



# COND's Position paper on Zero draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

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## Introduction

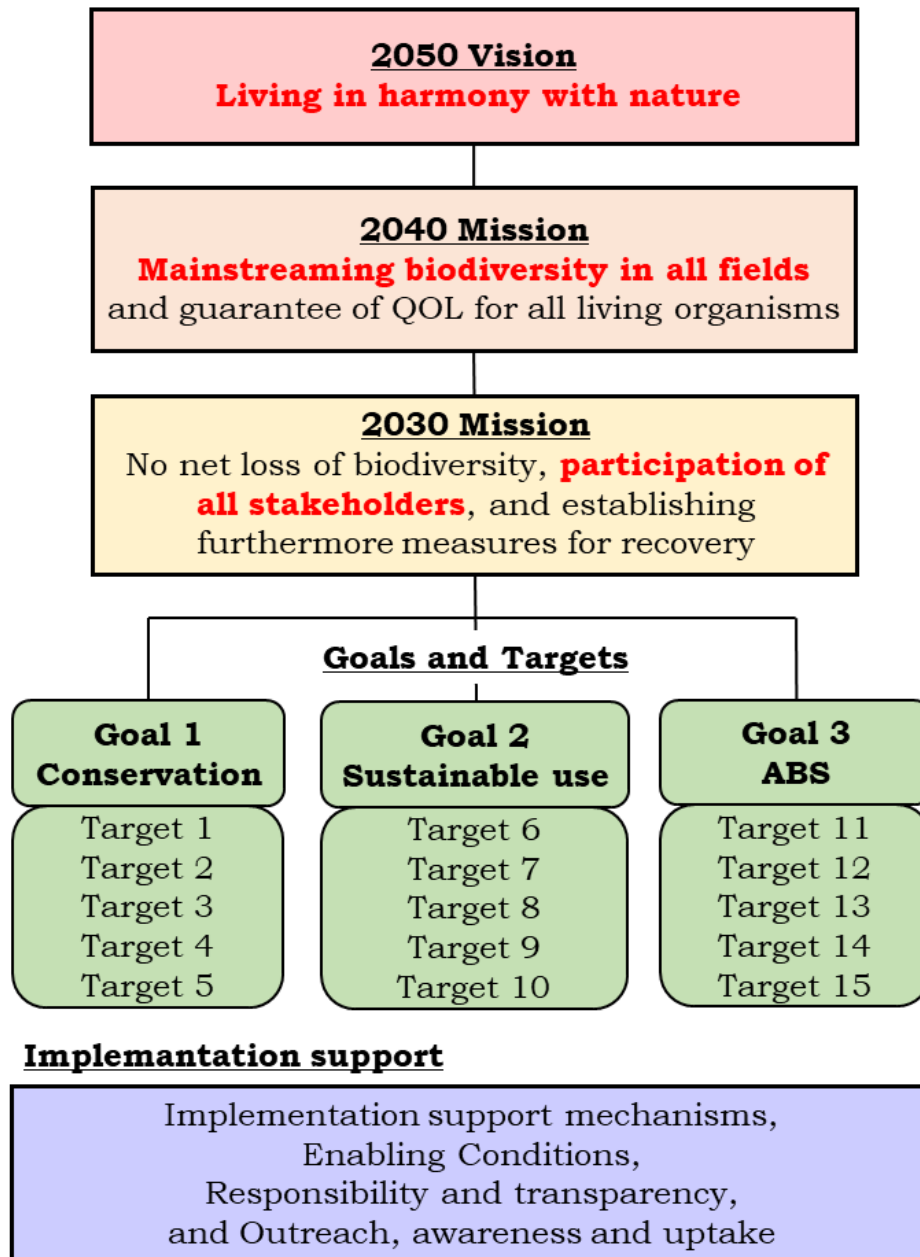
This is a position paper created by Change Our Next Decade (COND) towards the Zero Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Firstly, COND recommend including "women" and "youth" into paragraph 2 of I. Introduction B. The Purpose. Only when this is done can we say that it is "all of society".

We have expressed our position on each Section A through H of II. Framework of Annex I. For our position on the 2030 action targets, please refer to the separate table.

## A. 2050 Vision

- COND welcome the 2050 Vision, however in order to achieve the Vision, we believe that detailing the 2030/2040 mission as a milestone for the path to the 2050 Vision would function better than the 2030 + 2050 goal structure.
- COND propose to new Post 2020 GBF structure. (Show figure on next page)

# COND's Proposal for post 2020 GBF structure



- \* Target grouping is based on three objectives of the Convention(3 Goals)
- \* Not including “2030 and 2050 Goals”
- \* The number of target is just example.

## B. 2030 and 2050 Goals

- The 2030 and 2050 goal is hard to understand and does not clarify how the 5 goals will be measured and evaluated. We agree that the goal should be similar to that of the easily understandable 1.5 degrees celsius goal for climate change but we are wondering if the current proposal (d) (i) (ii) is included in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- The structure of having the 2030 Action Target in order to achieve the 2030 Mission and having the 2050 and 2030 goals to achieve the 2050 Mission is hard to understand. Furthermore, the 2030 + 2050 goals and the 2030 Action Target combined make up 25 goals, which is too much. If the 2030 Action Target can be set in detail, the 2030 Mission should also be elaborated. The structure that the 2030 Action Targets are based on the 2030 Mission is recommended.
- COND request to note the following three points if the post 2020 GBF formulate 2030 and 2050 goals.
  - The (b) goal is lack of ambition and hard to formulate and is possible to result in the reverse of its intent. Therefor we recommend to modify : By 2030, there is a recovery rate of [x%] species and deterioration rate of [x%] species based on IUCN Red List categories comparative to species conditions in 2020.
  - The (a) and (c) 2050+2030 goals list “no net loss” and “average” are insufficient to achieve the current proposal of 2030 mission “to put biodiversity on a path to recovery”.
  - We think that the description of the Paris Agreement in the paragraph (d) (iv) needs to be embodied so that the cooperation with United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will be embodied. However, the (d) (iv) needs to include not only the Paris Agreement, but also other treaties such as the Ramsar Convention, the Convention on Migratory Species, and so on. Clarifying cooperation with other treaties will lead to deeper cooperation.

### C. 2030 Mission

- The current proposal of the 2030 Mission’s expression “for the benefit of planet and people” emphasizes human-centered interests and is not in accordance with the 2050 Vision of “living in harmony with nature”. In order to match the 2050 Vision “living in harmony with nature”, the 2030 Mission should be rephrased.
- The assessment method should be clarified for the achievement of “put biodiversity on a path to recovery”, since it is unclear. Additionally, the wording should be strengthened from “put biodiversity “on a path to” recovery” but to “recover biodiversity”.
- As we described before, we recommend to both 2040 Mission and 2030 Mission.  
Proposed Amendment:
  - 2040 Mission  
By 2040, biodiversity is absolutely mainstreamed in all fields and a healthy ecosystem is established, resulting in the guarantee of Quality of Life for all living organisms.
  - 2030 Mission  
By 2030, biodiversity loss is altered to no net loss conditions due to the participation of all stakeholders and furthermore measures for the recovery of biodiversity is established and effectively functioning.

### D. 2030 action targets

- COND recommend modify paragraph 10 as below.

Proposed Amendment (underlined areas have been changed):

The Framework has [15] (Since 20 seems too many, we recommend to reconsider the number of targets) action-oriented targets for 2030 which, if achieved, will contribute to the outcome-oriented goals for the achievement of the 2030 Mission, contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals and strengthening cooperation between related international frameworks. Actions

to reach these targets should be implemented consistently and in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity and other relevant international obligations, taking into account national socioeconomic conditions, skills, education conditions, technology or unique circumstances (They are just examples.).

- The reason for recommending modify is as below.
  - There are too many goals and due to this, there is concern for overlap and for dispersed human resources. Furthermore, in order to make the actions clear for civil society, the goals should not be complicated and the indicators should be clarified.
  - For example, Aichi Target no.1 had strong environmental education aspects and was easy to work on, however, since there was no clear indicator it was hard to measure and the results of everyone's actions were hard to quantify.
  - Therefore, the goals should be reduced and the goals should be clearly sorted. We recommend the proposal by GYBN in which the goals are split into 3 groups and the targets are only 15.
  - Since it is difficult to revise the Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15 past 2021 which are closely linked to the Aichi Targets, it is necessary for the Framework to complement the contents of the SDGs. If it is possible, It is necessary to clearly state that the achievement of the 2030 mission contributes to the achievement of the SDGs in cooperation with other international environmental treaties (examples: UNFCCC (Including the Paris Agreement), Ramsar Convention, Convention to Combat Desertification, CITES, etc).
  
- We do not agree with only taking account of "socioeconomic conditions" when considering a nation's condition in taking actions to achieve the Target. Other factors should be included.

- We recommend to add a paragraph in order to clearly state backgrounds and reasons of dividing action targets for 2030 into three groups and explanation about which targets belongs to each groups.
- The sentence of paragraph (b), “Meeting people’s needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing”, should be altered to express that the purpose of the convention of biodiversity isn’t just to satisfy people’s needs.
- For our perspective on the 2030 action targets please refer to the separate table.

#### E. Implementation support mechanisms

- COND strongly agree that “Effective implementation of the framework requires implementation support mechanisms commensurate with the ambition set out in the goals and targets of the framework and with the transformative changes required to reach them.”
- However, current paragraphs (a)~(c) do not meet the requirements of the above. About (a) and (c), it is not clear who and what this supporting mechanism involves. Capacity building written in (b) is hard to achieve on their own for some countries, so there should be not just financial aid from developed countries to developing countries but also capacity-building programs. Additionally, the current use of words do not clarify the actors of the capacity-building. In order to realistically work towards achieving the Framework, it should be clearly noted that capacity building of the youth, IPLCs, women, civil society, etc., is necessary.
- To increase the number of people related to the implementation of the framework consequently leads to the achievement of the 2030/2050 goals, high quality education, and capacity building, so we, COND, think communication strategies as important as 2030 action targets. Therefore, we request to refer to communication in implementation support mechanisms.

For instance, to add a paragraph and to clearly write about founding an expert committee on communication skills and periodic monitoring of communication strategies. Moreover, we expect the private sector to join in the field. Proposed Amendment:

(e) In order to reinforce outreach, communication strategies needs to be formulated and monitoring of its implementation status needs to be periodically conducted.

#### F. Enabling conditions

- About paragraph 14, we believe that women and youth should also be included in (a) with the IPLCs to have them acknowledge their participation and rights. In order to realize the Framework, there must be intergenerational dialogue to allow for the approach for equal participation of all generations and to not just recognize the intergenerational equity but act upon this understanding. The SDGs, Goal 10 Target 10.2 has already recognized the IPLCs rights and intergenerational equity.
- Furthermore, we request to add a new paragraph to note common but differentiated responsibilities of biodiversity loss on a local, national, and global basis.
- About paragraph 15, we agree with most of the comments in the position paper of the IUCN, “progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals are essential enabling conditions for implementation”. It is uncertain whether the listed examples represent the 5 factors, but if they are to list examples, it should include other factors such as “eradication of poverty”. Poverty is understood as one of the reasons for biodiversity loss in some countries and we believe eradicating poverty will contribute to creating conditions to realize the reduction of biodiversity loss. In direct relation with the international conference, poverty hinders the participation of poor individuals who are most

vulnerable to the harms of biodiversity loss and climate change. Also, we recommend including energy into one of the listed examples.

#### G. Responsibility and transparency.

- COND welcome paragraphs (a), (b), and (c). The periodical implementation of monitoring, review, and report is necessary. However, we recommend including women and youth in addition to academia and scientists as a group of reporters in paragraph (b). Moreover, we request to write clearly about business in the private sector.
- Since the distribution of biodiversity is biased, common but differentiated responsibilities should be clearly written. Other than developed countries and developing countries, we need to admit the necessity of different actions accordingly common but differentiated responsibilities based on countries which have biodiversity hotspots and don't have them. This is because we request to add a new paragraph to mention about various assistance in a fair manner, taking into account the circumstances of each country. As examples of assistance, not only capital but also technology transfer, capacity building, and so on.

#### H. Outreach, awareness and uptake

- COND generally agree with the contents of the position paper released from IUCN. Although we agree that "All actors will need to help to raise awareness of the framework and of the need for whole-of society engagement to implement it", since the way to achieve this is unclear, it needs to be divided into paragraphs, such as (a), (b) and (c). Referring to this point, it is desirable to create an advising group made up of communication experts, to strategize communication, and to implement their advice. These initiatives will bring high quality education and capacity building as a result.



- COND recognize communication strategies are essential, however, this H section is written in a very ambiguous way. The reason for the failure to achieve the Aichi Targets is considered to be insufficient communication strategies. Therefore, it is necessary to examine this issue thoroughly.

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