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

XXI/6. Tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Section A

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice,

Recalling [decision XIII/1](#), paragraphs 29 and 30,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of sound evaluations of the effectiveness of policy instruments or measures in supporting the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020¹ and the need for associated capacity-building;

2. *Takes note* of the range of approaches, including community-based monitoring and information systems by indigenous peoples and local communities, for evaluating the effectiveness of policy instruments or measures supporting the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and *encourages* the use, as appropriate, of the information in the note by the Executive Secretary on tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020² when designing and undertaking evaluations of the effectiveness of measures taken to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in particular in the context of preparing their sixth national reports;

3. *Invites* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting to take into account the importance of sound evaluations of the effectiveness of measures and the need for associated capacity-building in its consideration of its agenda item on mechanisms for review of implementation, including consideration of proposals for strengthening existing review mechanisms, such as the voluntary peer review mechanism of national reports and national biodiversity strategies and action plans and options for a forward-looking approach to promote future implementation under the Convention;³

4. *Also invites* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting to take into account the usefulness of evaluating the effectiveness of measures taken under the Convention and the need for associated capacity-building in its consideration of its agenda item on the preparation for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;⁴

¹ [Decision X/2](#), annex.

² [CBD/SBSTTA/21/7](#).

³ Item 12 of the [provisional agenda of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation](#).

⁴ *Ibid.*, item 16.

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in preparing documentation for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to take into account the guidance in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to continue compiling information, including case studies, on experiences in the use of tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;

Section B

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice recommends that the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling [decision XIII/1](#), paragraphs 29 and 30,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of sound evaluations of the effectiveness of policy instruments or measures in supporting the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the need for associated capacity-building, and therefore *requests* the Executive Secretary to take both into account when preparing for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;

2. *Also emphasizes*, in this context, the value of aligning indicators used across different reporting processes on biodiversity and sustainable development;

3. *Encourages* the use by Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, the business sector and other stakeholders, as appropriate, of the information in the note by the Executive Secretary on tools to evaluate the effectiveness of policy instruments for the implementation of the Convention⁵ when designing and undertaking evaluations of the effectiveness of measures taken to implement the Convention, including in the context of preparing their national reports;

4. *Requests* Parties and *invites* other Governments, international organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, the business sector and other stakeholders to share, as appropriate through their national reports and the clearing-house mechanism and other appropriate means, information on the methodologies used in evaluations of the effectiveness of measures taken to implement the Convention, including case studies, as well as lessons learned from these evaluations;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting, to develop a tool kit to assist Parties, other Governments, international organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, the business sector and other stakeholders in the implementation of evaluations of the effectiveness of measures, building on the guidance provided in the note by the Executive Secretary,⁵ and on information submitted in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

⁵ [CBD/SBSTTA/21/7](#).