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DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

XII/25. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions XI/2 E and XI/13 C,

Welcoming the adoption of the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for 2014-2018,¹

1. *Decides* that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will submit to the Conference of the Parties, for its approval, any requests for the next work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and that it may prepare recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, with regard to the work programme, on matters within the mandate given to it by the Conference of the Parties, taking into account the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, submissions from Parties, and other relevant information;

2. *Also decides* that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may exchange scientific and technical information with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, where the subject is within the mandate given to it by the Conference of the Parties;

3. *Encourages* Parties and *invites* other Governments and international organizations to contribute to the scoping process for the global and regional assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in a timely manner and in accordance with the procedures established by the Platform;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary;

(a) To transmit the requests and information referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above to the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

(b) To prepare a report on progress on the activities with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

¹ See IPBES/2/17, Decision IPBES-2/5.

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) In consultation with the Chair and Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to continue to collaborate with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services where relevant, strengthening synergies and avoiding duplication of work, to review the progress on elements of the work programme of the Platform that are relevant to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and to report to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on progress;

(b) To compile information, as necessary, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice with regard to the matters referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and exchange relevant information with the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions, as appropriate, including through the Biodiversity Liaison Group, with a view to achieving synergies and avoiding duplication;

(c) To bring to the attention of all relevant focal points under the Convention and its Protocols draft versions of deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services when they become publicly available for peer review, and to encourage them to participate in the peer-review processes by engaging with and providing input through their focal points for the Platform, where appropriate, and in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of deliverables of the Platform;

(d) To make available, through the clearing-house mechanism, information on progress in the implementation of the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the period 2014-2018, including the global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services scheduled to be launched in 2018, and to bring this information to the attention of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as appropriate;

(e) To bring the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the attention of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration with regard to the relevance of the findings for the work of the Convention, and for the development, as appropriate, of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties;

(f) To make available, through the clearing-house mechanism, deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services as they become available, with a view to sharing knowledge on biodiversity issues and integrating and mainstreaming these issues into national policy processes, where appropriate;

(g) To continue to facilitate the participation of the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel of the Platform as an observer.
