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**Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020**

The IIFB thanks the Secretariat for the comprehensive documentation prepared for this first meeting of the SBI. We thank Parties including Australia, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Colombia, New Zealand, Peru, Sweden and organisations who have responded to the call for submissions to SCBD notification 2015-132 (SCBD/NP/VN/JS/DM/85188 dated 20 November 2016) contained in SBI-1 INF/ 2. Detailed information about actions being undertaken by Parties towards implementation of Target 18, including identification of ongoing challenges with regard to ensuring full inclusion and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in CBD processes at national, sub-national and local levels.

These documents and reports show that there are some Parties consistently addressing Articles 8j and 10c in their national policies, strategies and action plans and national reports, whilst there are many more Parties who have not yet addressed traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use as targets in NBSAPs and national development planning or poverty reduction strategies.

The submissions by other organisations, usefully complement the national reports and by identifying some of the problems and challenges with regards national implementation of Articles 8j and 10c. Challenges highlighted include issues of national definition or delineation of the indigenous peoples or relevant local communities for the purposes of CBD implementation. The distinct and varied situations and needs of indigenous peoples and local communities in different countries and national contexts requires closer attention in the future, in order for more Parties to include traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in their NBSAPs planning and implementation.

Practices which stand out as contributing to national implementation of Articles 8j and related provisions include the appointment of National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge, and the translation of relevant CBD guidelines and documents into indigenous and local languages.

We congratulate the CBD Secretariat and thank those donors who have made possible the capacity-building and training for many IPLCs and government representatives at numerous regional, national and sub-national workshops. The ability of workshop participants to replicate and echo these workshops in-country for many more participants, demonstrates the effectivity of the workshops and underlines the urgency for additional funding to be provided to IPLCs for national and local activities.

The lack of implementation of Target 14, alongside insufficient efforts towards Target 18 underline that Parties must revision their engagements with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. These targets should not be perceived as requiring burdensome "additional work



and resources” for Parties, but as keys for unlocking the collective action and collaboration of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities towards achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) across all targets.

In this regard, we wish to bring to the attention of this meeting, an initiative of the IIFB and the Forest Peoples Programme, with support from the Secretariat of the CBD, to document positive examples of contributions by indigenous peoples and local communities towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. This publication which will be launched at COP13 in Mexico can be previewed for feedback and comments in SBI1 information document UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/INF51. A side event during SBI1 will also be presenting details about this publication tomorrow at lunchtime. You are all cordially invited to that meeting.

IIFB has the following recommendations and are seeking Party support for them<sup>1</sup>

9. *Notes, with concern*, the limited progress made towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 **and Target 14** at the national level and in mainstreaming Article 8(j) and related provisions into various areas of work under the Convention, including capacity development and the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention;

10. *Recalls* decision XII/2 and, in this regard, *urges* those Parties that have not already done so to update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans using a participatory approach and to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan and its Aichi Targets, as a flexible framework, in accordance with national priorities and capacities and taking into account the various elements of the global targets and the status and trends of biological diversity within the country, and the resources provided through the strategy for resource mobilization, **recognizing the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities and their logistic systems for the use, management and conservation of biodiversity** with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets;

16. *Invites* the financial mechanism, and other donors, to continue to provide support, based on the expressed need of Parties, for the development, implementation and monitoring of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including through participatory approaches, **and enhanced work with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**;

18. *Also invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations to submit updated information on progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use, including on the various elements of the Target, as well as implementation of the plan of action on customary sustainable use, in time to allow Executive Secretary to synthesize and make available the information for consideration by **the WG8j at its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting**, and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its second meeting;

Thank you Mr. Chairman for this opportunity to address this meeting .

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<sup>1</sup> This recommendation is complementary to those under agenda items 5 and 9 (regarding financial reporting).