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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

XXI/5. Fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook: considerations for its preparation

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

1. *Takes note* of the plan for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, contained in the note by the Executive Secretary¹ and the timetable contained in the annex to the present recommendation;

2. *Noting* the importance of the sixth national reports to the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and, *recalling* [decision XIII/27](#), *urges* Parties to submit their sixth national reports by 31 December 2018 at the latest;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to continue providing support to Parties in preparing their sixth national reports, and *invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant partners to contribute as appropriate;

4. *Urges* Parties and *invites* other Governments and relevant organizations to make available, in an open manner, accurate and reliable data and data updates on the status of, trends in, and projections for biological diversity as well as threats thereto, and on progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,² including with respect to mainstreaming activities;

5. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Recalls* [decision XIII/29](#), in which it decided that the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* should serve as a basis for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,³ to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting;

¹ [CBD/SBSTTA/21/6](#).

² [Decision X/2](#), annex.

³ [Decision X/2](#), annex.

2. *Noting* the importance of the sixth national reports to the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and, *recalling* [decision XIII/27](#), *urges* Parties to submit their sixth national reports by 31 December 2018 at the latest;

3. *Also recalls* [decision XI/2](#) and *highlights* the fact that the global and regional assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services and the thematic assessments carried out by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, as well as other relevant national and subregional assessments, form an important evidence base for the assessment of progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*;

4. *Takes note* of the plan and cost estimates for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*,¹ including the indicative time table contained in the annex to the present decision, and *requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To prepare the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, including a summary for policymakers, on the basis of this plan;

(b) To notify relevant partners and potential contributors about the time table for preparing the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and its related products;

(c) To continue collaborating with other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant processes and organizations in the preparation and review of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, including the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, among others;

(d) To take into account the conclusions of the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice regarding scenarios for the 2050 Vision on Biodiversity contained in the annex to decision COP-XIV/--;⁴

5. *Urges* Parties and *invites* other Governments and relevant organizations to make available, in an open manner, accurate and reliable data and data updates on the status of, trends in, and projections for biological diversity as well as threats thereto, and on progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including with respect to mainstreaming activities;

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, where possible, to provide timely financial contributions for the preparation and production of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and its related products, including the second edition of *Local Biodiversity Outlooks*.

⁴ See the draft decision of the Conference of the Parties contained in Subsidiary Body recommendation XXI/1.

*Annex***Indicative timeline for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook***

<i>Product/element</i>	<i>Date</i>
IPBES Regional Assessments	March 2018
National report deadline	31 December 2018
Draft outline of report	December 2018
Preparation of first text elements	January 2019
IPBES Global Assessment	May 2019
Preparation of zero draft of report	May-August 2019
Review by invited experts	August-September 2019
Revision of draft	August-September 2019
Peer review by Parties and public	October-December 2019
Development of graphic elements	November 2019
SBSTTA-23	November 2019
Revision of draft of report	January-March 2020
Translation into official languages of the United Nations	March 2020
Layout	March-April 2020
Printing and dispatch to launch events	May 2020
SBSTTA-24/SBI-3	May 2020
Launch of the main report	May 2020
COP-15, CP/MOP-10; NP/MOP-4	October 2020
