

## NOTIFICATION

### GEO BON webinars on supporting implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Dear Madam/Sir,

As a follow-up to notification [2021-045](#), dated 23 June 2021, I am pleased to advise Parties and observers that two webinars are being organized by the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) to provide information on proposed Headline Indicators of the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework related to the Goal on Ecosystems, species and genetic diversity and the target on protected areas and area-based conservation measures. The webinars are targeted toward CBD focal points and associated communities worldwide and aimed at answering questions on indicator practical use and stimulating discussion on future applications.

The webinars will be held on 12 July and 26 July 2021 and will respectively address the following:

12 July - Species populations and area-based conservation  
Species Habitat Index, Species Protection Index

26 July - Genetic diversity  
The proportion of populations maintained within species, associated indicators

An agenda for the webinars is provided in the attached note. Two sessions will be held each day to accommodate different time zones. They will be delivered in English. Please register in one of the following options:

- 12 July - Americas, Europe, Africa - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. EST / 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. UTC  
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcOmsrTwoH9M9Hqw0iuQolXeJRJmthhWW>
- 13 July - Asia-Pacific - 5:00 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. (Bangkok time) / 12 July - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EST  
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpduyurjkrHNeISSAKAeubei3tmV11k2JT>
- 26 July - Americas, Europe, Africa - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. EST / 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. UTC  
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpce-sqT4tG9b0-IVMiFmv60au-PvJc9h>
- 27 July - Asia-Pacific - 5:00 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. (Bangkok time) / 26 July - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EST  
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udeuqrTwqHN1u5MUCJ8KEkT3zuyVJYxsX>

Thank you for your continuous support for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA National Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations



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## **Webinars on Supporting Implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Indicators**

### **Background**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) in collaboration with the UN Regional Commissions are organizing a series of webinars to increase the understanding of the monitoring framework of the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and to foster collaboration between stakeholders.

There is broad acknowledgement of the need for fit-for-purpose indicators to measure and report on biodiversity change, operational at the national level, and underpinned by sustained biodiversity observations. GEO BON, a network comprising over 200 organizations and over 1,700 experts, has the support for indicator development as its core mission. It has advanced concepts, workflows and data products that address essential variables of biodiversity as a basis for scalable indicators in support of countries' monitoring and decision-support needs. These indicators enable parties to leverage advanced scientific methods and technologies while supporting full national adaptation.

### **Schedule**

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**July 12** - Species populations and area-based conservation

Species Habitat Index, Species Protection Index

**July 26:** Genetic diversity

The proportion of populations maintained within species, associated indicators

### **Agenda**

9:00-10:30am ET and 6:00-7:30pm ET (to accommodate different time zones)

I. Introduction to the topic and policy relevance

II. Indicator overview, data to indicator path, national adaptation followed by Q & A

III. Stakeholder Case Study 1 and 2 - using the indicator in practice followed by Q & A

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Registration link</b>
12 July 2021	9:00-10:30am ET	Species populations and area-based conservation	<a href="https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/91234567890">https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcOmsrTwoH9M9Hqw0iuQoIXeJRJmthhWW</a>
12 July 2021	6:00-7:30pm ET	Species populations and area-based conservation	<a href="https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/91234567890">https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpduyurjkrHNeISSAKAeubei3tmV11k2JT</a>
26 July 2021	9:00-10:30am ET	Genetic diversity	<a href="https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/91234567890">https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpce-sqT4tG9b0-IVMiFmv60au-PvJc9h</a>
26 July 2021	6:00-7:30pm ET	Genetic diversity	<a href="https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/91234567890">https://mcgill.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udeuqrTwqHN1u5MUCJ8KEkT3zuyVJYxsX</a>