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**UPDATE ON THE MONITORING FRAMEWORK OF THE
POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

Following six weeks of virtual meetings, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has completed the first part of the meetings of its scientific and implementation subsidiary bodies, essential to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (GBF) due for adoption later this year in Kunming, China, at the CBD Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15).

As planned, the CBD Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24) and the Third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-3) have been suspended, with discussions set to resume face-to-face at a later date.

A contact group was established at SBSTTA-24 to provide a scientific and technical review of the proposed goals and targets of the GBF and its monitoring framework. The co-chairs of this contact group prepared a document which presents a synthesis of the views expressed during all related sessions.

The document (www.cbd.int/doc/c/d385/aabb/5250ab2a2b231ee2b5febd4d/sbstta-24-chairstext-item03-en.pdf), which aims to support the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, contains:

- scientific and technical advice on the overall approach and relationships between vision, mission, milestones, goals and targets of the GBF;
- scientific and technical advice on the scope of draft goals and targets;
- criteria and approach to the monitoring framework and headline indicators;
- results from the online survey on headline indicators which are also summarized in the annex (www.cbd.int/doc/c/a512/c8ce/d78f8c239d957e415c458a31/sbstta-24-cochairs-text-annex-v2-en.pdf).

In addition, the online SBSTTA-24 meeting also produced a draft recommendation (www.cbd.int/doc/c/9849/459f/b9fe0e74c9e1f25dd90dee23/sbstta-24-l-03-en.pdf) concerning the monitoring framework of the GBF. The draft recommendation, which contains a number of unresolved elements in square brackets, will be formally adopted by the in-person meeting of SBSTTA-24.

This draft recommendation also contains, in an annex, the Terms of reference for an ad hoc technical expert group on indicators for the GBF.