



Invitation to join the Global Biodiversity Information Facility and to make use of its information for monitoring and implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Dear Sir or Madam,

In its [decision 15/5](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In [decision 16/31](#), it endorsed technical updates to the headline and binary indicators and welcomed the guidance on the monitoring framework provided by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators in documents [CBD/COP/16/INF/3/Rev.1](#) and [CBD/COP/16/INF/4](#). Based on the analysis contained in those documents, there are data gaps for many of the headline indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In [decision 16/31](#), the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other stakeholders to support exchanging information and build capacity for operationalizing the monitoring framework.

Against that background, I wish to inform Parties of the recent adoption of the 2025 work programme of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) which aims to expand and strengthen engagement with countries in support of monitoring the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. GBIF is an international network and data infrastructure, funded by governments and recognized in [decision 15/16](#), which aims at making species data easily accessible. GBIF helps participant nations through data mobilization, capacity and skills development, and to improve data infrastructure, technology transfer, and accessibility (<https://www.gbif.org/>).

Given the relevance of the work undertaken by GBIF to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to the Convention on Biological Diversity generally, I encourage all Parties to join GBIF as national participants. For additional information on the GBIF network and on how to join please contact the GBIF Secretariat at info@GBIF.org. For additional information on the GBIF network, including its national nodes please see <https://www.gbif.org/the-gbif-network>.

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

(signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

To: CBD national focal points and SBSTTA focal points
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