance of ecological connectivity and functionality, international cooperation and the conservation of migratory species and its integration in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Bilateral meetings were also held in the margins of the meeting with high level officials including the heads of CMS, Ramsar Convention, International Whaling Commission, and government officials. The CMS COP 13 provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to organize events and also participate in various side events relevant to the work of the CBD, as well as meet and engage with other partner organizations and bodies, highlighting the work of the CBD, including issues on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and launch of the Nature-Based Solutions portal, capacity-building, and youth and stakeholder engagement, among others.
5. *Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework:* The second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework was held in Rome, Italy at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on 24-29 February

2020. Initially planned to take place in Kunming, China, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Government of the People's Republic of China, the COP Presidency and the Working Group Co-Chairs, decided to change the meeting venue. The COP Bureau met on 23 February to discuss the organization of the work for the Working Group meeting; daily Bureau meetings were also held to update members on the discussions. Further information on the post-2020 process is provided under Section III below.

6. In March, the Acting Executive Secretary was in Ottawa to meet with the newly appointed Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Canada, together with other senior officials from the Government of Canada. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to express its deep gratitude to the Government of Canada for its invaluable support and contribution to the work of the Convention and its financial support in hosting the offices of the Secretariat. The meeting also looked at further opportunities to strengthen the relation of Secretariat with the Government of Canada, in particular its engagement and contribution to the process of the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Also, during the meeting, the issue of Canada to consider ratifying and/or acceding to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols was raised.

7. The second quarter of 2020 saw the start of a global lockdown, following World Health Organization declaration of the COVID-19 as a global pandemic. This resulted to the staff of the Secretariat to work remotely, while ensuring that operations and work of the Secretariat continued uninterrupted. While this resulted to a need to adjust the CBD schedule of meetings, it also saw a shift to virtual meetings, given the imposed global travel restrictions.

8. *Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:* The twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 24) originally scheduled for May 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, has been postponed. Consultations with the Bureaux of the COP and SBSTTA and the Chair of SBI is underway to discuss potential option to hold virtual informal sessions of SBSTTA 24 and SBI 3, with a view to maintaining the momentum ahead of the UN Biodiversity Summit and COP 15, and to facilitate preparations for the meetings of the subsidiary bodies. The sessions are to include: (i) the launch of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*; (ii) the testing of a Party-led review process, through an open-ended forum; (iii) a report of the panel on resource mobilization; and (iv) an update on the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

9. *Subsidiary Body on Implementation:* The third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation was also to take place in May 2020 but has also been postponed. The items on the meeting's agenda are the review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework, resource mobilization and the financial mechanism, capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, knowledge management, and communication, cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives, mechanisms for reporting, assessment and review of implementation, review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its protocols, mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions to enhance implementation, specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol and the global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol). The Secretariat has prepared documentation to support discussions on these issues.

10. In early June 2020, the Office of the UN Secretary General confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema as Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. With her strong commitment to ensuring successful negotiations in developing a robust and ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Executive Secretary seized and took advantage of global platforms to communicate her message and vision. During the second part of June, she took part in interviews and virtual meetings, to include the World Environment Day 2020, where she participated in the panel discussion on "Amazon, heart of planetary resilience", and as a keynote speaker in the high-level interactive event on "Building business resilience", hosted by the Business for Nature, IUCN, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, the International Chamber of Commerce and the World

Economic Forum. The event, which discussed nature and its role in building a resilient future in a post-COVID time, launched a “call to action” (<https://www.businessfornature.org/call-to-action>) for an ambitious and collective action by leading businesses to reverse nature loss.

II. POLICY GUIDANCE AND OUTPUTS OF DECISIONS ADOPTED IN RELATION TO THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS

Indicators

- Policy guidance: Advance the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols on all requested matters
- Policy outputs: Integrated and applied by other relevant multilateral bodies, including relevant MEAs, international organizations and the financial mechanism
- Increased membership to the Convention and its Protocols

11. This section provides information on policy and substantive matters related to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol.

A. Convention on Biological Diversity

Area-based conservation/protected area

12. The Secretariat continued its collaborative work with the members of its [Global Partnership on Aichi Biodiversity Target 11](#) and sub-regional implementation support networks. This led to substantial updates in the UNEP-WCMC’s World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) and the World Database on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (WD-OECM). Many countries, including those which did not report for decades, e.g. Uzbekistan, are currently updating their protected and conserved areas data. The Secretariat’s collaborative work with UNDP, on mapping of GEF 5 and GEF 6 Protected Areas Projects in 60 countries, has shown the substantial contribution of more than 3,500 protected areas to the quantitative and qualitative elements of Target 11, and other benefits. The Secretariat’s collaborative work with UNDP-SGP, Global Support Initiative for Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA-GSI), implemented in 26 countries, has shown the huge contribution of ICCAs to various elements of Target 11 including connectivity, key biodiversity areas and areas important for ecosystem services. All this has substantially improved the status of Target 11 and will continue to do so in the time remaining until COP-15. Progress in SDG 14.5 has also been substantial during this period due to collaborative work with Ambassador Peter Thomson, current Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Oceans, numerous partners, and Government representatives. Last but not least, twelve champion countries with high potential have been identified and work with them is advancing to facilitate improved reporting. Other activities include various analyses and updates of data on Target 11, and dissemination of this information to showcase status, gaps and opportunities to speed up implementation, monitoring and reporting to WDPA, WD-OECM and ICCA registry. The main challenge has been in keeping countries engaged. Hence, to overcome this issue, sub-regional coordination agencies and implementation support networks, with the collaboration of the Secretariat, closely assist Parties with their efforts to speed up progress towards the achievement of Target 11 by 2020.

Agricultural biodiversity

13. In response to decision 14/30, the Secretariat prepared a review of the implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity and an updated draft plan of action, in consultation with the FAO, (CBD/SBSTTA/24/7) for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fourth meeting. The results of the discussions during SBSTTA 24 will be considered by the fifteenth Conference of the Parties and will

advance the implementation of the Convention's International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity.

Sustainable use

14. The Secretariat also organized a virtual thematic consultation on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, in response to decision 14/34. The main challenge was the postponement of the consultation which was originally scheduled from 30 March to 1 April 2020 in Bern, Switzerland due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, the consultation was held in a virtual mode through a combination of webinars, a survey and an online forum. The first webinar invited a number of experts to provide keynote presentations on the topic and the WG2020 Co-Chairs to provide background on the process. The survey was based on the updated targets of the global biodiversity framework that relate to sustainable use of biological diversity (targets 8, 9, 10, 14 and 18) published for peer review (CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.1) and was available for four weeks. The Secretariat received 86 responses, including 33 from Parties and other governments, 22 from non-governmental organizations, 8 from indigenous groups, 6 from private sector, 5 from intergovernmental organizations, 3 from programmes or specialized agencies of the United Nations, 3 from academia, 3 from conventions and other agreements (Secretariat units), 2 from youth and 1 from a local authority. The closing webinar is scheduled on 6 and 8 October. The report of the consultation will be submitted to the twenty-fourth meeting of SBSTTA and the third meeting of the open-ended working group for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The results of the consultation support the Overarching principles guiding the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework outlined in decision 14/34, especially those related to comprehensiveness and inclusiveness. (For more information: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/POST2020-WS-2020-04>)

Inland waters

15. In line with decision 13/16, the Secretariat will conduct a review the 5th Joint Work Plan 2011-2020 between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. This will be done jointly with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention. The aim of the review is to take stock of the achievements of the 5th Joint Work Plan and inform the next Joint Work Plan (post-2020). The main challenges have been related to the delays and shifting of dates of intersessional meetings of both Conventions due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The expected result is a new Joint Work Plan which will be integrated and applied by other relevant multilateral bodies, including relevant MEAs, namely, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

Invasive alien species

16. A draft pre-session document for SBSTTA 24 was subjected to a peer-review process and finalized, pursuant to COP decision 14/11 –requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to consider the results of the online forum and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group at a meeting to be held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 6).

17. An information document (CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/15) “Invasive alien species: technical specifications under the World Customs Organization Framework of Standards on Cross-border E-commerce” was prepared and posted on Clearing-house Mechanism.

18. Decision COP XIII/13 – requested the Executive Secretary to further collaborate with the International Plant Protection Convention, the World Organisation for Animal Health, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, other members of the inter-agency liaison group on invasive alien species and other relevant organizations, such as the International Organization for Biological Control, to identify options for supplementing risk assessment and risk management standards for the use of biological control agents against invasive alien species, including in aquatic environments.

19. Decision 14/35 on Global Biodiversity Outlook, the Secretariat reviewed the draft and updated the information related to Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species. Along this activity, [the CBD Technical Series No. 91](#), The Application of Classical Biological Control for the Management of Established Invasive Alien Species Causing Environmental Impacts was published.

Global Taxonomy Initiative

20. [Decision 14/24](#) - requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with partners and subject to the availability of resources, to further promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation, in particular the promotion of cooperation on areas such as remote sensing, scenario analyses and modelling, values of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, and training in DNA technologies, such as DNA barcoding for rapid species identification in countries and regions concerned within the context of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (paragraph 8), and further requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare proposals for an inclusive process to review and renew technical and scientific cooperation programmes, including the Bio-Bridge Initiative, the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative and the Global Taxonomy Initiative, in order to support the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

21. Recommendation 23/6 – requested the Executive Secretary, pursuant to decision 14/24, and subject to the availability of resources, to develop proposals for an inclusive process to review and renew technical and scientific cooperation programmes, including the Bio-Bridge Initiative, the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative and the Global Taxonomy Initiative, in order to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and to submit these proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting. Furthermore, provided information on the achievement of the Global Taxonomy Initiative on trainings of DNA technologies to incorporate in the pre-session documents for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on implementation on capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation. Regarding the Global Taxonomy Initiative programmatic approach, provided information on sharing information and capacity development to the process of preparing for preparation of a long-term strategic framework for capacity building beyond 2020.

22. Decision XI/29 requested the Executive Secretary to organize and facilitate, as far as feasible in partnership with academic organizations, biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements and relevant international organization, the regional workshops to assist Parties and their Global Taxonomy Initiative national focal points (paragraph 10 a). Along those lines, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Humboldt Institute of Germany, organized a regional training workshop on application of DNA barcoding to identify CITES listed species at the borders for Latin America, in Cali, Colombia in February 2020.

23. Noteworthy during the period, the Secretariat prepared the CBD Technical Series No. 94, “The Global Taxonomy Initiative 2020: A step-by-step guide for DNA Barcoding”.

Forest biodiversity and ecosystem restoration

24. The Secretariat, with partners, organized in March a sub-regional exchange for the Caribbean on the restoration of forests and other ecosystems in Saint-Lucia, attended by 35 participants from 13 countries.

25. Discussions on continuing the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI), which is implemented by SCBD and supported by the Korea Forest Service, are continuing including draft MoU and work plan for post-2020. Through FERI, support continued to eight restoration projects and four project extensions. Through support from FERI and the EU, e-learning modules on ecosystem restoration are being developed with UNDP, and a decision support platform on ecosystem restoration optimization is being developed by the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS). FERI has also contributed to the development of The Economics of Ecosystem Restoration (TEER), initiated by FAO and SCBD - a standard framework for data collection and generation on the costs and benefits of ecosystem restoration.

26. In January, the Secretariat participated in the meeting of principals of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, at which the CPF Vision for 2030 was adopted. Input and feedback were provided on collaborative initiatives under the Partnership, including on the CPF Work Plan. The Secretariat also contributed to the development of the strategy for the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030 and participates in its task force on best practices. Discussions are ongoing with ITTO for an extension of the CBD-ITTO Joint Initiative on Forest Biodiversity, with a new MoU planned for COP 15. Inputs were

also provided to the process of developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the fifth *Global Biodiversity Outlook*.

Marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity

27. The Secretariat advanced work on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) by convening the CBD Expert Workshop to Identify Options for Modifying the Description of EBSAs and Describing New Areas in Brussels, Belgium, on 3 - 5 February 2020, which provides the basis for the discussions at SBSTTA 24 and COP 15 on the future of the EBSA process. The Secretariat also produced numerous publications on marine and coastal biodiversity, including [CBD Technical Series No. 87](#) on Assessing Progress Towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 6 on Sustainable Marine Fisheries, a draft technical series report on anthropogenic underwater noise, the booklet for Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Eastern Tropical and Temperate Pacific Ocean (in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)), an [EBSA gap analysis](#), seven [Sustainable Ocean Initiative \(SOI\) training modules](#), the final analysis of the SDG 14 Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Management, various SBSTTA information documents (including on issues such as coral reefs, marine spatial planning and cold-water biodiversity), and a draft of the 10-year impact study for the work on EBSAs.

28. Support was provided to the deliberations of the Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and a consultant was recruited to provide expert input to the development and refinement of indicators and the monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework with respect to marine and coastal biodiversity issues.

29. In view of the limitations on in-person meetings due to COVID-19, work under the marine and coastal biodiversity programme included significant engagement in virtual meetings, including convening, co-convening and/or speaking during a number of virtual sessions including the Virtual Ocean Dialogues (1-5 June 2020), Capital Hill Oceans Week (9 June) and the Monaco Blue Initiative Workshop (28 May 2020). The Secretariat also continued in its important work on coordination to other major global ocean-related processes, including through the Advisory Network of the UN Decade on Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030), the Advisory Group of the UN Ocean Conference, the Informal Preparatory Working Group for the UN Ocean Conference, and the Advisory Network of the High-Level Panel on a Sustainable Ocean Economy.

30. The Secretariat also undertook coordination with the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) on engaging island countries and facilitating coordination around the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

B. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress

31. In the reporting period, Sierra Leone deposited its instrument of accession to the Cartagena Protocol and Colombia deposited its instrument of ratification to the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress. Accordingly, as of 30 June 2020, the total number of ratifications/accessions to the Cartagena Protocol was 173 and the total number of ratifications/accessions to the Supplementary Protocol was 48.

Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15 and 16) under the Cartagena Protocol

32. In response to decision CP-9/13, the open-ended online discussions on risk assessment and risk management considered drafts of the studies that had been commissioned to inform the application of annex I of decision CP-9/13 to living modified organisms (LMOs) containing engineered gene drives and living modified fish. Following the online discussions, the consultants finalized the studies taking into account the comments made during the forum and presented the final versions to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG), which was convened online from 30 March to 3 April 2020. The AHTEG agreed that both living modified fish and LMOs containing engineered gene drives fall within the scope of the Protocol. The AHTEG also agreed that guidance for risk assessment on LMOs containing

engineered gene drives should be developed. The next step is to present a report as well as the pre-sessional document, which includes a draft recommendation for the consideration of SBSTTA-24.

Synthetic Biology

33. During the first semester of 2020 the synthetic biology documents were finalised and made available on the SBSTTA-24 site. During the previous year all synthetic biology activities were undertaken in response to the requirements of decision CP-14/19. The only request to the Executive Secretary that was not addressed was the update of the technical series on synthetic biology, due to the lack of funds.

Biosafety Clearing-House

34. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued to manage the current Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) by ensuring the accuracy and completeness of its records and continued the work on the migration of the BCH to its new platform. Starting from March 2020, testing of the development site of the new BCH platform (<https://bch.cbdev.xyz/>) had been ongoing with the involvement of the CPB and BCH national focal points, national authorized users, members of the Informal Advisory Committee on the BCH (BCH-IAC), UNEP Regional Advisors, relevant stakeholders and regular BCH users.

Public awareness, education and participation regarding LMOs (Article 23 under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)

35. In response to decision CP-VIII/18, Annex, Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and observers were invited to further provide comments to the advance draft Aarhus Convention/CBD Pocket Guide promoting effective access to information and public participation regarding LMOs that aims to assist Governments to develop and implement legislation and procedures for effective access to information and public participation regarding LMOs and further the Programme Element 3 of the priority activities and areas of the Programme of Work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs by 1 February 2020. Comments had previously been provided from the third joint Aarhus Convention/Convention on Biological Diversity Roundtable on Public Awareness, Access to Information and Public Participation regarding Living Modified Organisms/Genetically Modified Organism, held 16-18 December 2019, Geneva, Switzerland. A total of 7 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and 3 observers provided comments on the advance draft pocket guide.

C. Nagoya Protocol

Digital Sequence information

36. In March, pursuant to decision 14/20, which established a science- and policy-based process to address digital sequence information on genetic resources (DSI) during the intersessional period leading up to COP15, and included the submission of views and information, the commissioning and peer review of studies as well as work by an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG), the peer review of the three studies was finalised and the meeting of the AHTEG was held virtually from 17 - 20 March 2020. These activities helped advance the discussion on digital sequence information through the development of options to help clarify scope and terminology, and through the identification of key areas for capacity-building associated with DSI. The full report detailing the outcomes of the AHTEG is available at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/DSI-AHTEG-2020-01>.

Global multilateral benefit sharing mechanism under the Nagoya Protocol

37. In March-June, pursuant to decision NP-3/13, which considered the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism, a study to identify specific cases of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources that occur in transboundary situations or for which it is not possible to grant or obtain prior informed consent was commissioned by the Executive Secretary and which was subsequently peer reviewed between March and April 2020. The final version of the study

¹ For more details on the DSI work carried out during the 2019-2020 inter-sessional period visit <https://www.cbd.int/dsi-gr/>

has been made available for consideration by the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation (BD/SBI/3/15/ADD1)

Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol

38. Pursuant to decision NP-3/14, paragraph 2, in which Parties and other Governments were invited to submit: (a) information on how specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments are addressed in their domestic measures; and (b) views on the potential criteria contained in the study, taking into account Article 4, paragraphs 1 to 3, of the Protocol, during the reporting period, a document synthesising the information and views submitted has been prepared and made available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting CBD/SBI/3/14.

Increased ratifications to the Nagoya Protocol

39. During the reporting period, Greece, Nicaragua and Oman ratified the Nagoya Protocol bringing the total number of ratifications to 126.

III. REGULAR REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTE TO ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AND PROGRESSIVE ENHANCEMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS

Indicators

- Parties report on their commitments and achievements according to the established review mechanisms
- Commitments and their implementation are assessed nationally and globally and inform the decision-making
- Status and trends of biodiversity are assessed nationally and globally and inform the decision-making
- Commitments and actions by Parties and other actors are adjusted in light of the review such that they are commensurate with targets of the GBF and the obligations of the Protocols

40. This section provides updated information on the submission status of post-COP10 NBSAPs and 6NRs. Also provided are details on analyses prepared for SBI-3 of progress achieved towards the implementation of the Convention, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, based on the content of these submissions. Information on activities carried out towards GBO-5 preparation, to be launched at SBSTTA-24, are provided as well. The section concludes with information on activities conducted towards the preparation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as towards the development of an enhanced planning, reporting and review mechanism for the new framework.

National Reports and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Commitments and achievements reported by Parties through post-COP10 NBSAPs and sixth national reports, respectively

41. During this reporting period, the Secretariat received Angola's updated NBSAP, bringing the total number of post-COP10 NBSAPs received to 170. All NBSAPs are posted at the country webpages and summarized at the [Latest NBSAPs webpage](#) and national targets contained therein loaded in the [targets database](#). As of 30 June 2020, a total of 163 6NRs had been received. Of these, 90 (55%) had been prepared using the [online reporting tool](#) and 73 (45%) prepared "offline" (20 Parties had submitted both an online and offline version). The Secretariat also continued to provide support to countries that were still preparing their 6NRs, including support to the use of online reporting tool. In addition, the Secretariat prepared document [CBD/SBI/3/INF/3](#), evaluating the use of the online reporting tool by Parties, based on results of a survey prepared in the last quarter of 2019. This information document also contains suggestions

provided by Parties through the survey on how the format of future national reports could be improved. The Secretariat also collaborated with UNEP and UNEP-WCMC on the preparation of document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.2 on options to increase synergies in reporting among the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio Conventions. The [NBSAP Portal](#) and [National Reports Portal](#) were updated and maintained. The Secretariat also began updating the [Aichi Biodiversity Targets webpages](#) which present data generated by the 6NR online reporting tool, as well as examples of national implementation measures and outcomes (from each UN region) and resources to assist various audiences in implementing each global target. Administrative records on the status of NBSAP and 6NR preparation were also updated on regular basis and maintained.

42. The key outcome of the above activities was the timely provision of information on national commitments and achievements related to implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, which is important for transparency among Parties, and which enabled Secretariat staff and CBD partners to efficiently carry out their work in relation to preparations of meetings of the subsidiary bodies under the Convention and COP-15 (decisions 14/27, 14/1, XIII/27, XIII/1, XII/29, XII/2, XI/3, XI/2, and X/10).

National and global assessment of commitments and their implementation

43. To support SBI-3 discussions on agenda item 3 (Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020), the Secretariat prepared relevant assessments of implementation, based on information contained in post-COP10 NBSAPs and sixth national reports. A number of related SBI-3 documents were prepared, these include:

- Document [CBD/SBI/3/2](#): provides an overview of progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and contains four addendums.
- Document [CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.1](#): provides an update on progress in preparing, revising/updating and implementing NBSAPs (Aichi Biodiversity Target 17), including national targets. The latter addresses the status of NBSAP adoption as a whole-of-government policy instrument, or as an instrument applying to the environment sector only, to inform decision-making, as well as the level of mainstreaming in various plans.
- Document [CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.2](#): contains an analysis of the contribution of targets established by Parties and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- Document [CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.3](#): reviews implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action.
- Document [CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.4](#): provides an overview of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge and the customary sustainable use of biodiversity.
- Documents CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.1 and CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.2 were provided to CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations for peer review on 14 February 2020. All documents were posted on the Convention's website during this reporting period.

44. The Secretariat also took steps to ensure the accuracy of the data presented through the "[Aichi Assessments](#)" maps, generated by the online reporting tool for the sixth national report.

45. The key outcome of the above activities was the timely provision of assessments of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, for SBI-3, that will prepare recommendations for consideration by the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, and to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for their respective consideration. (decisions 14/1, XIII/5, and XII/26).

National and global assessment of status and trends of biodiversity

46. Also in relation to SBI-3 agenda item 3 (Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020), activities were carried out by the Secretariat towards the preparation of GBO-5, based mainly on the information contained in the sixth

national reports. This consisted of liaising regularly with the science writer contracted to assist with GBO-5 preparation. Collaboration was also carried out with other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant processes and organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with their respective mandates. This included the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, among others. A draft version of GBO-5 was submitted to CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations for peer review on 22 January 2020.

47. The above ensured that activities were on track with the indicative timeline for GBO-5 preparation. (decisions 14/35 and XIII/29)

Commitments and actions by Parties and other actors are adjusted, in light of the review such that they are commensurate with targets of the global biodiversity framework and the obligations of the Protocols

48. This indicator pertains to SBI-3 agenda item 5 (Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework) and agenda item 9 on options for enhancing review mechanisms to strengthen implementation of the Convention. The adjustment of commitments and actions by Parties is a possible requirement of the new framework; however as it has not been negotiated and adopted yet, Parties have not been requested to take action in this regard. This section captures the work of the Secretariat to develop the GBF review mechanism.

49. During this reporting period, [consultations on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#) were held in four UN regions (Asia Pacific, CEE, GRULAC and WEOG), in addition to thematic and other consultations to support preparations on the new framework. A [thematic consultation on transparent implementation, monitoring, review and reporting](#) was also held, followed by the [second meeting](#) of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

50. For agenda item 5, activities were carried out by the Secretariat towards the preparation of documents CBD/SBI/3/4 (Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework) and CBD/SBI/3/4/Add.1 (Communications for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework). For agenda item 9, activities were carried out to prepare documents CBD/SBI/3/11 (Mechanisms for review of implementation), CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.1 (National reporting under the Convention), and CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.2 (Options to increase synergies in reporting among the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio Conventions). Activities were also carried out to prepare for the trial phase of an open-ended forum on review of implementation which would be held virtually. In relation to agenda item 9, the Secretariat also liaised with the review teams assembled for the voluntary peer reviews of Sri Lanka (2018) and Uganda (2019) concerning the respective finalization and preparation of their review reports. It is anticipated that the review report for Sri Lanka will be finalized in time for it to be submitted to SBI-3 as an information document.

51. The above ensured that activities were on track to efficiently support SBI-3 and the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in implementing their respective mandates. (decisions 14/34, 14/29, XIII/28, and XI/3).

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

52. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 3 of its [decision XII/29](#), took note of documents [UNEP/CBD/COP/12/25/Add.3](#) and [UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/24](#) prepared by the Executive Secretary, on a proposed pilot voluntary peer-review process for the NBSAPs, and requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to develop a methodology for a voluntary peer-review process and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation ([UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/10/Add.1](#)). At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, through [decision XIII/25](#), took note of the progress made in the development of a voluntary peer-review mechanism, especially the development of a draft methodology for the review, and requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate the further testing, and development of the

methodology, including its application through a pilot phase, and to report on progress, including information on the cost of the pilot phase, to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, through [decision 14/29](#), welcomed the progress made in the development of the voluntary peer-review mechanism, and the positive result from the pilot phase initiated through decision XIII/25 in Ethiopia and India, and decided to include the voluntary peer review as an element of the multidimensional review approach under the Convention.

53. During this reporting period, the draft report sent to Sri Lanka was fact-checked with the help of several national stakeholders and returned to the SCBD. Subsequently, the Review Team finalized the draft after which it was sent back to Sri Lanka for them to prepare a policy response as well as to document their peer learning experience. Sri Lanka recently submitted the requested information, after which the report was sent to the review Team Leader for final review and completion. The review report for Uganda is being prepared by the review team, with support from the Secretariat.

Fourth national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol

54. Fourth national reports on the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol were due on 1 October 2019 and are being submitted through a preview version of the new platform of the Biosafety Clearing-House (<https://beta.bch.cbd.int/reports>). By 30 June 2020, fourth national reports had been published in the BCH by 104 Parties to the Protocol.

55. The United Nations Environment Programme is preparing a project for GEF support to eligible Parties to assist them in preparing and submitting their fourth national report. It was recognized by the Compliance Committee that delays in the project are among the factors that have delayed the submission of fourth national reports by numerous Parties.

Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

56. Decision CP-9/6 requested the Liaison Group and the Compliance Committee, working in a complementary and non-duplicative manner, to contribute to the fourth assessment and review of the Protocol and final evaluation of the Strategic Plan. In response to decision CP-9/6, information was compiled, analysed and synthesised on the implementation of the Protocol obtained from the fourth national reports and other sources, as compared to baseline data obtained during the second reporting cycle. The analysis was made available to the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol at its fourteenth meeting and the Compliance Committee at its seventeenth meeting. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its third meeting, is expected to consider the information provided and conclusions reached by the Liaison Group and the Compliance Committee and to submit its findings and recommendations to the COP-MOP, at its tenth meeting.

Compliance under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

57. The seventeenth meeting of the Compliance Committee was convened online from 15 to 17 April 2020. The Committee reviewed compliance by Parties with the obligation to submit their fourth national reports and decided on follow-up actions with Parties that had not submitted their fourth national report. The Committee also contributed to the fourth assessment and review of the Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan. The Committee also reviewed the submission of compliance action plans by Parties in non-compliance with their obligation under Article 2, paragraph 1, of the Protocol, to take the necessary and appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement the Protocol. The Committee agreed on a number of follow-up actions with the Parties concerned and decided to prioritize consideration of progress on the matter at its next meeting. It also adopted a number of recommendations for consideration by COP-MOP 10. It was recognized that a face-to-face setting was preferred over online meetings, particularly when decisions on compliance measures are to be taken.

Compliance under the Nagoya Protocol

58. The third meeting of the Compliance Committee was held through virtual real-time sessions from 21 to 23 April 2020. An online discussion forum was also made available by the Secretariat through the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House to facilitate further contributions by members. During the meeting the Committee reviewed general issues of compliance and the reporting format on the

implementation of obligations under the protocol. The full report of the meeting including recommendations for consideration of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its fourth meeting is available online [CBD/NP/CC/3/5](#).

Global Biodiversity Outlook

59. The launch of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO 5), planned for May 2020, has been postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Published by the CBD, the GBO 5 will synthesize comprehensive evidence of the growing biodiversity crisis and the urgent need for action, and present pathways to reach new targets by 2030, and with the aim to achieve the world's ultimate vision: 'Living in harmony with nature' by 2050. It is envisaged to launch the report in the third quarter of 2020.

Post-2020 global biodiversity framework process

60. The Conference of the Parties, at its fourteenth meeting, adopted the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (decision 14/34) and established an open-ended intersessional working group to support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to support the process. The Secretariat convened the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held in Rome from 24 to 29 February 2020. The Working Group heard reports on progress since its first meeting, reviewed the zero draft text of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework prepared by the Co-Chairs and the Executive Secretary (CBD/WG2020/2/3) and provided comments on the proposed goals and targets and other elements contained therein. Among its conclusions, the Working Group invited the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to provide elements for the further development of the framework, in particular with regard to means to support and review implementation, and invited the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to carry out a scientific and technical review of the goals and targets, updated in light of its second meeting, as well as related indicators and baselines.

Post-2020 processes for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

61. In response to decisions CP-9/7 and CP-9/3 and following a peer review of the draft Implementation Plan and the draft Capacity-Building Action Plan, the two plans were revised in light of the comments received. The fourteenth meeting of the Liaison Group for the Cartagena Protocol was convened online from 20 to 23 April 2020. The Group reviewed the final draft of the post-2020 Capacity-Building Action Plan, taking into account information provided in the fourth national reports. The next step is to present the draft plans to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting for its consideration.

IV. AWARENESS AND ACTION TO CONSERVE, SUSTAINABLY USE, AND SHARE THE BENEFITS OF BIODIVERSITY IS ENHANCED AT ALL LEVELS AND ACROSS SECTORS OF SOCIETY

Indicators

- Number of global and regional high-level political fora which integrate biodiversity in its outcomes
- Increased prominence of biodiversity in national political debate
- Biodiversity incorporated into civil society, business and stakeholder groups' strategies and action plans.
- Increased coverage by media of the relevance of biodiversity and the need for action
- Increased awareness of the link to climate change and sustainable development agenda

62. This section provides information on various work done in raising the profile of the Convention and the Protocols, and enhancing biodiversity engagement at all levels and across sectors of society.

Communication and Public awareness

Outreach campaign for the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2020

63. The theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) on 22 May 2020 was “Our solutions are in nature”. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the Secretariat’s organized its first-ever online-only campaign soliciting videos and written statements. Nine out of fifteen COP Presidencies, several governments, organizations, and IPLCs responded to the call and issued [messages](#). Biodiversity Day 2020 was commemorated in at least 107 countries and by 38 organizations/entities to varying degrees (activities/events, messages, and/or news articles). Seventy-seven countries/organizations have reported on their activities to the Secretariat, and the remaining 68 countries/organizations were found through a Google search.

64. The Secretariat co-organized and/or participated in 5 important virtual events: 1) [Virtual High-Level Discussion \(United Nations HQ\)](#), 2) Expert panel on the [Links between Coronavirus and biodiversity: the scientific finding](#) (UNESCO), 3) [Webinar on Soil Biodiversity: a nature-based solution?](#) (FAO), 4) Post-2020 process webinar: “The Future of Biodiversity and how you fit in” (GYBN), and 5) “UN Model” webinar for youth (WWF-India).

65. For the period 17-23 May 2020, Google analytics shows 203,915 pageviews to the CBD website as a whole. This represents a 62% increase compared to the same period in 2019. Views of [www.cbd.int/idb](#) doubled in 2020 compared to 2019. The most notable increase was on [www.cbd.int/idb/2020/logo](#), where visits have increased by 546% compared to 2019. In fact, on 22 May, the logo was available in 51 languages (courtesy translations), an all-time record. These results seem to indicate that the 2020 campaign was more successful than previous campaigns in terms of driving traffic to the website.

Social media activity and reach

66. The ‘2020 resolutions’ campaign about the ‘biodiversity super year’ saw high participation and engagement, with Party representatives and others sharing video messages of commitment to advancing biodiversity goals ahead of COP-15.

67. The commemoration of the International Day for Biological Diversity featured a multimedia package shared via CBD channels. A 36-hour ‘wave of solidarity’ featuring messages of support from Parties and stakeholders around the world helped to raise the reach and engagement of the campaign.

68. Other heavily promoted activities included: the COP-15 logo launch, the release of the zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, World Environment Day and the appointment of the new Executive Secretary.

69. All CBD social media platforms registered strong growth during the first half of 2020, with the exception of the UN Decade for Biodiversity Facebook page, which saw only modest growth. Engagement rates were consistently above industry averages. For the period 1 January to 30 June, the number of followers grew as follows:

Platform	Number of followers		Growth
	1 January 2020	30 June 2020	
Twitter	39,166	53,361	36%
Twitter (Executive Secretary)	314	2,842	805%
Facebook (CBD)	15,519	19,543	25%
Facebook (UN Decade on Biodiversity)	163,850	165,393	1%
LinkedIn	10,714	25,734	140%
Instagram	130,202	202,000	55%
YouTube	1,397	2,015	44%

Media activity and reach

70. During the reporting period, both media coverage and requests for interviews increased substantially compared to the previous reporting period. CBD-related issues were covered by media outlets such as: The Guardian (UK), Xinhua (China), Agence France Presse (France), NDTV (India), BBC (UK), Reuters (UK), CNN (USA), Washington Post (USA), National Geographic (USA), Sputnik International (Russia), South China Morning Post (China), EFE (Spain), Le Figaro (France), NBC (USA), Times of India (India), and China Global Television Network (China). Media highlights were as follows:

- 13 January: Release of the Zero Draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Seven major news articles reached 280M people. Overall, the Zero Draft reached 350-400M people (not including stories in China).
- 24-29 February: Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-2) on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. From 21 to 29 February, the CBD was mentioned 629 times in stories, comments or photos by major mainstream media, for a potential reach of 1 billion people.
- 22 May: International Day for Biological Diversity. Coverage was exceptional, and perhaps the most widespread to date:

Date	People reached
21 May	1.1 billion
22 May	2.6 billion
23 May	700 million

In China alone at least 7 major articles reached between 20 and 65M people each. Two op-eds were published in The Guardian (121M people reached) and The Independent (50.7M people reached). Four interviews were conducted with Reuters, Xinhua, China Global Television Network and the Inter Press Service News Agency, for a combined reach of over 88M people. Factoring in global media coverage, potential global reach is estimated at over 4 billion people.

- 5 June: World Environment Day. Coverage of the WED that referenced the CBD received 118 hits with a potential reach of 500M people. For example, one article in The Independent specifically referencing the CBD reached over 50M people.

20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

71. On 29 January 2020, the SCBD also issued a press release commemorating the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety highlighting that, as of that date, 172 States and the European Union had become Parties to the Protocol and that the Protocol has a key role to play in ensuring that potential impacts on biodiversity are taken into consideration in the development of emerging genetic technologies.

Stakeholder Engagement and Cooperation*Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives*

72. As per CBD COP decisions 14/30, in particular paragraph 20 on cooperation with CMS agreements, decision 14/8 on protected areas, and decision 14/34 which invites biodiversity-related convention to actively participate in the development of the process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the CBD Secretariat participated in the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS). The Executive Secretary (Acting) participated in the High level Dialogue, side-events and bilateral meetings with high level officials, among other activities. The CBD Secretariat was also represented at the stakeholder forum, participated in meetings with partner organizations and intervened on relevant COP 13 agenda items. A joint statement of the biodiversity-related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was delivered under agenda item 18 on Synergies and Partnerships. The CMS resolution on the Gandhinagar Declaration was transmitted to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The participation of the CBD Secretariat contributed to greater alignment of the CMS priorities and strategic plan and the post-

2020 global biodiversity framework, to enhancing collaboration among biodiversity-related conventions, and to having CBD decisions reflected in respective CMS decisions.

73. In response to paragraph 12 of CBD COP decisions 14/30, the CBD Secretariat contributed to the process for the preparation of the second Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-Related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II), which was planned for March 2020, and postponed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Secretariat is part of the coordination team and participated in regular meetings in preparing documents and preparatory activities for Bern II, including a briefing webinar held in March 2020. Related activities aim to enhance synergies and strengthen cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions, with a view to enhancing their participation in the design of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

74. In response to decision 14/34, the CBD Secretariat facilitated a meeting between the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and co-chairs of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework on 28 January 2020 and participated in a meeting between the Co-chairs of the post-2020 Biodiversity and Chemicals frameworks organized by UNEP on 24 April 2020, to enhance alignment of the convention's priorities and the post-2020 framework.

75. In line with decision 14/30 and UNEA resolution 2/17 on Enhancing the Work of the United Nations Environment Programme in Facilitating Cooperation, Collaboration and Synergies among Biodiversity-related Conventions, the CBD Secretariat contributed to the process for the development of UNEP Medium-Term Strategy and Programme of Work, including by participating in a MEAs discovery session held on 4 May 2020. The session aimed to get input from multilateral environment agreements to shape the preparation of the UNEP Medium-Term Strategy, exchange views on how UNEP and the multilateral environment agreements can strengthen their cooperation in the lead to UNEA 5 and discuss how UNEP can improve its support for enhanced collaboration and cooperation between the multilateral environment agreements.

Youth

76. As per decisions 14/1 on progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and decision 14/34 on the process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, among others, the CBD Secretariat collaborated with youth organizations and networks as well as with United Nations agencies in support of youth engagement in biodiversity-related processes and outreach activities. This included collaboration with UNEP, TED and several global partners on the initiative "Earth School"² which aimed to engage students in online quests to explore and celebrate nature. Over 494,000 quests were taken. The Secretariat also collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization on the Pollinators Challenge Badge³, and with the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, IUCN and UN partners in preparation for youth engagement at the World Conservation Congress, Oceans Conference and other events postponed due to COVID 19 pandemic. Around International Day on Biodiversity and World Environment Day, the Executive Secretary participated in youth activities organized by the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, Plant-for-the-Planet, UNEP/UNEP-Major Group on Children and Youth and WWF India (details are provided in Annex X).

77. In response to the same decisions, the Japan Biodiversity Fund, CBD Secretariat and Global Biodiversity Network are collaborating on a project aimed at developing youth capacities to engage in biodiversity-related processes including the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to implement projects in support of CBD objectives and Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Sub-national Governments (SNGs) and Cities

78. Following up on decision XII/6, paragraph the Secretariat supported the development of the agenda, invitations and contributions to the EU/Sao Paulo State/ICLEI BIO2020 event in Sao Paulo, Brazil, "Perspectives for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for States and Cities", which

² Earth School, online: <https://ed.ted.com/earth-school>

³ YUNGA Pollinators Challenge Badge: <http://www.fao.org/yunga/resources/challenge-badges/pollinator/en/>

adopted the Sao Paulo Letter⁴ as a contribution to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Secretariat cooperated on ICLEI's projects such as IKI Interact Bio in Brazil, India and UNA Rivers in Africa, by providing technical advice and input to communication materials, and working with the Mayor of Montreal, Ms. Plante, as the ICLEI Ambassador for Biodiversity role, to prepare Biodiversity Action brochures for Montreal City aligned with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Secretariat partnered with ITU on the United for Smart Sustainable Cities initiative (U4SSC), focusing on developing a biodiversity component to the Guiding Principles on Urban-Rural Linkages as outcome of Habitat III, and facilitated initial cooperation between U4SSC and the Global Biodiversity Youth Network, and the Young Professionals in Agriculture and Rural Development Network (YPARD/FAO), on mainstreaming at urban levels.

79. In addition, the Secretariat has engaged and supported the Edinburgh Process planning and preparation, and has been cooperating with its partners (Scottish Government, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), Regions⁴, Group of Leading Subnational Governments for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, EU Committee of the Regions), as the official input from subnational and local governments into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and is continuing to work on the preparations for 7th Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments parallel to COP 15 in China, in 2021.

Business and biodiversity

80. In the period under review, the Secretariat designed and implemented a road map for business engagement in the lead to COP-15. This included close consultations with partners with a view to develop the concept and agenda for the Business and Biodiversity Forum at COP15. UNEP, Business for Nature, UNDP, WCMC, UNCTAD, Natural Capitals Coalition, ADB, IUCN and several members of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity joined the discussion and provided inputs that will help build a strong and relevant program to pave the way to the Decade for Action on Biodiversity. Efforts to support the Action Agenda for Nature and People have been ramped up with a focus on building stronger relationships with key actors that can leverage its visibility and harvest new commitments that can be critical to the success of the platform. The COVID 19 pandemic caused many of the milestones events lined up for the first semester in 2020 such as SBI and the IUCN World Conservation Congress to be postponed but other opportunities for SCBD private sector engagement have arisen including the "Building business resilience: How collective leadership will reverse nature loss" organized by Business for Nature Coalition that had over 3000 participants online, the WEF Global Risks Report global launch event as well as several events organized by members of the GPBB such as Brazil, India, Sri Lanka, EU and Spain.

81. The continuous support to the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity has remained one of the focus areas to the business program with the election for the Executive Committee and Chair finalized for the term 2020 – 2022. Potential new members have been identified and a series of meetings and discussions took place that might result in new members joining the GP before COP15. Discussions with partners have taken place with a view to build a roadmap to the next decade for capacity building in areas such as Biotrade in partnership with UNCTAD; corporate disclosure in partnership with WCMC and EU Commission; and measuring impact and dependencies in partnership with We Value Nature Campaign to be kicked off at COP15 to support the implantation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Mainstreaming of biodiversity

82. Further to decision 14/3, the Secretariat continued to facilitate exchanges with the Informal Advisory Group (IAG), further developed the long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming (LTAM) and the associated action plan, and coordinated internal SCBD consultations for the LTAM. It cooperated with IAG and Extended Consultative Network (ECN) members, such as FAO, WCMC, WEF, ICMM, WB, etc, to ensure their input and contribution, and provided statements and video interventions to their meetings. It has supported the organization of an informal meeting of the IAG, on the margins to WG-2020 2 (Feb

⁴ Sao Paulo Letter: <https://cbc.iclei.org/carta-de-sao-paulo-perspectivas-brasileiras-para-o-marco-pos-2020-da-biodiversidade/>

2020), and follow up in editing the LTAM. As a result of these activities, the relevant documentation was finalized and released for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting.

83. On key element of the mainstreaming agenda is to promote the interlinkages and contribution of biodiversity to implementing the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. In this regard, the Secretariat prepared an information document on the links between the Post-2020 Global biodiversity framework and 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. It also provided, in collaboration with UN DESA, input for events and linkages for the SCBD role in the ECOSOC process on the SDG implementation review and the High-level Political Forum, particularly for the Protecting the Planet and Building Resilience component.

84. With the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat implemented a two-phased project to support Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in enhancing their efforts to mainstream biosafety from 2015 to 2019. The project came to an end in the first half of 2020.

85. In this context, 20 Parties to the Cartagena Protocol carried out national level activities and 30 Parties took part in regional level activities that aimed at bringing together stakeholders from various sectors to plan practical actions to mainstream biosafety, which resulted in the development of strategies to mainstreaming biosafety. In addition, a series of global e-learning materials were developed, showcasing practical ways of mainstreaming biosafety in policies, laws and institutions, based on country-experiences. The project was successful in bringing together stakeholders from different sectors, including environment, agriculture and finance and resulted in a number of important tangible results. The project was developed in response to and in line with the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 as well as a decisions BS-VII/5 and CP-VIII/15.⁵

Tourism

86. In the period under the review, the CBD has contributed to the Linking Tourism & Conservation Network's webinars and position papers on COVID-19 recovery strategies, cooperated with the Slava Fetisov Foundation towards a Sustainable Tourism Conference planned for October 2020, collaborated with the EcoForum/Foundation Global towards the Hainan National Park Institute's Visitor and Tourism strategy (launching event planned in August). Supported events on mainstreaming (BIODEV2020/EU, mainstreaming Equator Initiative/ICMM/WBCSD).

Traditional knowledge and indigenous peoples and local communities

87. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted a decision setting out a preparatory process for the development of the [post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#) ([decision 14/34](#)). Other decisions of the Conference of the Parties contain elements relevant to the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.^[1] Related to this, in [decision 14/17](#), paragraph 13, the Conference of the Parties requested Parties to facilitate and support the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the discussion and processes related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

88. During the reporting period, the voluntary fund supported 14 IPLCs to participate in the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on 24-29 February 2020, Rome.^[2] All in all thirty representatives of IPLCs participated in the Working Group meeting. Additionally, on 23 February 2020, a preparatory meeting was held for the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, to build the capacity of the IPLCs to participate in the Post 2020 global biodiversity framework process.

UNESCO/IUCN

⁵ More information on mainstreaming biosafety and the project activities is available at:

<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/issues/mainstreaming/>

^[1] For an overview of these decisions, see [CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/1](#).

^[2] Notification SCBD/SSSF/AS/JS/TM/88584, 9 January 2020, at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/ntf-2020-003-wg2020-02-en.pdf>

89. In follow up to the draft recommendation of the 11th meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, [WG8j-11/3](#) on Options for possible elements of work aimed at an integration of nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework^[3], the Secretariat met with representatives of UNESCO and IUCN on 12-14 February 2020, in Paris, to develop prioritise elements and work and advance proposals for the governance of this party-led initiative.

Preparation for the Subsidiary Bodies (SBI 3 and SBSTTA 24)

90. In preparation for the subsidiary body meetings, a progress report on Health which includes a global plan of action on health and biodiversity is under preparation for the SBSTTA 24. Additionally, an updated Progress Report towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biodiversity, has also been completed and is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/7e77/b2b7/936a744a67fc24f5295a8d2c/sbi-03-02-add4-en.pdf>

Organization of other meetings and events:

91. The Secretariat organized a virtual conversation with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) members, due the postponed of its Nineteenth Session, one English session May 6, and one Spanish session on May 13 to continue collaboration and to inform the UNPFII members of opportunities for participation of the global biodiversity framework process.

Inter-sessional activities

92. The Executive Secretary presented remarks at the High-level event "Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages", on 27-28 February 2020, Mexico and contributed the foreword for the Executive Secretary for the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks: Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Contributions to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*.

Gender

93. Pursuant to decision COP 14/34 – Annex A. 2c), the Secretariat carried out a review and provided inputs to address a gender perspective in a range of documents prepared for SBSTTA-24 and SBI-3, including those for the post-2020 process, supporting discussion and engagement on gender in the post-2020 process by a variety of partners, including UN Women, UNEP-WCMC, the Friends of Gender Equality group, UN system partners and the CBD Women's Caucus. The Secretariat also provided extensive input on addressing a gender perspective in the second edition of the Local Biodiversity Outlooks and provided additional gender inputs for inclusion in the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

94. Pursuant to decision COP 14/18, the Secretariat prepared a document for SBI-3, [Review of Implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action](#), based on the analysis of two global surveys and a review of gender references in sixth national reports. The document has been made available to Parties online. The Secretariat also initiated a review and compilation of best practices to provide guidance on addressing gender in the post-2020 period, towards preparation of a publication. ([Notification 2020-040](#)). The Secretariat also commenced the development of a draft outline for a new gender plan of action for the post-2020 period. The Secretariat helped to secure funding and identified women's group representatives to participate in SCBD-led thematic consultations on: Transparent Implementation, Monitoring, Reporting and Review for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 20-22 February 2020, Rome, Italy and Capacity-building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, 1-2 March 2020; as well as for OEWG-2, 24-29 February 2020.

95. Decision COP 12/7 The Secretariat prepared report of the Regional Training Workshop to Build Understanding and Capacity on Gender and Biodiversity Issues in South-East Asia, Manila, Philippines, 9-13 December 2019 (Notifications 2019-080; 2019-087), and prepared regional training materials for approval, which were revised and updated based on the regional training workshop.

^[3] Refer to: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/WG8J-11>

Action Agenda

96. In response to decision XIV/34, the Secretariat undertook internal cross divisional strategic work at the start of 2020, to enhance components of the Sharm El Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People. Work resulted in the analysis, review and group of commitments, providing improvements to the existing commitment forms for sub-national authorities, organizations and individuals, and creating a new form for business. The Secretariat also re-designed the Action Agenda online web page (<https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda/>), with a registry for the commitments. The registry includes categorization features by stakeholders, regions and action areas to enhance the user-viewer interface, offering sorting and search options, as well as news stories on non-state actor commitments and actions. The 11 action areas⁶, outreach of promotional materials and partnership engagement have helped to increase commitments and illustrate the diversity of non-state actor commitments towards the post-2020 process.

97. The Secretariat also enhanced its collaboration with partner organizations, including UNEP-WCMC, ICLEI, the Global Partnership on Business and Biodiversity, the Global Biodiversity Youth Network, WWF, WEF, Science Based Targets for Nature and plans to continue to build collaborative ties with other organizations ahead of COP 15. An Action Agenda IT network was also created to optimize interoperability and outreach. The Secretariat is also following closely the views of Parties, especially with regards to the accountability and review mechanism. In this regard, the Secretariat is exploring opportunities on how sub and non-state actor commitments could contribute to future reports on implementation, to aggregate the level of ambition set to achieve the targets in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Further details are presented in SBI report CBD/SBI/3/11.

V. NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOL

Indicators

- Globally agreed targets and guidance are integrated into national biodiversity strategies and plans, and adopted as national policies
- Globally agreed targets and guidance are integrated into broader national strategies, plans, policies, reporting systems and budgets, including UNCSD
- Funding gap is reduced, resources mobilized from all sources and at all levels
- Parties show progress in implementing strategies
- Parties and relevant stakeholders supported to integrate gender perspectives

98. This section provides information on progress made in the implementation of the main activities relating to resource mobilization and the financial mechanism, capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, knowledge management and the clearing-house mechanism. In the context of the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Secretariat has developed a draft strategy for resource mobilization, a draft long-term strategic framework for capacity development, proposals to enhance technical and scientific cooperation, a draft knowledge management component, and a draft review mechanism of the post-2020 framework, for consideration by SBI 3.

Capacity Building

99. Pursuant to COP decisions XIII/23 and 14/24, the Secretariat prepared preliminary elements of a long-term strategic framework for capacity development, which were presented for discussion at the Thematic Consultation on Capacity Building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation that took place

⁶ **11 action areas:** food systems and health; freshwater, coastal and ocean ecosystems; conservation and restoration of land ecosystem; climate change mitigation and adaptation; conservation and sustainable use of species; sustainable consumption and production; stewardship/ good governance; urban sustainability; green finance; biosafety; and access to benefit-sharing.

from 1 to 2 March 2020 in Rome, Italy. A total of 115 participants (62 females:53 males), representing 58 Parties and 32 organizations attended the consultation.

100. The Secretariat further elaborated the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework, taking into consideration the input received from the consultation, and submitted them for peer-review during an online [discussion forum](#) held from 25 May to 5 June 2020. A total of 53 individuals participated in the forum, posting a total of 99 messages. A total of 27 written submissions were also received. A [summary](#) of the online discussions and a compilation of submissions are available on the forum webpage. More details on the preparation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity development are available on the [webpage](#).

101. The Secretariat also prepared and disseminated the [ninth issue](#) of BioCAP: Biodiversity Capacity Development e-newsletter to further update Parties and relevant organizations on the outcomes of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation activities facilitated or supported by the Secretariat in collaboration with partners. All previous issues of the e-newsletter are available on the [BioCAP webpage](#).

Support to implementation through capacity-building and the Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House

102. During the reporting period the evaluation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol was revised and made available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting [CBD/SBI/3/16](#).

103. Following the meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the ABS Clearing-House held in the last quarter of 2019 the Secretariat continues to develop and improve the clearing-house based on the guidance provided during the meeting and through online consultations. During this period the review of the quality of all national records published on the ABS Clearing-House was completed and governments with missing or outdated information were notified by email with instructions on how to correct any issues with their records. Thanks in part to the catalysing effect set in motion by these informal email notifications and subsequent follow-ups for technical support and training provided for several publishing authorities and focal points, during this reporting period 531 national records were added or updated.

Completion of the capacity-building project for the implementation of the IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment, implemented by IGES

104. The capacity building project for the implementation of the IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment was completed in June 2020. The project started in April 2016 to support the IPBES assessments, in particular, its Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment.

105. The project supported the IPBES Assessment authors and experts for identifying available indigenous and local knowledge (ILK) literatures and knowledge holders in the Asia-Pacific region through networking the ILK holders and experts as well as organizing sub-regional workshops as well as for the scenario analysis and modelling assessment by organizing a global workshop with not only the IPBES authors from the Asia-Pacific region but also authors from other Regional Assessments, the Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment and the Global Assessment. The project also organized a series of sub-regional science-policy dialogues for supporting policy makers, experts and stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific Region to understand the outcomes of the IPBES Asia-Pacific Regional Assessment and how to use and apply the information to the policy making related to biodiversity at the national level.

Technical and Scientific Cooperation

106. Pursuant to SBSTTA recommendation 23/6, the Secretariat further developed the proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account these submissions received from Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations⁷ in response to Notification [2020-001](#). The revised proposals and the draft terms of reference

⁷ Submissions were received from 9 Parties (Egypt, European Union, Guyana, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea and Suriname) and 13 organizations (ETC Group, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Carpathian Convention, /...

for an informal advisory committee on technical and scientific cooperation were presented at the Thematic Consultation on Capacity Building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on 1-2 March 2020. A revised version of the proposals and the terms of reference will be submitted to SBI 3.

107. The Secretariat successfully closed 5 of the 10 round 2 demonstration projects funded through the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI). A call for proposals for the third round of BBI-funded projects was issued in June 2020, through [Notification 2020-042](#). It also continued to provide administrative support to the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI), including the provision of helpdesk services to Parties and relevant stakeholders, and the maintenance of the [Bio-Bridge web platform](#). A total of 35 requests for assistance, 48 providers of technical assistance and 157 opportunities are available on the BBI databases.

108. The Secretariat continued to support the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity ([CSP](#)) to implement its work plan 2019-2020. The CSP also officially welcomed the National Institute of Biodiversity of Ecuador as a new member, which recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat. It also continued to facilitate preparations of the fifth Science-Policy Forum for Biodiversity, which will be co-organized by the CSP, and the Biodiversity Technology and Innovation Expo to be held in the margins of COP 15.

Knowledge Management and the Clearing-House Mechanism

109. Pursuant to COP decision 14/25, the Secretariat developed, in consultation with the informal advisory committees to the Clearing-House Mechanism, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House, a draft knowledge management component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This draft component will be made available for peer-review during an online discussion forum and subsequently submitted for consideration by SBI 3 and COP15. More details on the preparation of the knowledge management component are available on the [webpage](#).

110. In collaboration with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), the Secretariat organized an online training-of-trainers on the use of the Bioland tool for 10 ACB staff from 10 to 12 March 2020. The Secretariat also conducted an online training workshop on the use of biodiversity information sharing tools for participants from five member states of ASEAN (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) from 25 to 27 March 2020. The “train-the-trainer” component equipped ACB staff with ample knowledge and skills to enable them to introduce the Bioland tool to other countries for the curation and sharing of biodiversity data within the region. More information available on ACB’s [website](#).

111. The Secretariat also improved the interoperability of the Bioland Tool with the websites of governments and partner organizations. France was the first country to leverage the enhanced interoperability.

Resource Mobilization

112. In the period under the review, the Secretariat continued implementation of its work plan on resource mobilization pursuant to the various requests in the decision 14/22 as well as 14/34. It organized and serviced the Thematic Workshop on Resource Mobilization for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which was held successfully from 14 to 16 January 2020 in Berlin, Germany, with financial and logistical support by the Government of Germany, and in close collaboration with the two co-leads on resource mobilization, the co-chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as the host government. The report of the workshop was submitted to the Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, held from 24 to 29 February 2020 in Rome, Italy.

113. The Secretariat further facilitated the work of the panel of experts on resource mobilization and its collaboration of relevant global organizations and initiatives working on resource mobilization, such as

UNDP-BIOFIN, OECD, WTO, WEF, TNC, Dasgupta Review, etc., with a view to share relevant information and coordinating future planning and organization of events.

114. The Panel of experts on resource mobilization and the Secretariat finalized the documentation requested per decision 14/22, that are submitted to the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 3).

115. The Secretariat intensified its collaboration with key partners and initiatives of the financial sector, with a view to promote the mobilization of resources from all sources for implementation of the post-2020 GBF. Numerous consultations were held with partners from the public and private financial sector and from organizations undertaking relevant work, as well as from a number of Parties that are involved in these reflections, with a view to build partnerships, highlight their role in the implementation of the future P2020 GBF, and to develop the concept and agenda for different events organized by the Secretariat as dedicated information session at the OEWG2, side events at the SBI3 and a session at the Business and Biodiversity Forum during COP15.

116. As a result of these consultations, the Executive Secretary and the Secretariat have been invited to speak at several webinars dedicated to the financial sector (organized by F4T, OECD, UNEP-FI, UNDP, WWF...) and are part of the important work of the TNFD (Taskforce on Nature related Disclosure).

117. Following discussions with several MDBs, the decision was taken to set up an informal working group coordinated by the Secretariat, to provide a platform to exchange relevant practices, tools, measures and consider future collaborations. This group will meet in the fall 2020. The Secretariat is also part of the Executive Committee of the Finance in Common Summit organized by the International Development Finance Club (IDFC) and the French Development Agency (AFD), scheduled for November 2020 and bringing together 450 international, regional and local development banks.

Financial mechanism

118. In response to decision 14/23, the secretariat recruited a team of three independent experts to prepare a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols during the eighth replenishment period of the Trust Fund of the Global Environment Facility, circulated the questionnaire for recipient Parties to make a submission, organized a series of meetings with experts and Parties including those on the margin of the second meeting of the open-ended working group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in February 2020, and commented on their inception report and draft interim report. In-depth research has been conducted to prepare proposals for a four-year outcome-oriented framework of programme priorities for the eighth replenishment period (July 2022 to June 2026) of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, aligned with the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and the terms of reference for the sixth review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

119. In response to decision XIII/21, the secretariat continued to work the secretariat of the various biodiversity-related conventions with respect to the provision of elements of advice for the development of strategic guidance for the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund. Several biodiversity-related conventions were on track of developing strategic elements, including the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and the Convention on Migratory Species. The preliminary draft report was received from the Global Environment Facility to the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, providing detailed information regarding its response to the policy, strategy and programme priorities communicated from the Conference of the Parties.

120. In June 2020, the 58th meeting of the Global Environment Facility Council approved 63 projects and 5 programs amounting to US\$ 645.4 million, for 72 recipient countries, including 20 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and 10 Small Island Developing states (SIDS). These projects and programs were co-financed by other sources of funding at an indicative amount of US\$4.3 billion. In March 2020, the twenty-fifth meeting of the Green Climate Fund Board approved six new projects and programmes with US\$169.7 million of GCF funding for a total value of US\$ 618.7 million in climate mitigation and adaptation action in 12 developing countries.

121. The Global Environment Facility allocated notionally US\$ 46 million for enabling activities in its seventh replenishment package, including for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans and other national obligations under the Convention and its Protocols. In its nineteenth replenishment, the International Development Association (IDA) decided to support at least 15 IDA countries to implement and/or update their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) covering terrestrial and marine biodiversity or similar national action plans through new IDA-supported activities during IDA19.

Japan Biodiversity Fund

122. The Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) was programmed to conclude its funding activities by the end of 2020. However, the implementation of most of the ongoing JBF-funded capacity building activities have been severely delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As an exceptional measure, the Government of Japan approved the extension of the JBF for one year to enable the Secretariat to continue the support for the capacity-building efforts and mitigate the delays caused by the pandemic.

123. Several ongoing projects implemented by external partners, such as UNDP, UNEP-WCMC and the Global Biodiversity Youth Network (GYBN), will benefit from this extension. Six JBF portfolio projects currently being implemented through the CBD Secretariat are also benefiting from the extension.

VI. ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS

Indicators

- Sufficient and predictable resources commensurate with POW, mobilized and spent (voluntary and core)
- Parties and partners positively value the Secretariat's contributions
- Implementation of audits and accepted evaluation recommendations within the time frame defined in the implementation plan
- Environmental footprint is reduced

124. The Administration, Finance and Conference Services Division provides a wide range of administrative, human resources, financial, logistical and conference services support to the Secretariat and its staff. The Division comprises the following units:

(a) The Finance and Budget Unit, the main focus of which is programme planning, budgeting and expenditure monitoring and reporting;

(b) The Administration and Human Resources Unit, which focuses on providing administrative and personnel support to SCBD staff, guidance on all human resources issues and liaise with Host Government regarding the official staff of staff members in Canada;

(c) The Conference Services Unit, which is responsible for facilitating, supporting and coordinating the organization of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols, arrange logistics for meetings including side events, provide editorial services for the Secretariat, as well as manage translation of Secretariat documents; and

(d) The IT Customer Services Team, which is responsible for all aspects related to the IT network and infrastructure, InfoSec as well as IT support to staff for local and enterprise applications, as and when needed.

A. Personnel Arrangements

125. During the period January to June 2020, 40 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 nine professional staff members is currently in progress.

126. Of the 29 General Service posts approved under the core budget for 2019-2021, 28 posts were regularized, with 1 vacant post under recruitment.

127. In addition to the posts funded under the core budgets, there are 19 encumbered posts (4 Professionals and 15 General Service) in the Administration, Finance and Conference Services Division funded from the 13 percent programme support costs (PSC) charged by the UN Environment Programme on voluntary contributions. There are 2 additional vacant posts funded by the PSC that are under recruitment. It is expected that the income generated from PSC will decline due to the COVID-19, which may negatively impact the staffing level of the AFC Division and led to posts that will become vacant as a result of upcoming retirements in 2021, may not be filled.

128. There were a total of seven professional project or seconded staff and one General Service project staff working at the Secretariat during the period under review. Additionally, four professional project staff and one General Service project staff are under recruitment.

129. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organization chart (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).

130. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 40 Professional staff members and 28 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 9 vacant Professional posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and 1 vacant General Service post. Additionally, 11 professional posts and 16 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organization chart (Appendix 1 and Annex III respectively).

131. 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

132. 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).

133. 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.

134. The Conference of the Parties and respective meetings of the Parties to the Protocols also approved the funding estimates for:

(a) 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;

(b) 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;

(c) 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.

135. 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

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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 2020, unpaid assessments for 2020 and prior years amount to US\$10,193,327 for the Convention, US\$2,845,300 for the Cartagena Protocol and US\$1,775,764 for the Nagoya Protocol respectively. Details of the BY, BG and BB Trust Fund are contained in Annexes V, VII and VIII.

136. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (BE Trust Fund). As of 30 June 2020, an amount of US\$ 1,155,858 was pledged for the year 2020. Total unpaid pledges for 2020 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$509,887. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

137. As at 30 June 2020, US\$ 899,305 has been pledged in 2020 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (BZ Trust Fund). Total unpaid pledges for 2020 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund is US\$56,818. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

138. As at 30 June 2020, two 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 2020. The total pledges amount to US\$ 82,982. All pledges for 2020 and prior years have been paid. Full details of the pledges to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

139. Following the COP request (BS COP MOP/8/7, para.7 and NP COP MOP/2/13 para.5) to close the BH and BX Trust funds in 2021, no contributions have been recorded in these two trust funds since 2016. The contributions in support of activities under the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols are deposited in the BE Trust fund.

Status of expenditure

140. The Conference of the Parties (COP and respective meetings of the Parties for the protocols approved an integrated core budget of US\$ 19,895,128 for the year 2020. As at 30 June 2020, a total of US\$7,605,951 (including the programme support costs) was spent or committed. This represents 38% of the total approved budget for 2020. The details of expenditure are contained in Annex III.

141. Staff costs during the period under review amounted to US\$4,718,438 or 41% of the annual approved staffing budget. A total of US\$34,105 was spent on Travel on Official Business, or 9% of the approved on this object of expenditure line for 2020; US\$782,334 or 26% was spent on Meeting Costs, including Bureau, Expert Meetings and Extraordinary Meetings on Post2020; and US\$208,154 or 29% of the approved budget on this object of expenditure was spent on General Operating Expenses. Expenditures referred to in this paragraph do not include the 13% programme support costs.

C. Conference and Editorial Services

142. In the first two months of the reporting period, the team continued to deliver meetings services and provide logistical arrangements for scheduled meetings. Due to unforeseen and urgent circumstances, the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and associated workshops were transferred to Rome on very short notice, requiring the full dedication of the team and full engagement of other teams across the Secretariat (registration, visa support, travel arrangements) as well as the engagement of support teams at FAO.

143. With the advent of the COVID-19 global pandemic, from March 2020, all scheduled meetings were either suspended or delivered online with virtual participation.

144. In cooperation with SCBD ICT Services, the Headquarters Office of Information and Communications Technology, and the UNON Division of Conference Services, the team has since devoted efforts to identify, analyse and compare methods, costs and electronic platforms available with a view to providing services for virtual or hybrid meetings in the six official languages of the United Nations, to engage as alternative platforms to conventional meetings.

145. The unit remains engaged in a wide range of simultaneous support functions to ensure seamless and smooth running of operations for formal and informal meetings under the Convention and its subsidiary bodies, as well as other meetings organized by the Secretariat, such as the forthcoming third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, in keeping with gender balance targets, rules of procedure, sustainability and accessibility standards, among other needs.

146. During the period under review, documents were issued, in the six official languages of the United Nations, for the second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, including pre-session and in-session documents as well as the report of the Working Group. The secretariat also prepared and issued several documents for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

147. Editorial services finalized editing and posting of agendas and pre-session working documents for several thematic consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and expert workshops, as well as meetings of an informal advisory committee, two compliance committees and a liaison group held during the period from February through June 2020. The reports of those bodies were also issued.

148. The Secretariat was obliged to reschedule translation teams as a result of the postponement of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the associated meetings under the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I

STAFFING TABLE OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY

January-June 2020

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. E. Maruma Mrema
2.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (OES)	Mr. D. Cooper
3.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (SSSF)	Mr. A. Shestakov
4.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (IMS)	Ms. J. Mathur-Filipp
5.	P5	Chief of Section, Programme Budget (AFC)	Ms. G. Fosse (Post funded by PSC)
6.	P5	Senior Legal Officer (DES)	Mr. W. Yifru
7.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Economist) (SSSF/EPRM)	Mr. M. Lehmann
8.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (OES)	Ms. C. Santamaria
9.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Indigenous Knowledge) (SSSF/PB)	Mr. J. Scott
10.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer. (Reports & Reviews) (IMS/SEC)	Mr. N. Pratt
11.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. E. Tamale
12.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific/Tech. Assessments) (IMS/MR&R)	Under recruitment
13.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Access & Benefit Sharing) (DES/ABSP)	Under recruitment
14.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific, Technical Information) (DES/BP)	Under recruitment
15.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (In situ & ex situ conservation) (SSSF/BSPG)	Mr. V. Gidda
16.	P4	Public Information Officer (OES/C&A)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
17.	P4	Programme Management Officer (IMS/SEC)	Mr. Y. Xiang
18.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (SSSF/BSPG- Forest)	Under recruitment
19.	P4	Information Systems Officer	F. Vogel (P3)
20.	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer, (Jakarta Mandate) (SSSF/BSPG)	Under recruitment
21.	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by PSC)
22.	P4	Administrative Officer (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. J. Mukui (Post funded by PSC)
23.	P4	Editor (AFC/CS)	Mr. O. Plasencia
24.	P4	Programme Management Officer (Taxonomy), (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Shimura

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
25.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Dry & Sub-humid lands) (SSSF/BSPG)	Under recruitment
26.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Reports) (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. L. Cai
27.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Sustainable Use & Tourism) (IMS/SEC)	Mr. O. Hillel
28.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Legal & Policy Affairs) (DES/BP)	Ms. K. Garforth
29.	P4	Information Management Officer, (CHM) (ISM/CBKM)	Under recruitment
30.	P3	Special Assistant, Administration (OES/SS)	Ms. A. Rego
31.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by PSC)
32.	P3	Documentation Management Officer (IMS/CHM)	Under recruitment
33.	P3	Conference Services Officer (AFC/CS)	Mr. P. Tagliari
34.	P3	Website Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
35.	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (DES/BP)	Mr. P. Deupmann
36.	P3	Information Systems Officer (AFC/IT)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
37.	P3	Programme Management Officer, (Inland Waters) (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. C. Canales
38.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Vacant (Post funded by PSC)
39.	P3	Programme Management Officer, (Scientific Assessments) (DES/BP)	Ms. M. Araya
40.	P3	Information Systems Officer, (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
41.	P3	Legal Officer (L&I)	Mr. T. Deleuil
42.	P3	Programme Management Officer – (Capacity-building) – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. K. Taboulchanas
43.	P3	Programme Management Officer – (Monitoring) – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. B. Gomez Castro
44.	P3	Programme Management Officer – ABS-CH (DES/ABSP)	Mr. M. Dias
45.	P3	Associate Programme Management Officer – (Marine)- (SSSF/BSPG)	Mr. J. Appiott
46.	P2	Assoc. Information Systems Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. R. Houlahan
47.	P2	Associate Information Officer (OES/C&A)	Mr. J. Hedlund
48.	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (DES/BP)	Ms. U. Nilsson
49.	P2	Assoc. Information Systems Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Under recruitment
50.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. B. Fonseca
51.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (SSSF/PB)	Mr. Q. Conde
52.	P2	Programme Management Officer – (Gender)- (SSSF/PB)	Ms. T. McGregor (P3)

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
53.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer – (Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism) (IMS/SEC)	Ms. C. Robichaud
54.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer – (Risk Assess.) (DES/BP)	Mr. A. McLoughlin
55.	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by PSC)
56.	G6	Staff Assistant (OES/SS)	Ms. I. Sednaoui
57.	G5	Staff Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
58.	G6	Programme Management Assistant - (SSS/BSPG)	Ms. A. Cung
59.	G6	Programme Management Assistant - (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Grekin
60.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/SEC)	Ms. S. Meehan
61.	G5	Staff Assistant - (DES/PB)	Ms. M. Willey
62.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/MR&R)	Ms. M. Chiasson
63.	G7	Senior Programme Assistant - (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. D. Monnier
64.	G6	Administrative Assistant - (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. P. Azevedo (Post funded by PSC)
65.	G7	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
66.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant (SSF/BSPG)	Ms. L. Janishevski
67.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Alexandre (Post funded by PSC)
68.	G6	Staff Assistant - (SSSF)	Ms. V. Allain
69.	G5	Staff Assistant - (IMS)	Ms. J. Bwalya
70.	G6	Public Information Assistant (OES/SS)	Mr. F. Belanger
71.	G7	Senior Information Systems Assistant (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. V. Gopez
72.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (OES/C&A)	Mr. M. Banski
73.	G6	Programme Management Assistant, (DES/ABSP)	Ms. A. Coelho
74.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant (DES/BP)	Ms. P. Scarone
75.	G7	Senior Information Systems Assistant, (AFC/IT)	Ms. X. Liang
76.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (SSSF/BETI)	Ms. G. Dosen
77.	G4	Information Clerk - (IMS/CBKM)	Under recruitment
78.	G5	Finance Assistant - (AFC/FIN)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by PSC)
79.	G5	Mail Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by PSC)
80.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by PSC)
81.	G4	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Under recruitment (Post funded by PSC)
82.	G5	Finance Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by PSC)
83.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Del Carpio (post Funded by PSC)
84.	G7	Senior Documents Assistant – (AFC/CS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by PSC)
85.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (IMS/CBKM)	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by PSC)
86.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by PSC)
87.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by PSC)

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
88.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Martinez
89.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (OES/SS)	Ms. M. Crespo
90.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (DES/C&A)	Ms. F. D'Amico
91.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. R. Kipper
92.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (DES/BP)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
93.	G7	Senior Editorial Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
94.	G7	Programme Management Assistant (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
95.	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli (Post funded by PSC)
96.	G6	Administrative Assistant (SSSF/PB)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by PSC)
97.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant – (OES/SS)	Ms. C. Estrada
98.	G3	Team Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Mr. H. Li (Post funded by PSC)
99.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (DES/ABSP)	Ms. L. Zemke

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No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	D1	Principal Coordination Officer – (DES/JBF)	Mr. W. Suzuki
2.	P4	Programme Mgmt. Officer - (DES/JBF)	Mr. N. Van Der Werf
3.	P4	Programme Mgmt. Officer - (DES/JBF)	Ms. N. Saad
4.	G6	Programme Mgmt. Assistant - (DES/JBF)	VACANT
5.	G6	Programme Mgmt. Assistant - (DES/JBF)	VACANT

Temporary/Seconded/Project Staff members/JPOs

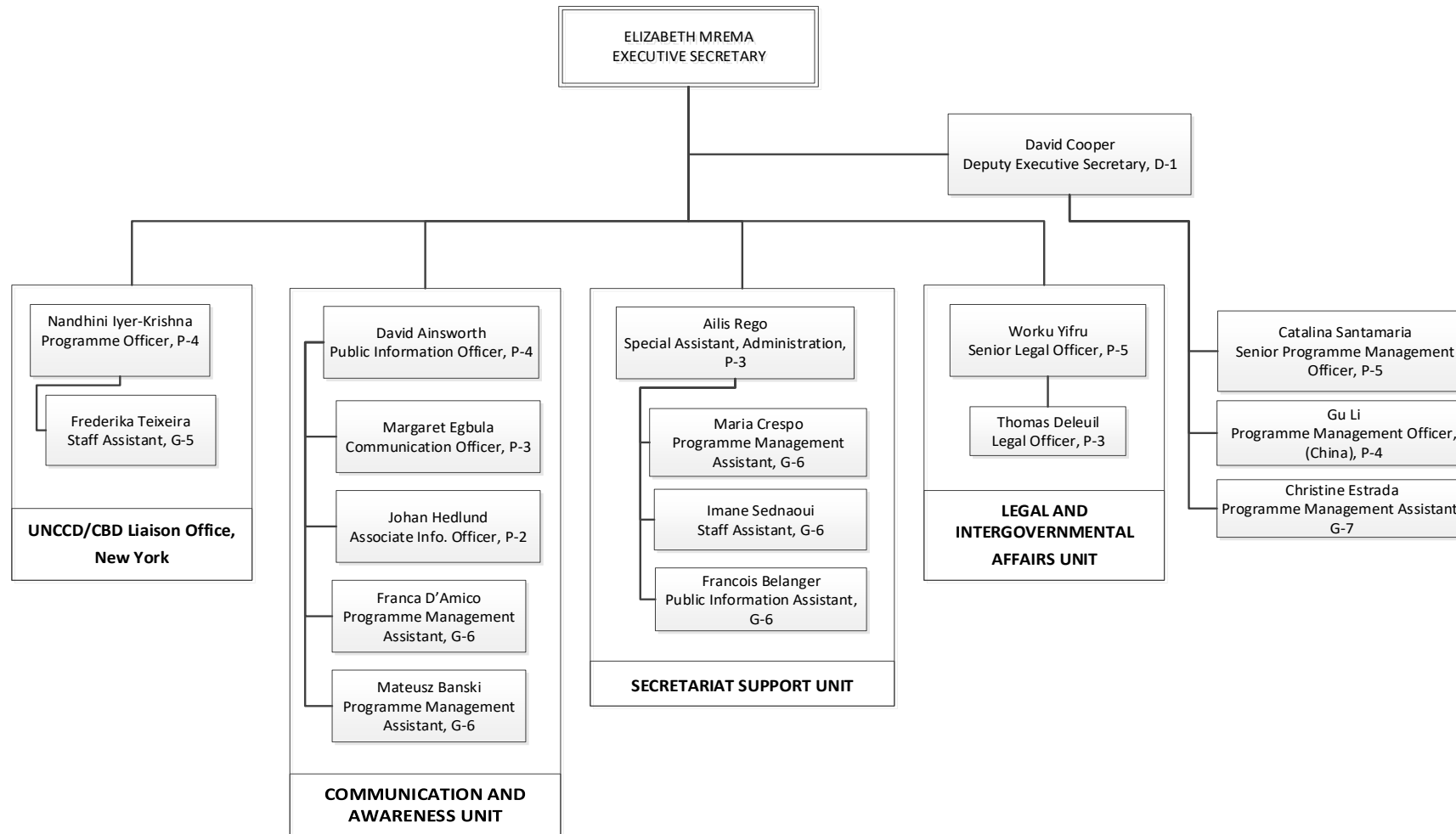
No.	Name	Nationality	Seconded/Funded from
1.	Mr. I. Hama, JPO (DES/JBF-P2)	Japan	Government of Japan
2.	VACANT as of 1 May 2019 Prog. Mgmt. Officer (BBI) (IMS/CBKM-P4)		Government of the Republic of Korea
3.	Ms. M. Egbula Ayo Communications Officer (OES/C&A-P3)	Nigeria	European Commission
4.	Ms. B. Brasil Prog. Mgmt. Officer (Business) (SSSF/BETI-P3)	Brazil	European Commission
5.	Ms. C. Parois Prog. Mgmt. Assistant (BBI) (IMS/CBKM-G6)	Canada	Government of the Republic of Korea
6.	Ms. L. Gu – Programme Management Officer (OES/DES-P4)	China	Government of China
7.	VACANT – Programme Management Officer (Scientific) – (DES/ABS-P4)		European Union
8.	VACANT -Programme Management Officer (Health) (SSSF/PB-P3)		Voluntary Fund
9.	VACANT – Programme Management Officer (BCH) (OES/DES/BP-P3)		Voluntary Fund

Interns working at SCBD during the period January to June 2020

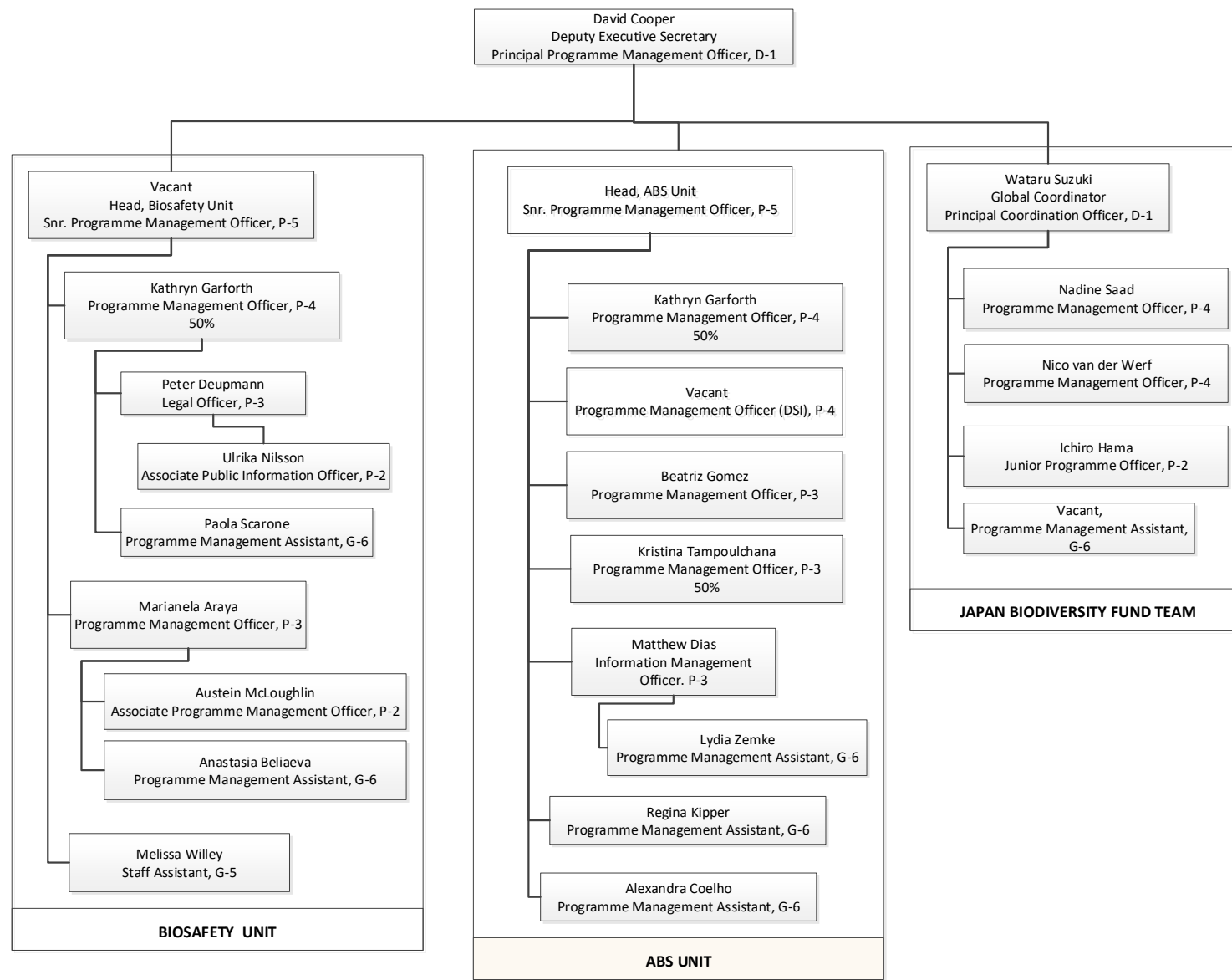
No.	Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
1	Antoine HEUILLARD	France / Canada	Concordia University	Capacity Building and Knowledge Management	15-Oct-19	14-Jan-20
2	Jordan Makena CARPER	United States of America	McGill University	Marine Coastal and Island Biodiversity	15-Oct-19	14-Jan-20
3	Dominique LABERGE	Canada	Université Laval	Technical and Scientific Cooperation	15-Oct-19	17-Jan-20
4	Fei Yi DONG	Canada	University of Waterloo	National Reports	13-Aug-19	31-Jan-20
5	Mariah Skye HOCKIN	Canada	Université de Strasbourg	Media and Communication	25-Nov-19	31-Jan-20
6	Nicholas MOLPECERES	Canada / Spain	McGill University	Media and Communication	11-Nov-19	10-Feb-20
7	Maya Shirliff WATSON	Canada	Ryerson University	Media and Communication	25-Nov-19	21-Feb-20
8	Natalie Patricia PARUZEL	Canada	Concordia University	Business Engagement	26-Aug-19	25-Feb-20
9	Charly Joanne BLAIS	Canada	University of Alberta	Media and Communication	25-Nov-19	27-Feb-20
10	Rishman Jot Kaur CHAHAL	India	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Economics and Finance	3-Sep-19	28-Feb-20
11	Danielle Francis HAK	Canada	University of Waterloo	Biodiversity Mainstreaming	3-Sep-19	12-Mar-20
12	Jaber KAZHAZ	Netherlands	King's College London	Marine Coastal and Island Biodiversity	19-Dec-19	18-Mar-20
13	Maria Paloma NORIEGA JALIL	Mexico	Institut de hautes Études internationales et du Développement	Climate Change	20-Jan-20	23-Mar-20
14	Sadie Justine STEPHENS	Canada	Simon Fraser University	Media and Communication	13-Jan-20	9-Apr-20
15	Valeria CABRERA ORTIZ	Canada / Mexico	University of Waterloo	Traditional Knowledge Post 2020	13-Jan-20	17-Apr-20
16	Kayla Sophie ABOUNEHME	Canada	Université catholique de Louvain	Media and Communication	20-Jan-20	17-Apr-20
17	Alice YUE	Canada	McGill University	National Reports	20-Jan-20	17-Apr-20
18	Rachel SPEECHLEY	Canada	University of London - London School of Economics and Political Science	National Reports	20-Jan-20	17-Apr-20
19	Julie Anne BOTZAS-COLUNI	Canada	McGill University	Sustainable Agriculture	10-Feb-20	8-May-20
20	Jessica BOUCHARD	Canada	McGill University	Media and Communication	17-Feb-20	29-May-20

No.	Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
21	Marta FIORILLO	Italy	McGill University	Media and Communication	20-Mar-20	19-Jun-20
22	Cassia Paige FOLEY	Canada	McGill University	National Reports	30-Mar-20	29-Jun-20
23	Nicholas Peter BARIC	Canada	Concordia University	Business Engagement	6-Apr-20	3-Jul-20
24	Michelle Joselyn HAHN-BAKER	Canada	McGill University	Media and Communication	20-Apr-20	17-Jul-20
25	Takumi Julien PREFONTAINE	Canada / Japan	Université de Montréal	Programme Support for JBF	27-Jan-20	24-Jul-20
26	Kinan Ahmad TAHA	Syrian Arab Republic	Université Mohammed V - Souissi	Result-Based Budgeting	27-Jan-20	24-Jul-20
27	Jingyi WANG	People's republic of China	University of Victoria	Programme Support for JBF	27-Jan-20	24-Jul-20
28	Yu Cai TIAN	Canada	Université de Montréal	Media and Communication	4-May-20	21-Aug-20

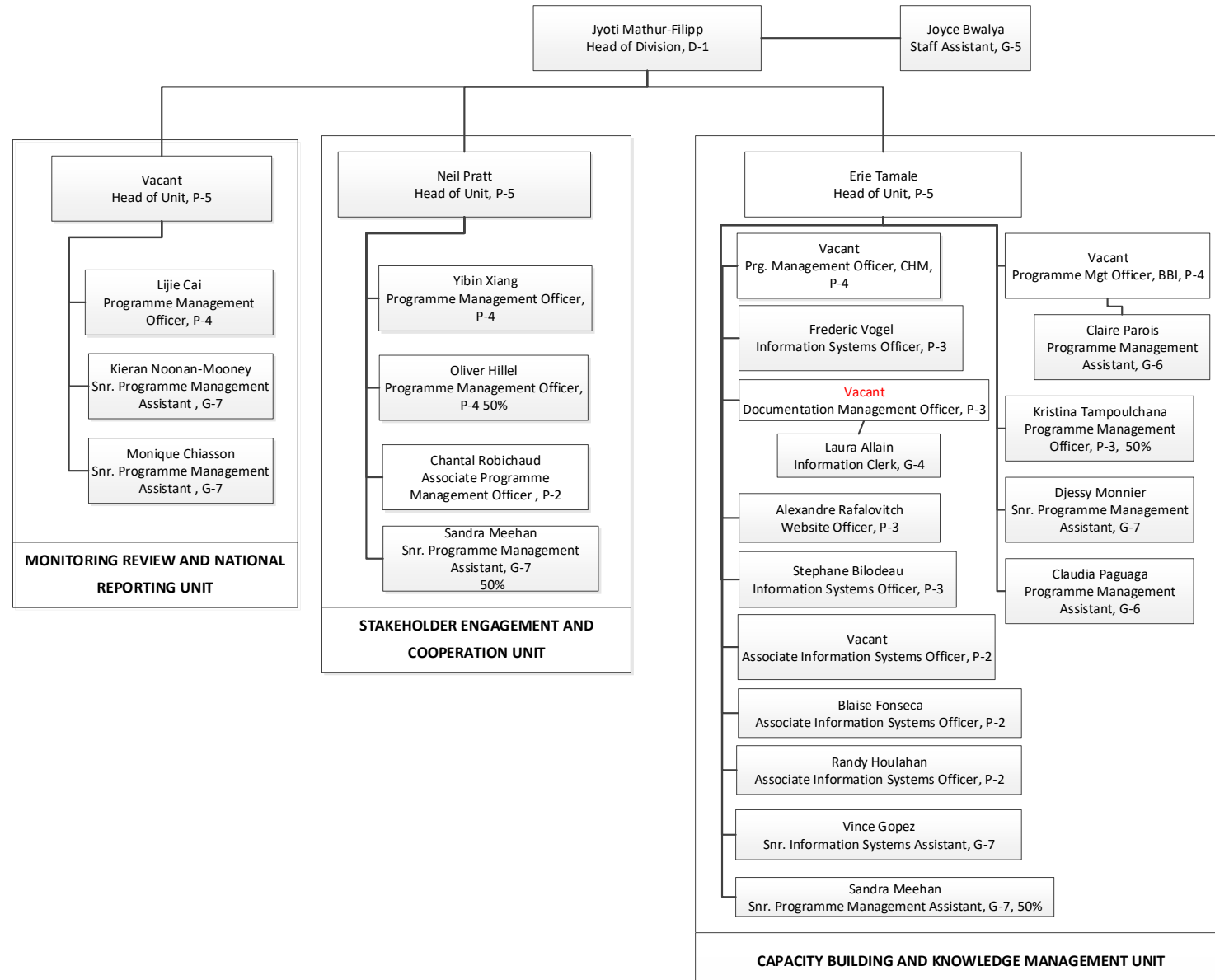
ANNEX II
ORGANIZATION CHART OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT
Office of the Executive Secretary



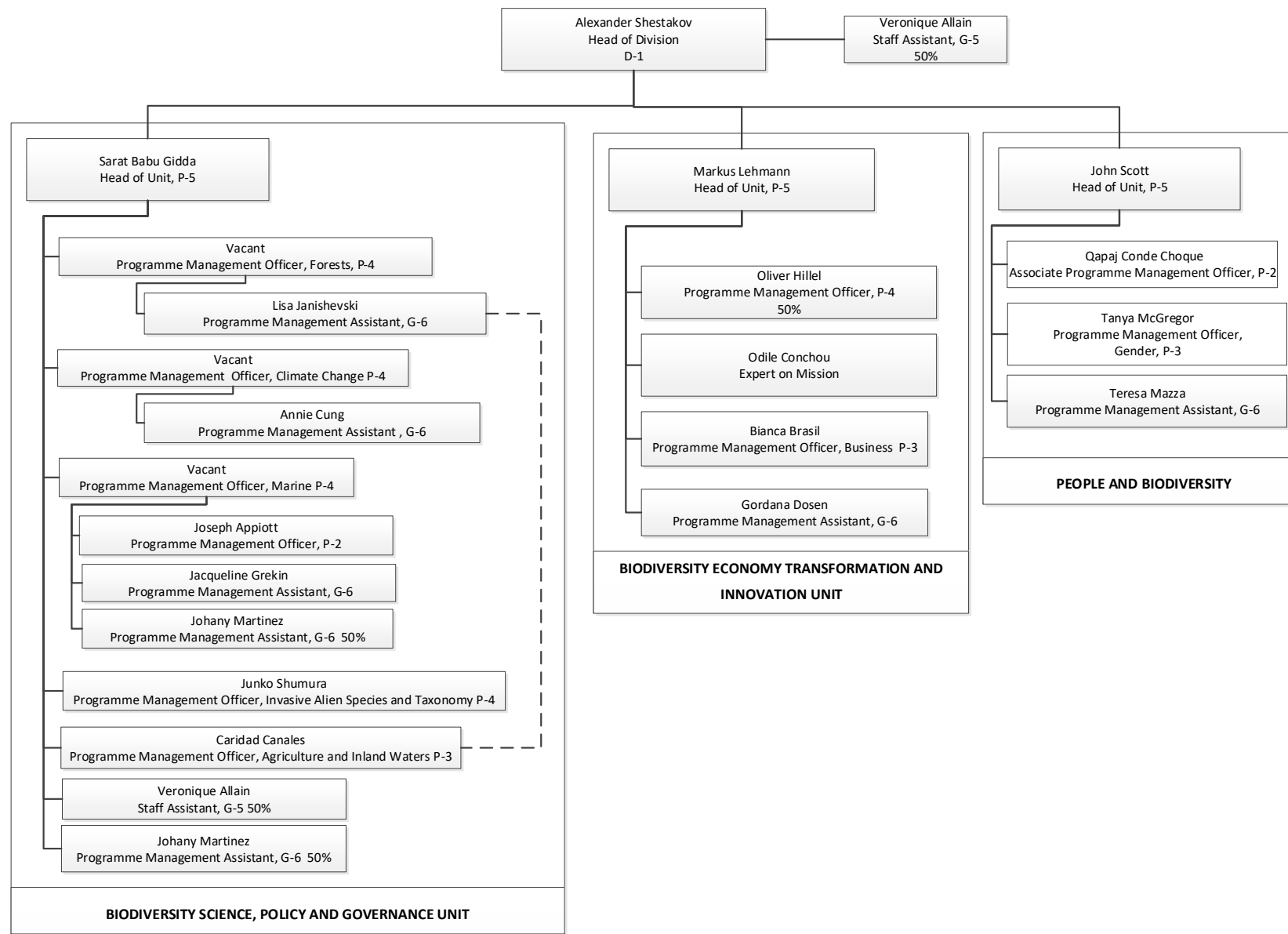
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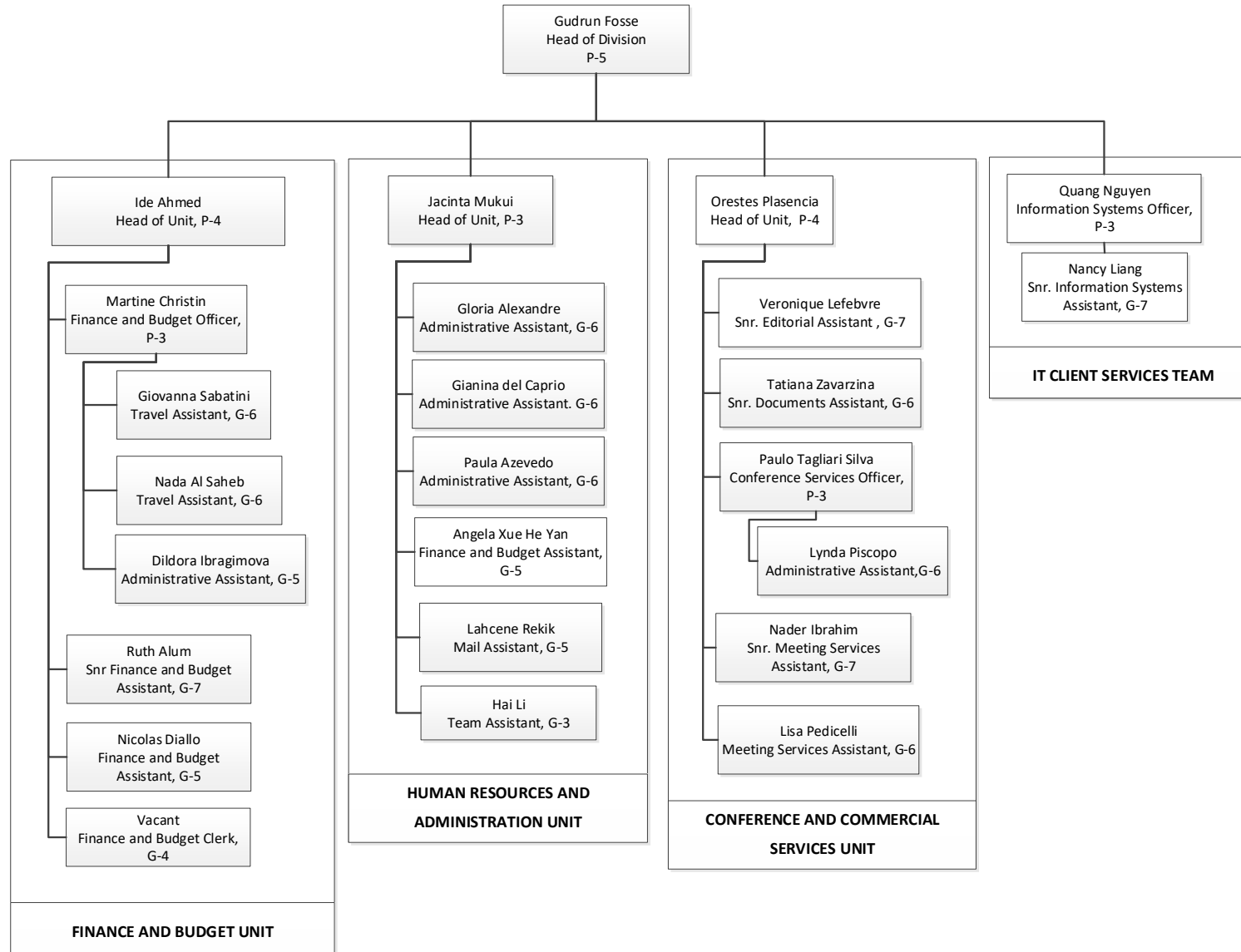
Implementation Support Division



Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division



Administrative, Finance and Conference Services Division



ANNEX III
CORE BUDGET EXPENDITURE REPORT, INCLUDING 13% PSC
as at 30 June 2020 (in United States dollars)

		2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Total budget (2019-2020)	Expenditure 1Jan-31Dec 2019	Expenditure 1 Jan- 30 June 2020	Biennial expenditure as of 30 June 2020	Variance on biennial Budget
I: Programmes	Office of the Executive Secretary	3,534,000	3,444,800	6,978,800	2,487,957	1,097,450	3,585,407	3,393,393
	ABS and BS Protocols	2,322,600	2,375,900	4,698,500	1,677,546	758,205	2,435,751	2,262,749
	Science, Society and Sustainable Future Division	3,912,300	3,909,000	7,821,300	3,283,522	1,516,400	4,799,922	3,021,378
	Implementation Support Division	3,105,000	3,708,200	6,813,200	3,049,228	1,407,428	4,456,656	2,356,544
II. Administration, Finance and Conference Services		3,845,100	4,052,700	7,897,800	3,175,064	1,951,446	5,126,511	2,771,289
Total (excluding PSC)		16,719,000	17,490,600	34,209,600	13,673,316	6,730,930	20,404,246	13,805,354
Programme Support Costs (13%)		2,173,470	2,273,778	4,447,248	1,777,531	875,021	2,652,552	1,794,696
Working Capital Reserve		56,550	130,750	187,300				
Total		18,949,020	19,895,128	38,844,148	15,450,847	7,605,951	23,056,798	15,600,050

Approved Lines		2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Total budget (2019-2020)	Expenditure 1 Jan- 31 Dec 2019	Expenditure 1 Jan- 30 June 2020	Biennial expenditure as of 30 June 2020	Variance on biennial Budget
A	Staff costs	11,453,900	11,626,600	23,080,500	9,534,912	4,718,438	14,253,350	8,827,150
B	Bureau meetings	150,000	215,000	365,000	174,966	24,631	199,597	165,403
C	Travel on official business	400,000	400,000	800,000	520,160	34,105	554,265	245,735
D	Consultants / Subcontractors	50,000	50,000	100,000	45,176	-359	44,818	55,182
E	Public Awareness Materials / communication	50,000	50,000	100,000	23,274	72,878	96,152	3,848
F	Temporary assistance/overtime	100,000	100,000	200,000	143,568	23,078	166,646	33,354
G	Training	5,000	5,000	10,000	2,182	250	2,432	7,568
H	Translation of CHM websites / websites projects	65,000	65,000	130,000	43,727	13,265	56,992	73,008
I	Meetings	1,569,000	2,119,000	3,688,000	771,822	318,754	1,090,576	2,597,424
J	Expert Meetings	170,000	150,000	320,000	159,665	-8,189	151,476	168,524
K	Extraordinary meetings on post-2020	750,000	560,000	1,310,000	381,163	447,139	828,302	481,698
L	Rent and associated costs	1,229,500	1,423,400	2,652,900	1,432,796	878,785	2,311,581	341,319
M	General operating expenses	726,600	726,600	1,453,200	439,905	208,154	648,059	805,141
Sub-total I	Total (excluding PSC)	16,719,000	17,490,600	34,209,600	13,673,316	6,730,930	20,404,246	13,805,354
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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 2020 (in United States dollars)

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019		Pledges for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Belgium	66,660	1/		66,660		
Canada	84,019	2/	89,477			173,497
Canada	4,520	3/				4,520
Finland		4/	32,258		32,258	
France	23,635	5/				23,635
France	30,675	6/				30,675
Germany (GIZ) GmbH	41,831	7/		41,831		
Korea		8/	333,056		333,056	
Korea		9/	372,353		372,353	
Norway		10/	271,061			271,061
South Africa	50,000	11/		50,000		
South Africa	6,500	12/				6,500
United Kingdom (DEFRA)	148,087	13/		148,087		
United Kingdom (DEFRA)		14/	57,652		57,652	
Total	455,926		1,155,858	306,578	795,319	509,887

1/Belgium pledge EUR 60,000 for the February 2020 workshop on ecologically or biologically significant areas.

2/Canada pledge CAD 500,000 initially for the period 2016-2020 for Advancing Canada's priorities in CBD. Biodiversity - Wildlife and Habitat. Additional pledge CAD 125,000. Total Pledge is 625,000.

3/Canada pledge USD 129,950 for expert workshop on marine protected areas- Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

4/Finland pledge EUR 30,000 for the preparation of the health and biodiversity agenda item for SBSTTA-24 and COP-15.

5/France pledge EUR 180,000 for Marine EBSA project.

6/France pledge EUR 38,500 for GIEC - IPBES Workshop 2018.

7/Germany (GIZ) GmbH pledge EUR 38,999.69 to facilitate achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 for reporting to COP 15.

8/Korea pledge KRW 400,000,000 for Sustainable Ocean Initiative Project 2020 - Implementation of the Action Plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (20 15-2020) and organization of SOI Global Dialogue.

9/Korea pledge USD 372,352.81 for implementation of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI) (2020 grant).

10/Norway pledge NOK 2,500,000 for Post 2020 workshop on sustainable use.

11/South Africa pledge USD 50,000 for development of Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework process of CBD & Protocol.

12/South Africa pledge USD 6,500 for study on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP 3 decision NP-3/13, para.5a).

13/United Kingdom (DEFRA) pledge GBP 113,000 for the implementation of Aichi Target 11.

14/United Kingdom (DEFRA) pledge GBP 48,269 to develop a review mechanism for post2020 biodiversity framework.

ANNEX V
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
as at 30 June 2020

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Afghanistan	1,990	1,099					1,990	1,099	3,089	
Albania	3,692	1,256		3,692	1,256					
Algeria	46,013	21,673		46,013	21,673					
Andorra	741	785		741				785	785	
Angola	3,692	1,256					3,692	1,256	4,948	
Antigua and Barbuda	2,147	314		2,147	314					
Argentina	135,519	143,705					135,519	143,705	279,224	
Armenia		1,099	1,099							
Australia		347,090	385,791			385,560				424,261
Austria		106,326			106,326					
Azerbaijan		7,696						7,696	7,696	
Bahamas	4,890	2,827					4,890	2,827	7,717	
Bahrain	7,405	7,853					7,405	7,853	15,258	
Bangladesh	1,185	1,256					1,185	1,256	2,441	
Barbados		1,099						1,099	1,099	
Belarus		7,696			7,696					
Belgium		128,942			128,942					
Belize	1,018	157					1,018	157	1,175	
Benin	3,253	471		3,253				471	471	
Bhutan		157						157	157	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	4,276	2,513					4,276	2,513	6,789	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,074	1,885					4,074	1,885	5,959	
Botswana	6,462	2,199					6,462	2,199	8,661	
Brazil	462,859	462,996					462,859	462,996	925,855	
Brunei	3,703	3,926		3,703				3,926	3,926	
Bulgaria		7,224						7,224	7,224	
Burkina Faso	3,944	471					3,944	471	4,415	
Burundi	1,362	157					1,362	157	1,519	
Cambodia	889	942					889	942	1,831	
Cameroon	10,494	2,042					10,494	2,042	12,536	
Canada		429,386	429,386							
Cape Verde	928	157					928	157	1,085	
Central African Republic	1,853	157					1,853	157	2,010	
Chad	3,955	628					3,955	628	4,583	
Chile	26,288	63,921					26,288	63,921	90,209	
China		1,885,436						1,885,436	1,885,436	
Colombia		45,232						45,232	45,232	
Comoros	4,746	157					4,746	157	4,903	
Congo, Brazzaville	6,592	942					6,592	942	7,534	
Cook Islands	134	157		134	157	25				25
Costa Rica		9,737	1,824					7,913	7,913	
Cote d'Ivoire		2,042	4,162							2,120
Croatia		12,093			12,093					
Cuba	135,307	12,564					135,307	12,564	147,871	
Cyprus		5,654						5,654	5,654	
Czech Republic		48,844	48,844							

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Democratic People's Republic of Korea.	5,625	942					5,625	942	6,567	
Democratic Republic of Congo	13,337	1,256					13,337	1,256	14,593	
Denmark		87,008	90,253							3,245
Djibouti	1,055	157					1,055	157	1,212	
Dominica	148	157					148	157	305	
Dominican Republic	28,678	8,324		27,663			1,015	8,324	9,339	
Ecuador	22,492	12,564					22,492	12,564	35,056	
Egypt	27,548	29,212					27,548	29,212	56,760	
El Salvador		1,885						1,885	1,885	
Equatorial Guinea	12,041	1,256					12,041	1,256	13,297	
Eritrea		157	803							646
Estonia		6,125			6,125					
Eswatini (Kingdom of)	296	314					296	314	610	
Ethiopia	1,185	1,256		1,185				1,256	1,256	
European Union		314,052			314,052					
Fiji	1,385	471					1,385	471	1,856	
Finland		66,120			66,120					
France		695,279			695,279					
Gabon	2,774	2,356					2,774	2,356	5,130	
Gambia	148	157					148	157	305	
Georgia		1,256			1,256					
Germany		956,460			956,460					

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Ghana	7,237	2,356					7,237	2,356	9,593	
Greece		57,482						57,482	57,482	
Grenada	774	157					774	157	931	
Guatemala	22,529	5,654					22,529	5,654	28,183	
Guinea	1,694	471					1,694	471	2,165	
Guinea-Bissau	148	157					148	157	305	
Guyana		314						314	314	
Haiti		471						471	471	
Honduras	2,249	1,413					2,249	1,413	3,662	
Hungary		32,353						32,353	32,353	
Iceland	11,354	4,398		11,354	4,398					
India		130,983						130,983	130,983	
Indonesia	80,423	85,280		80,423	85,280					
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	366,593	62,508					366,593	62,508	429,101	
Iraq	59,533	20,260					59,533	20,260	79,793	
Ireland		58,267						58,267	58,267	
Israel		76,957						76,957	76,957	
Italy		519,378						519,378	519,378	
Jamaica	1,185	1,256					1,185	1,256	2,441	
Japan		1,345,012			640,075			704,937	704,937	
Jordan		3,298						3,298	3,298	
Kazakhstan	26,363	27,956		26,363	27,956					
Kenya	3,555	3,769					3,555	3,769	7,324	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Kiribati	462	157					462	157	619	
Kuwait	37,323	39,578		37,323	39,578					
Kyrgyzstan		314	22					292	292	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	1,203	785					1,203	785	1,988	
Latvia		7,382	7,382							
Lebanon	22,559	7,382		14,416			8,143	7,382	15,525	
Lesotho		157	5					152	152	
Liberia	1,632	157					1,632	157	1,789	
Libya	157,009	4,712		16,352			140,657	4,712	145,369	
Liechtenstein		1,413						1,413	1,413	
Lithuania		11,151	11,151							
Luxembourg		10,523						10,523	10,523	
Madagascar	1,039	628		1,039	52			576	576	
Malawi	923	314					923	314	1,237	
Malaysia		53,555						53,555	53,555	
Maldives	901	628					901	628	1,529	
Mali	760	628					760	628	1,388	
Malta		2,670			2,670					
Marshall Islands	1,745	157					1,745	157	1,902	
Mauritania	4,349	314					4,349	314	4,663	
Mauritius		1,728						1,728	1,728	
Mexico		202,914	36,644		166,270					

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Micronesia (Federated States of)		157	7					150	150	
Monaco		1,728						1,728	1,728	
Mongolia		785						785	785	
Montenegro	592	628					592	628	1,220	
Morocco	8,146	8,638		8,146				8,638	8,638	
Mozambique	592	628		592				628	628	
Myanmar	1,240	1,256		1,240				1,256	1,256	
Namibia	1,333	1,413					1,333	1,413	2,746	
Nauru	693	157					693	157	850	
Nepal	1,066	1,099					1,066	1,099	2,165	
Netherlands		212,966			212,966					
New Zealand	84,516	45,703		84,516	45,703					
Nicaragua	741	785					741	785	1,526	
Niger	5,959	314					5,959	314	6,273	
Nigeria	130,597	39,264					130,597	39,264	169,861	
Niue		157						157	157	
Norway		118,419						118,419	118,419	
Oman	51,170	18,061					51,170	18,061	69,231	
Pakistan	50,618	18,061		14,750			35,868	18,061	53,929	
Palau	1,640	157					1,640	157	1,797	
Panama	4,734	7,067					4,734	7,067	11,801	
Papua New Guinea	2,463	1,571					2,463	1,571	4,034	
Paraguay	2,370	2,513		2,370				2,513	2,513	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Peru	2,701	23,872		2,701	14,535			9,337	9,337	
Philippines	30,362	32,196					30,362	32,196	62,558	
Poland		125,957						125,957	125,957	
Portugal		54,969						54,969	54,969	
Qatar	126,068	44,289					126,068	44,289	170,357	
Republic of Korea		356,042						356,042	356,042	
Republic of Macedonia	10,539	1,099					10,539	1,099	11,638	
Republic of Moldova		471						471	471	
Romania	29,325	31,097					29,325	31,097	60,422	
Russian Federation		377,715						377,715	377,715	
Rwanda	469	471					469	471	940	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	462	157					462	157	619	
Saint Lucia	341	157					341	157	498	
Saint Vincent and Grenadines	3,917	157					3,917	157	4,074	
Samoa		157	196							39
San Marino		314			314					
Sao Tome and Principe	2,419	157					2,419	157	2,576	
Saudi Arabia	355,618	184,068					355,618	184,068	539,686	
Senegal	2,604	1,099					2,604	1,099	3,703	
Serbia		4,398						4,398	4,398	
Seychelles	296	314					296	314	610	
Sierra Leone	774	157					774	157	931	
Singapore		76,171	76,171							

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Slovakia		24,029						24,029	24,029	
Slovenia	11,256	11,936					11,256	11,936	23,192	
Solomon Islands		157	633							476
Somalia	1,511	157					1,511	157	1,668	
South Africa		42,719						42,719	42,719	
South Sudan	3,078	942					3,078	942	4,020	
Spain		337,038						337,038	337,038	
Sri Lanka	260	6,910					260	6,910	7,170	
State of Palestine	3,379	1,256					3,379	1,256	4,635	
Sudan	13,927	1,256					13,927	1,256	15,183	
Suriname	4,413	785					4,413	785	5,198	
Sweden		142,291			142,291					
Switzerland		180,769			180,769					
Syrian Arab Republic	32,730	1,728					32,730	1,728	34,458	
Tajikistan		628	597					31	31	
Thailand		48,216			48,216					
Timor - Leste	296	314					296	314	610	
Togo	610	314					610	314	924	
Tonga	928	157					928	157	1,085	
Trinidad and Tobago		6,282						6,282	6,282	
Tunisia	8,151	3,926					8,151	3,926	12,077	
Turkey	203,056	215,321					203,056	215,321	418,377	
Turkmenistan	26,777	5,183					26,777	5,183	31,960	
Tuvalu	307	157					307	157	464	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 30.06.2020
Uganda	5,588	1,256					5,588	1,256	6,844	
Ukraine		8,952						8,952	8,952	
United Arab Emirates		96,745						96,745	96,745	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		717,267	717,267							
United Republic of Tanzania		1,256	4,328							3,072
Uruguay		13,664						13,664	13,664	
Uzbekistan	17,795	5,026					17,795	5,026	22,821	
Vanuatu	1,632	157					1,632	157	1,789	
Venezuela	624,009	114,335					624,009	114,335	738,344	
Viet Nam	2,814	12,093					2,814	12,093	14,907	
Yemen	14,872	1,256					14,872	1,256	16,128	
Zambia	3,527	1,413					3,527	1,413	4,940	
Zimbabwe	3,518	785					3,518	785	4,303	
Total	3,718,464	12,562,067	1,816,566	390,116	3,928,822	385,585	3,328,348	6,864,979	10,193,327	433,884
Additional Contributions										
Canada	700,470	826,813	-	700,470	-	-	-	826,813	826,813	-
Canada (One-Time Contribution)	-	392,143	-	-	392,143	-	-	-	-	-
Province of Quebec	226,710	275,604	-	226,710	-	-	-	275,604	275,604	-
Grand Total	4,645,643	14,056,627	1,816,566	1,317,295	4,320,965	385,585	3,328,348	7,967,396	11,295,744	433,884

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 2020 (in United States dollars)

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019		Pledges for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years
Australia		1/	13,245		13,245	
Finland		2/	48,387		48,387	
France		3/	56,818		0	56,818
Germany		4/	320,000		320,000	
New Zealand		5/	19,698		19,698	
Sweden		6/	32,560		32,560	
Sweden		7/	388,809		388,809	
Tourism Montreal, Canada		8/	19,788		19,788	
Total	0		899,305	0	842,487	56,818

1/Australia pledge AUD 20,000 for the travel of developing country Parties to meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

2/Finland pledge EUR 45,000 for travel of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing states, to meetings of the CBD.

3/France pledge EUR 50,000 to support participation of delegates at CBD meetings.

4/Germany pledge USD 320,000 for travel for participants from developing countries for SBSTTA-24, SBI-3, OEWG Post 2020 GBF and COP-15.

5/New Zealand pledge NZD 30,000 for travel of LDCs and small island developing states to CBD meetings.

6/Sweden pledge SEK 300,000 for travel of delegates from developing countries at COP-MOP-10 in 2020. If no meeting, contribution may be used to support developing countries in preparatory work & holding digital meetings.

7/Sweden pledge SEK 3,600,000 for participation of developing parties at SBSTTA 24/SBI 3, OEWG 3 and COP 15.

8/Tourism Montreal, Canada pledge CAD 26,160 for participation of delegates in CBD meetings.

ANNEX VII
GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BG)
as at 30 June 2020 (in United States dollars)

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Afghanistan	240	255					240	255	495	
Albania	275	291		275	291					
Algeria	11,969	5,023					11,969	5,023	16,992	
Angola	1,562	255					1,562	255	1,817	
Antigua and Barbuda	375	73					375	73	448	
Armenia	240	255					240	255	495	
Austria		24,643			24,643					
Azerbaijan		1,784						1,784	1,784	
Bahamas	1,690	655					1,690	655	2,345	
Bahrain	1,716	1,820					1,716	1,820	3,536	
Bangladesh	767	255					767	255	1,022	
Barbados		255						255	255	
Belarus		1,784						1,784	1,784	
Belgium		29,885			29,885					
Belize	223	36					223	36	259	
Benin		109	4					105	105	
Bhutan		36						36	36	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	1,468	582					1,468	582	2,050	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		437						437	437	
Botswana	1,553	510					1,553	510	2,063	
Brazil	393,942	107,309					393,942	107,309	501,251	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Bulgaria		1,674						1,674	1,674	
Burkina Faso	813	109					813	109	922	
Burundi	385	36					385	36	421	
Cambodia	206	218					206	218	424	
Cameroon	2,529	473					2,529	473	3,002	
Cape Verde	21	36					21	36	57	
Central African Republic	381	36					381	36	417	
Chad	520	146					520	146	666	
China		436,990						436,990	436,990	
Colombia		10,483						10,483	10,483	
Comoros	356	36					356	36	392	
Congo, Brazzaville	1,601	218					1,601	218	1,819	
Costa Rica	2,164	2,257					2,164	2,257	4,421	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,798	473					1,798	473	2,271	
Croatia		2,803			2,803					
Cuba	31,308	2,912					31,308	2,912	34,220	
Cyprus		1,310						1,310	1,310	
Czech Republic		11,321	11,321							
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1,231	218					1,231	218	1,449	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,523	255					1,523	255	1,778	
Denmark	19,017	20,166					19,017	20,166	39,183	
Djibouti	323	36					323	36	359	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Dominica	34	36					34	36	70	
Dominican Republic	782	1,929					782	1,929	2,711	
Ecuador	5,341	2,912					5,341	2,912	8,253	
Egypt	18,024	6,771					18,024	6,771	24,795	
El Salvador		437						437	437	
Eritrea		36	1					35	35	
Estonia		1,420			1,420					
Eswatini (Kingdom of)	687	728					687	728	1,415	
Ethiopia	113	255					113	255	368	
European Union		63,659			63,659					
Fiji	333	109					333	109	442	
Finland		15,325					0	15,325	15,325	
France		161,146					0	161,146	161,146	
Gabon	3,835	546					3,835	546	4,381	
Gambia	34	36					34	36	70	
Georgia		291						291	291	
Germany		221,680			221,680					
Ghana	3,623	546					3,623	546	4,169	
Greece		13,323					0	13,323	13,323	
Grenada	187	36					187	36	223	
Guatemala	4,387	1,310					4,387	1,310	5,697	
Guinea	404	109					404	109	513	
Guinea-Bissau	336	36					336	36	372	
Guyana		73	73							

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Honduras	996	328					996	328	1,324	
Hungary		7,499						7,499	7,499	
India	28,629	30,358					28,629	30,358	58,987	
Indonesia	18,640	19,766					18,640	19,766	38,406	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		14,487	2,445					12,042	12,042	
Iraq	16,968	4,696					16,968	4,696	21,664	
Ireland	12,735	13,505		12,735	13,505					
Italy		120,377						120,377	120,377	
Jamaica	275	291					275	291	566	
Japan		311,736			128,190			183,546	183,546	
Jordan		764						764	764	
Kazakhstan		6,479			6,479					
Kenya		874	824					50	50	
Kiribati	187	36					187	36	223	
Kuwait	23,338	9,173					23,338	9,173	32,511	
Kyrgyzstan		73	8				0	65	65	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	402	182					402	182	584	
Latvia	1,613	1,711					1,613	1,711	3,324	
Lebanon	4,814	1,711		4,814				1,711	1,711	
Lesotho		36	49							13
Liberia	279	36					279	36	315	
Libya	49,279	1,092		5,314			43,965	1,092	45,057	
Lithuania		2,584						2,584	2,584	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Luxembourg	1,754	2,439		1,754	2,439					
Madagascar	10	146					10	146	156	
Malawi	562	73					562	73	635	
Malaysia		12,413						12,413	12,413	
Maldives		146	153							7
Mali	373	146					373	146	519	
Malta		619						619	619	
Marshall Islands	509	36					509	36	545	
Mauritania	668	73					668	73	741	
Mauritius		400						400	400	
Mexico	44,115	47,030					44,115	47,030	91,145	
Mongolia		182	172					10	10	
Montenegro		146	14					132	132	
Morocco	1,888	2,002					1,888	2,002	3,890	
Mozambique	443	146					443	146	589	
Myanmar	247	255		247				255	255	
Namibia	1,074	328					1,074	328	1,402	
Nauru	509	36					509	36	545	
Netherlands		49,359						49,359	49,359	
New Zealand		10,593						10,593	10,593	
Nicaragua	327	182					327	182	509	
Niger	831	73					831	73	904	
Nigeria	34,303	9,100					34,303	9,100	43,403	
Niue	34	36					34	36	70	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Norway		27,446						27,446	27,446	
Oman	7,941	4,186					7,941	4,186	12,127	
Pakistan	21,910	4,186		3,466			18,444	4,186	22,630	
Palau	509	36					509	36	545	
Panama		1,638						1,638	1,638	
Papua New Guinea	1,023	364					1,023	364	1,387	
Paraguay	3,057	582					3,057	582	3,639	
Peru		5,533	1,423		3,106			1,005	1,005	
Philippines		7,462						7,462	7,462	
Poland		29,193						29,193	29,193	
Portugal	12,015	12,740		12,015				12,740	12,740	
Qatar	38,461	10,265					38,461	10,265	48,726	
Republic of Korea		82,520	75,080					7,440	7,440	
Republic of Macedonia	1,642	255					1,642	255	1,897	
Republic of Moldova		109					0	109	109	
Romania	6,797	7,207					6,797	7,207	14,004	
Rwanda	128	109					128	109	237	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	73	36					73	36	109	
Saint Lucia	34	36					34	36	70	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	509	36					509	36	545	
Samoa	73	36					73	36	109	
Saudi Arabia	127,986	42,662					127,986	42,662	170,648	
Senegal	1,937	255					1,937	255	2,192	

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Serbia		1,019						1,019	1,019	
Seychelles	108	73		108				73	73	
Slovakia		5,569						5,569	5,569	
Slovenia	2,609	2,766					2,609	2,766	5,375	
Solomon Islands	34	36					34	36	70	
Somalia	329	36					329	36	365	
South Africa		9,901						9,901	9,901	
Spain		78,116						78,116	78,116	
Sri Lanka	73	1,602			1,602		73		73	
State of Palestine	811	291					811	291	1,102	
Sudan	1,789	255					1,789	255	2,044	
Suriname	1,257	182					1,257	182	1,439	
Sweden		32,979			32,979					
Switzerland		41,897			41,897					
Syrian Arab Republic	8,877	400					8,877	400	9,277	
Tajikistan	964	146					964	146	1,110	
Thailand		11,175			11,175					
Togo	146	73					146	73	219	
Tonga		36	2,500							2,464
Trinidad and Tobago		1,456						1,456	1,456	
Tunisia	858	910					858	910	1,768	
Turkey		49,905						49,905	49,905	
Turkmenistan	6,631	1,201					6,631	1,201	7,832	
Uganda		255	1,730							1,475

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Ukraine		2,075						2,075	2,075	
United Arab Emirates		22,423						22,423	22,423	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		166,242	166,242							
United Republic of Tanzania	507	255					507	255	762	
Uruguay		3,167					0	3,167	3,167	
Uzbekistan		1,091					0	1,091	1,091	
Venezuela	164,735	26,500					164,735	26,500	191,235	
Viet Nam	626	2,803					626	2,803	3,429	
Yemen	2,509	255					2,509	255	2,764	
Zambia	845	328					845	328	1,173	
Zimbabwe	478	182					478	182	660	
Total	1,182,397	2,547,452	262,038	40,728	585,753	0	1,141,668	1,703,620	2,845,288	3,959
Additional Contributions										
Canada	141,987	167,597		141,987				167,597	167,597	
Canada (<i>One-Time Contribution</i>)		79,488			79,488					
Province of Quebec	45,955	55,866		45,955				55,866	55,866	
Grand Total	1,370,338	2,850,403	262,038	228,670	665,241	0	1,141,668	1,927,082	3,068,751	3,959

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

Status as at 30 June 2020 (in United States dollars)

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Afghanistan		233	457							224
Albania	251	266		251	256			10	10	
Angola	395	187					395	187	582	
Antigua and Barbuda	166	67					166	67	233	
Argentina	39,933	30,480					39,933	30,480	70,413	
Austria		22,552			22,552					
Belarus		1,632						1,632	1,632	
Belgium		27,348			27,348					
Benin		100	2					98	98	
Bhutan		33						33	33	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	1,199	533					1,199	533	1,732	
Botswana	1,256	466					1,256	466	1,722	
Bulgaria		1,532						1,532	1,532	
Burkina Faso	455	100					455	100	555	
Burundi	216	33					216	33	249	
Cambodia	69	200					69	200	269	
Cameroon	937	433					937	433	1,370	
Central African Republic	36	33					36	33	69	
Chad	175	133					175	133	308	
China		399,898						399,898	399,898	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Comoros	216	33					216	33	249	
Congo, Brazzaville	1,080	200					1,080	200	1,280	
Cote d'Ivoire	1,999	433					1,999	433	2,432	
Croatia		2,565			2,565					
Cuba	13,074	2,665					13,074	2,665	15,739	
Czech Republic		10,360	10,360							
Democratic. People's Republic of Korea.	1	195					1	195	196	
Democratic Republic of Congo	558	187					558	187	745	
Denmark		18,454	13,947					4,507	4,507	
Djibouti	186	33					186	33	219	
Dominican Republic	14	1,765					14	1,765	1,779	
Ecuador	2,513	2,665					2,513	2,665	5,178	
Egypt	31,701	6,196					31,701	6,196	37,897	
Eritrea	17	33					17	33	50	
Estonia	948	1,267		948	1,267					
Eswatini (Kingdom of)	182	67					182	67	249	
Ethiopia	176	187		176				187	187	
European Union		46,683			46,683					
Fiji	269	100					269	100	369	
Finland		14,024						14,024	14,024	
France		147,468						147,468	147,468	
Gabon	683	500					683	500	1,183	
Gambia	31	33					31	33	64	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Germany		202,864			202,864					
Ghana	71	487					71	487	558	
Greece		7,511						7,511	7,511	
Guatemala	2,763	1,199					2,763	1,199	3,962	
Guinea	307	100					307	100	407	
Guinea-Bissau	31	33					31	33	64	
Guyana		67						67	67	
Honduras	1,765	300					1,765	300	2,065	
Hungary		6,862						6,862	6,862	
India		27,781						27,781	27,781	
Indonesia	17,058	18,088					17,058	18,088	35,146	
Japan		285,275			64,817			220,458	220,458	
Jordan	660	700					660	700	1,360	
Kazakhstan	29,454	5,929					29,454	5,929	35,383	
Kenya		799						799	799	
Kuwait	17,875	8,394					17,875	8,394	26,269	
Kyrgyzstan		67	3					64	64	
Lao People's Democratic Republic		167						167	167	
Lebanon	2,500	1,566					2,500	1,566	4,066	
Lesotho	213	33					213	33	246	
Liberia	190	33					190	33	223	
Luxembourg		2,232			2,232					
Madagascar	295	133					295	133	428	
Malawi	307	67					307	67	374	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Malaysia	9,557	11,081					9,557	11,081	20,639	
Maldives	32	130					32	130	162	
Mali	310	133					310	133	443	
Malta		566						566	566	
Marshall Islands	215	33					215	33	248	
Mauritania	285	67					285	67	352	
Mauritius		366			366					
Mexico	3,586	43,038			43,038		3,586	0	3,586	
Micronesia (Federated States of)	31	33					31	33	64	
Mongolia	157	167					157	167	324	
Mozambique	359	133					359	133	492	
Myanmar	176	187		176				187	187	
Namibia	866	300					866	300	1,166	
Nepal	165	227					165	227	392	
Netherlands	137,685	45,170					137,685	45,170	182,855	
Niger	307	67					307	67	374	
Norway		25,116						25,116	25,116	
Pakistan		3,831	217		3,057			557	557	
Palau	39	33					39	33	72	
Panama	6,694	1,499					6,694	1,499	8,193	
Peru	669	5,063		669	1,985			3,078	3,078	
Philippines		6,829						6,829	6,829	
Portugal	10,995	11,659		10,995				11,659	11,659	
Qatar	21,576	9,394					21,576	9,394	30,970	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
Republic of Korea	145,746	75,516					145,746	75,516	221,262	
Republic of Moldova		100					-	100	100	
Romania	2,230	6,434					2,230	6,434	8,665	
Rwanda	119	100					119	100	219	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	33	33					33	33	66	
Samoa		33	95							62
Sao Tome and Principe	79	33					79	33	112	
Senegal	542	233					542	233	775	
Serbia	804	910					804	910	1,713	
Seychelles	33	67					33	67	100	
Sierra Leone	86	33					86	33	119	
Slovakia		5,097	5,097							
Solomon Islands		31						31	31	
South Africa		9,061			9,061					
Spain		71,485						71,485	71,485	
Sudan	568	187					568	187	755	
Sweden		30,180			30,180					
Switzerland		38,341			38,341					
Syrian Arab Republic	6,312	366					6,312	366	6,678	
Tajikistan	740	133					740	133	873	
Togo	181	67					181	67	248	
Tonga		33					-	33	33	
Tuvalu	33	33					33	33	66	
Uganda	568	187					568	187	755	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019	Pledges for 2020	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2019	Collections in 2020 for 2019 & Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2019 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years	Advance Payments as at 30.06.2020
United Arab Emirates		20,520					0	20,520	20,520	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		152,131	152,131							
United Republic of Tanzania	270	187					270	187	457	
Uruguay		2,898						2,898	2,898	
Vanuatu	216	33					216	33	249	
Venezuela	22,406	23,657					22,406	23,657	46,063	
Viet Nam	532	2,565					532	2,565	3,097	
Zambia	584	300					584	300	884	
Zimbabwe	267	167					267	167	434	
Total	548,276	1,919,333	182,309	13,215	496,613	0	535,062	1,240,698	1,775,759	286
Additional Contributions										
Canada	104,124	122,905		104,124				122,905	122,905	
Canada (<i>One-Time Contribution</i>)		58,292			58,292					
Province of Quebec	33,700	40,968		33,700				40,968	40,968	
Grand Total	686,100	2,141,497	182,305	151,039	554,904	0	535,062	1,404,571	1,939,632	286

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 2020 (in United States dollars)

Country	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2019		Pledges for 2020	Collections in 2020 for Prior Years	Collections in 2020 for 2020 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2020 & Prior Years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Australia		1/	39,781		39,781	
Sweden		2/	43,201		43,201	
Total			82,982		82,982	

1/Australia pledge AUD 60,000 to support Indigenous and Local communities to attend CBD meetings.

2/Sweden pledge SEK 400,000 for the participation of indigenous and local communities at SBSTTA 24, SBI 3, OEWG 3 and COP 15.

ANNEX X

List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
(January to June 2020)

Date	Meetings
28 January 2020 Online	Meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and co-chairs of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
24 - 29 February 2020 Rome, Italy	Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
24 - 29 February 2020 Rome, Italy	Consultation meetings with Parties and other stakeholders on the funding needs assessment for the eighth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility and related programme priorities
1 - 2 March 2020 Rome, Italy	Thematic Consultation on Capacity-building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
30 March - 3 April 2020 Online	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment
17 - 20 March 2020 Online	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
9 - 13 March 2020 Castries, Saint Lucia	Subregional Exchange for the Caribbean on the Restoration of Forests and other Ecosystems
21 - 23 April 2020 Online	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing
20 - 23 April 2020 Online	Fourteenth meeting of the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
15 - 17 April 2020 Online	Seventeenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
22 May 2020 Online	International Day for Biological Diversity 2020

ANNEX X**List of meetings and events attended by the Secretariat**

- Eighth ENRTP-GPGC Programme Steering Committee Meeting, 29 January 2020, Brussels, Belgium.
- ICLEI BIO2020 event in Sao Paulo, Brazil, “Perspectives for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for States and Cities”, 4-6 February 2020.
- 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species, 15 to 22 February 2020, Gandhinagar, India.
- Briefing webinar in preparation for the second Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-Related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II), UNEP, 26-27 March 2020 (online).
- Meeting between the Co-chairs of the post-2020 Biodiversity and Chemicals frameworks, UNEP, Friday 24 April 2020 (online).
- UNEP MEAs discovery, 4 May 2020 (online).
- GEF/STAP Workshop on Nature-Based Solutions, 19-20 May 2020, virtually.
- Seventy-Third World Health Assembly (WHA 73), 18-19 May 2020, virtually.
- 58th meeting of the Global Environment Facility Council, 2-3 June 2020, virtually.
- Youth Dialogue, Solving Crisis: Nature-based Solution to Current Biodiversity and Links to the Current Pandemic, Plant-for-the-Planet in consultation with GYBN, 22 May 2020 (online).
- “All you need to know about post-2020 and how you can be a part of it”, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, 22 May 2020 (online).
- WWF India’s Model Conference of Parties 2020 (MCOP1), Building Citizens for Tomorrow, 22 and 23 May 2020 (online).
- Youth-led Townhall, #ActForNature online forum, Youth Voices for Nature, Environmental Governance in the Time of COVID-19, UNEP and UNEP-MGCY, 10 June 2020 (online).

ANNEX XI**Memorandum of Cooperation/Understanding**

International Barcode of Life (iBOL)

The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration between SCBD and iBOL to further their shared goals and objectives related to: (a) Promoting and facilitating capacity-building in species identification and discovery; (b) Technical and scientific cooperation and technology development to provide the relevant processes of the Convention with biodiversity information; and (c) Supporting the Conventions instruments, such as National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and National Reports to be effective with the observation and evidence deriving from the application of DNA barcoding and meta-barcoding.
