



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting

2 – 4 September 2020

### Agenda Item 7.2: Update on CBD CoP15 and input to the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework

#### Purpose of paper

1. To provide an update on the status of CBD CoP15 and the SPREP regional process to provide input into the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.
2. To encourage countries to submit their own input to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

#### Background

3. The CBD COP15 meeting which was to be held in Kunming, China in October 2020 has now been postponed until 2021, dates to be confirmed. The participatory process for the contribution to the development of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will continue as endorsed during the 29<sup>th</sup> SPREP meeting.
4. A series of consultation meetings for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework commenced in 2019 including the First Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework in Nairobi, Kenya attended by Palau and Tonga, and the Second Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework in Rome attended by Tuvalu and SPREP.
5. A Pacific regional workshop was convened 3 – 6 February 2020 in Apia to discuss and provide inputs into the zero draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The workshop resulted in the development of a series of recommendations into the zero draft which was submitted to the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group and the CBD Secretariat.
6. A virtual regional Pacific workshop is to be convened in mid-July 2020 (not yet convened at the time of writing this paper) to review the updated draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The goal is to develop a set of recommendations on the draft and to submit to the CBD Secretariat.

7. In light of the postponement of the CBD COP15 to 2021 and working within budget constraints, SPREP will continue to work with countries in providing regional input to the post 2020 framework, primarily through the following mechanisms:
- The 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas including a High-Level Session focussed on endorsing key targets for the region post 2020.
  - Key products being developed to be submitted to CBD Secretariat:
    - Review of progress against the *Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Islands Region 2014-2020* including the High-Level Declaration
    - Regional State of Conservation in Oceania (SOCO) Report
    - Regional State of Environment (SOE) Report
  - A regional preparatory meeting in 2021 for CBD COP15 for Pacific island countries.
  - In the meantime, Pacific island countries are encouraged to submit their national inputs to the CBD Secretariat and to participate in opportunities provided by the CBD Secretariat and other global or regional processes, including thematic consultations, Third Open-ended Working Group sessions, Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) Meetings. Any information provided to SPREP from the Secretariat will be forwarded to Members.

### Recommendations

8. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
1. **Note** the actions taken to provide input into the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework prior to the CBD COP15 in 2021;
  2. **Encourage** countries to submit their own input to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework; and
  3. **Direct** the Secretariat to continue to support Members with the processes for providing input into the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework prior to the CBD COP in 2021.
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