

Template for submission of scientific and technical comments on Appendix 1 of the recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for the Resumed Session of its twenty-fourth meeting

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS

Review comments on Appendix 1 of the present recommendation	
Scope of this template for comments	Template for submitting comments in accordance with recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2, paragraph 2, where the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), under the guidance of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), invites Parties, other Governments and relevant stakeholders to submit views on Appendix 1 of the recommendation.
Contact information	
Party/Government/Observer	Observer
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Comments	
<p>Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 1.</p> <p>On the structure of the monitoring framework and headline indicators: BirdLife calls for the adoption of a SMART monitoring framework that serves the three following purposes: (a) to assess global progress toward meeting the Goals and Targets of the Post-2020 GBF, (b) for countries to assess their own national progress, (c) to allow national progress to be compared between countries. We support a limited set of Headline indicators, which all Parties should be required to report against, that are able to generate national-level data that can be readily aggregated to assess global progress. These Headline indicators must be supported by a larger set of Component indicators that translate across each identified component of the Goals and Targets and a set of Complementary indicators which are available for in-depth or thematic analyses. While flexibility should be allowed for Parties to use the most nationally appropriate component indicators, these indicators should be standardised and comparable wherever possible. On headline indicators for Goal A: Population abundance and extinction risk are two distinct and complementary dimensions of the species component of biodiversity. It is critical that both are measured through headline indicators: the Red List Index and the Living Planet Index. The Red List Index, an existing, well-respected indicator of extinction risk, should be maintained as a headline indicator having received a positive assessment from SBSTTA as to its relevance, global and national feasibility, and readiness (CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2 Annex 1). This should be complemented by the inclusion at headline level the Living Planet Index as proposed by SBSTTA in CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2 Annex 2. Species population abundance is an Essential Biodiversity Variable and its inclusion closes a significant and critical gap. On headline indicator for Target 1: The headline indicator 1.0.1 “Indicator of the percentage of land and seas covered by [landscape-level] spatial [plans that integrate] [integral] biodiversity [plans]</p>	

the** should include guidance stating that comprehensive identification and mapping of KBAs should form a core component of any spatial plan that integrates biodiversity.