



NOTIFICATION

Invitation to submit information on the inclusion of additional headline, component and complementary indicators for the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Dear Sir or Madam,

At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted its decision 16/31 on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In paragraph 30(b) of that decision, the Executive Secretary was requested to compile submissions from Parties, the secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements, relevant academia and research institutions and other relevant organizations, including the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth for the inclusion of additional headline, component and complementary indicators that meet the criteria for inclusion in the monitoring framework (see annex) in order to help to address the gaps in the monitoring framework.

In response to that request, Parties and observers are invited to provide information related to possible additional headline, component and complementary indicators by **30 May 2025**. Submissions should identify which gap(s) in the monitoring framework the proposed indicators are addressing and how the criteria for indicators identified in paragraph 2 of the monitoring framework (decision 15/5, annex I) are addressed (see annex to the present notification). Information should be submitted through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism using the following link: <https://chm.cbd.int/submit/submission/new?notification=2025-044>. Should technical problems prevent the use of the clearing-house mechanism, contributions may be sent through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, by e-mail to secretariat@cbd.int.

Please note that this notification is complemented by notifications 2025-045 and 2025-046 which address, respectively, paragraphs 30(c) and 30(d) of decision 16/31.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, SBSTTA focal points
cc: Indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations

Annex

Criteria for headline, component and complementary indicators in the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

In accordance with paragraph 2 of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (decision 15/5, annex I), the indicators in the monitoring framework should meet, or be able to meet by 2025, the following criteria:

- (a) The data and metadata related to the indicator are publicly available;
- (b) The methodology underpinning the indicator is either published in a peer-reviewed academic journal or has gone through a scientific peer-review process and has been validated for national use;
- (c) The data sources and indicators are compiled and regularly updated with a time lag of less than five years between updates, if possible;
- (d) There is an existing mechanism for maintaining the indicator methodology and/or data generation, including, for example, by a member of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, an intergovernmental organization or a well-established scientific or research institution, providing nationally applicable guidance on the use of the indicator;
- (e) Indicators are able to detect trends relevant to the components of the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
- (f) When possible, indicators are aligned with existing intergovernmental processes under the Statistical Commission, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics or the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting or utilize the existing work on essential biodiversity variables under the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network.