

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.
<i>Contact information</i>	
Party/Government/Observer	Party
Party/Government/Observer representative	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK)
Comments	
<p>Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 1.</p> <p>The United Kingdom (UK) is seeking the adoption at CoP15 of a robust, deliverable and clearly articulated approach to the monitoring of progress. Central to this, is the selection of a reduced number of headline indicators which: (i) provide a measure of progress balanced across the overall scope of the GBF; (ii) are technically and practically feasible to implement; and (iii) support communication to diverse audiences. The total number of headline indicators needs to be reduced, so that it is more technically and practically feasible for Parties to consistently use headline indicators following agreed methodologies. Consistent use of headline indicators is necessary to improve transparency and monitor collective progress towards the post-2020 global goals and targets. In some cases, headline indicators can provide information on progress related to more than one goal and/or target. At the national level, headline indicators may need to be supplemented with national indicators (which may include component and/or complementary indicators, as appropriate) to measure progress towards all the goals and targets, where appropriate. Headline indicators are one part of the monitoring framework, and we consider other indicators at national and global levels to be equally important to assess overall progress, especially as part of National Reports. In our view, less than 20 headline indicators would be sufficient monitor collective progress on key elements balanced across the overall scope of the global biodiversity framework. Of these, our current assessment is that only 7 are nearly ready to apply as headline indicators at the national level, with others requiring significant further development but could be feasible to implement.</p>	