

SECOND CO-FACILITATORS ONLINE BRIEFING WITH STAKEHOLDERS: INPUTS TO ZERO DRAFT OF CONFERENCE DECLARATION – 17 MARCH 2020

Under the Convention on Biological Diversity, Parties, Other Governments and stakeholders are engaged in the process to develop the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which is expected to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the CBD at its fifteenth meeting in Kunming, China in 2020. This framework will contain new sets of global goals and targets focused on putting the world on a path towards achieving the 2050 Vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature." The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which will serve as a global biodiversity framework for the planet, not only the CBD, must instill clear and actionable linkages to all elements of sustainable development in order to be effective. The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework represents a critical opportunity to learn from lessons in efforts to achieve the Aichi Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals, and reverse trends in global biodiversity loss. As well, the development of this framework in this crucial "Super Year for Nature" represents a major opportunity to catalyze heightened ambition and political will necessary to achieve our collective goals of a healthy, sustainable and productive ocean.

So, we recommend that the declaration contains a clear reference to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, in order to take hold of these synergies.

Such a reference may be included as a new paragraph after paragraph 8 and may be worded as follows: *We also recognize the importance of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, being developed under the Convention on Biological Diversity, as a key opportunity to facilitate the achievement of Goal 14, and call on Parties to the Convention to ensure that the Framework contains the level of ambition needed to achieve a healthy, productive and sustainable ocean;*

Second, it is important to note that discussions under the CBD on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework has given attention to the importance of spatial planning approaches. Of course, it is critical to effectively protect and conserve areas of special importance for biodiversity through area-based conservation measures, such as marine protected areas. However, it is also important to ensure that all areas are subject to strategic planning approaches. Such a reference to marine spatial planning may be included in paragraph 10.

Finally, it is encouraging to see the references to the work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) in the zero draft of the declaration. The IPBES Global Assessment has provided valuable input to discussions under the CBD on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. We encourage the drafters to consider where the insights of the IPBES work can be integrated into the political declaration. For example, the IPBES global assessment highlights specific leverage points to focus efforts on transformations towards sustainability. Some of these leverage points may be included in paragraph 11, such as:

- lowering total consumption and waste;
- addressing inequalities, especially regarding income and gender, which undermine the capacity for sustainability;
- ensuring inclusive decision-making and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of and adherence to human rights in conservation decisions;