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# Executive Summary

After the information framework has been completed, and the analysis and synthesis sections have been drafted, an executive summary should be prepared and included here. This executive summary should be drafted so that it is also useful in other national and international fora in presenting the results of this project.

## Synthesis of key issues

After the information framework has been completed, the key issues that are apparent from the survey should be presented in this section. This should include both positive and negative issues, and *recommendations* on how the assessment should be followed up.

## Analysis of limiting factors

After the information framework has been completed, the factors that are limiting implementation of activities should be reviewed in this section, and in particular those factors limiting implementation of actions that are thought to be high priorities at the national level. Where possible *recommendations* should be made on what action needs to be taken by who to reduce these limiting factors.

## NBSAP assessment

After the information framework has been completed, this section should provide an assessment of the extent to which the Summary of proposed action in the NBSAP cover the full range of obligations, requests and recommendations implied by the Articles of the Convention and the COP Decisions. In doing so, attention should be paid to national relevance and priority, as well as resource availability. The section should also include any relevant *recommendations*.

# National Priorities

The priority accorded to any particular Article or theme will vary from one Contracting Party to another. It is therefore important when carrying out an assessment of implementation to be aware of the relative priority placed on any Article or theme by the Contracting Party.

In the following table, the following scoring system is used for relative priority:

- 3 – High
- 2 – Medium
- 1 – Low
- 0 – Not relevant

Article 6: NBSAPs and integration		Biosafety	
Article 7: Identification and monitoring		Marine and coastal biodiversity	
Article 8: In situ conservation		Agrobiodiversity	
Article 9: Ex situ conservation		Inland waters	
Article 10: Sustainable use of biological diversity		Dryland ecosystems	
Article 11: Incentive measures		Forest biodiversity	
Article 12: Research and training		Mountain biodiversity	
Article 13: Public education and awareness		Sustainable tourism	
Article 14: Impact assessment		Criteria and indicators	
Article 15: Access to genetic resources		Traditional knowledge	
Article 16: Access to and transfer of technology		Capacity building	
Article 17: Exchange of information		Protected areas	
Article 18: Technical and scientific cooperation		Species and taxonomy	
Article 19: Handling of biotechnology		Access and benefit sharing	
Article 20: Financial resources		Biodiversity legal issues	
Article 21: Financial mechanism		Biodiversity funding sources	

Further comments on national priorities:



## Current status of NBSAP

<b>If the NBSAP is still in preparation:</b>	
What is its current status:	
When will it be completed:	

<b>If the NBSAP has been adopted by the Government:</b>	
By which authority:	
On what date:	

<b>If the NBSAP has been published:</b>	
Title:	
Year:	
Name and address of publisher:	
ISBN:	
Price (if applicable):	
Other information on ordering:	

<b>If the NBSAP has been posted on an national website:</b>	
URL:	

<b>If the NBSAP has been completed but not published:</b>	
How can copies be obtained:	

<b>If the GEF has supported preparation for the NBSAP:</b>	
Through which implementing agency:	



## Article 5 - Cooperation

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 5. Cooperation</i></b>			
Cooperate with other Contracting Parties, directly, or through competent international organizations, in respect of areas beyond national jurisdiction and on other matters of mutual interest			
<b><i>Decision IV/1. Report and recommendations of the third meeting of SBSTTA, and instructions by the COP to SBSTTA [PART]</i></b>			
Suggests that Government members of OECD should endorse and support the recommendations for the OECD Megascience Forum's Biodiversity Informatics Subgroup on development of a Global Biodiversity Informatics Facility			

## Article 6 - General measures

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 6. General Measures for Conservation and Sustainable Use</i></b>			
Develop or adapt national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity			
Integrate the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies			
<b><i>Decision II/7. Consideration of Articles 6 and 8 of the Convention</i></b>			
Urges all Parties and Governments and other interested stakeholders to exchange relevant information and share experience on measures taken for the implementation of Articles 6 and 8			
Stresses the importance of regional and international cooperation for the implementation of Articles 6 and 8			
Encourages Parties, in preparing and implementing their national strategies and action plans, to collaborate with relevant organizations and to take into consideration existing guidelines such as <i>National Biodiversity Planning</i> published by UNEP, WRI and IUCN			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Stresses the need for Parties to ensure the cross-border coordination of their respective strategies, on a bilateral as well as on a regional basis			
Urges Parties to include in their national plans or strategies and legislation measures for the conservation of biological diversity (both in situ and ex situ), integration of biological diversity objectives in relevant sectoral policies, and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of genetic resources			
Encourages all Parties to set measurable targets in order to achieve biological diversity conservation and sustainable use objectives			

## Article 7 - Identification and monitoring

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 7. Identification and Monitoring</i></b>			
Identify components of biological diversity important for its conservation and sustainable use			
Monitor components of biological diversity, paying particular attention to those requiring urgent conservation measures or which offer the greatest potential for sustainable use			
Identify processes and categories of activities which have adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, and monitor their effects			
Maintain and organize data derived from identification and monitoring activities			
<b><i>Decision III/10. Identification, monitoring and assessment</i></b>			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Recommends that Parties consider a step-by-step approach to the implementation of Article 7, paying attention to the indicative list of categories of important components of biological diversity set out in Annex I of the Convention, beginning with identification of important components of biological diversity and the processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant adverse impacts on biological diversity			
Urges Parties to identify indicators of biological diversity and to develop innovative methods of implementing Article 7 as a high priority, with particular reference to the value of rapid biological diversity assessment approaches and the role of remote sensing as a tool for monitoring			
Calls on Parties to cooperate on a voluntary pilot project to demonstrate the use of successful assessment and indicator methodologies			
Calls on Parties to prepare reports on experiences on the application of assessment methodologies and results from assessments and to disseminate these reports by appropriate mechanisms such as the clearing-house mechanism			
Recommends to Parties that they explore ways to make taxonomic information housed in collections world-wide readily available, in particular to countries of origin			
<b><i>Decision IV/1. Report and recommendations of the third meeting of SBSTTA, and instructions by the COP to SBSTTA [PART]</i></b>			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Encourages Governments to make available appropriate resources to enhance the availability of taxonomic information			
Encourages Governments to develop bilateral and multilateral training and employment opportunities for taxonomists, particularly for those dealing with poorly known organisms			
Suggests that Parties should invest, on a long-term basis, in the development of appropriate infrastructure for their national collections			
Suggests that Parties should encourage partnerships between institutions in developed and developing countries so as to promote scientific collaboration and infrastructure rationalization			
Suggests that Parties should adopt internationally agreed levels of collection housing that ensure protection of collections and the well-being of all people working on and accessing collections			
Suggests that Parties should provide training programmes in taxonomy at different educational levels, including vocational, technical and academic training			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Suggests that Parties should utilize information systems to maximum effect in taxonomic institutions			
Suggests that Parties should report on measures adopted to strengthen national capacity in taxonomy, to designate national reference centres			
Suggests that Parties should make information housed in collections available in countries of origin			
Suggests, in Annex, a list of actions Parties should consider covering institutional capacities and centres of expertise, appropriate areas for international funding, training programmes and methods, a register of experts and workshops			

## Article 8 - *In situ* conservation

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b>Article 8. <i>In-situ</i> Conservation [excluding Article 8(j)]</b>			
Establish a system of protected areas or areas where special measures need to be taken			
Develop guidelines for the selection, establishment and management of these areas			
Regulate or manage biological resources important for the conservation of biological diversity with a view to ensuring their conservation and sustainable use			
Promote the protection of ecosystems, natural habitats and the maintenance of viable populations of species in natural surroundings			
Promote environmentally sound and sustainable development in areas adjacent to protected areas with a view to furthering protection of these areas			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Rehabilitate and restore degraded ecosystems and promote the recovery of threatened species			
Establish or maintain means to regulate, manage or control the risks associated with the use and release of living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology			
Prevent the introduction of, control or eradicate those alien species which threaten ecosystems, habitats or species			
Endeavour to provide the conditions needed for compatibility between present uses and the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components			
Develop or maintain necessary legislation and/or other regulatory provisions for the protection of threatened species and populations			
Where a significant adverse effect on biological diversity has been determined, regulate or manage the relevant processes and categories of activities			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Cooperate in providing financial and other support for in-situ conservation, particularly to developing countries			
<b><i>Decision II/7. Consideration of Articles 6 and 8 of the Convention.</i></b>			
Urges all Parties and Governments and other interested stakeholders to exchange relevant information and share experience on measures taken for the implementation of Articles 6 and 8			
<b><i>Decision III/9. Implementation of Articles 6 and 8 of the Convention</i></b>			
Requests Parties to take action to achieve the restoration of habitats, including their biological diversity components			
<b><i>Decision IV/1. Report and recommendations of the third meeting of SBSTTA, and instructions by the COP to SBSTTA [PART]</i></b>			
Invites Parties to develop country-driven projects at national, regional, sub-regional and international levels to address the issue of alien species			
Invites Parties to address the issue of alien species for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and to incorporate such activities into their national strategies, programmes and action plans			

## Article 8j - indigenous peoples issues

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b>Article 8. In-situ Conservation [Article 8(j)]</b>			
Respect, maintain and promote appropriately knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity			
<b>Decision III/14. Implementation of Article 8(j)</b>			
Requests Parties that have not yet done so to develop national legislation and corresponding strategies for the implementation of Article 8(j)			
Urges Parties to supply information about the implementation of Article 8(j) and related articles, and to include such information in national reports			
Invites Governments to submit case studies to the Executive Secretary on measures taken to develop and implement the Convention's provisions relating to indigenous and local communities			
Calls upon Parties to make additional voluntary contributions to help fund a workshop on implementation of Article 8(j)			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
In organizing the workshop the Parties shall promote consultations among the indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in order for them to choose their representatives to the workshop			
<b><i>Decision IV/9. Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions</i></b>			
Encourages Parties to include representatives of indigenous and local communities in their delegations to the proposed working group			
Encourages Parties to promote consultation among indigenous and local communities concerning issues to be discussed by the proposed working group			
Invites Governments to submit case-studies and other relevant information as background information for the working group and for dissemination through means such as the clearing-house mechanism			
Requests Parties to facilitate active participation in the working group of indigenous and local communities from their territories			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Encourages Parties, when requesting assistance through the GEF relevant to Article 8(j) and related provisions, to give priority to particular categories of projects			

## Article 9 - *Ex situ* conservation

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 9. Ex-situ Conservation</i></b>			
Adopt measures for the ex-situ conservation of components of biological diversity, preferably in the country of origin of such components			
Establish and maintain facilities for ex-situ conservation of and research on plants, animals and micro-organisms, preferably in the country of origin of genetic resources			
Adopt measures for the recovery and rehabilitation of threatened species and for their reintroduction into their natural habitats under appropriate conditions			
Regulate and manage collections of biological resources from natural habitats for ex-situ conservation purposes so as not to threaten ecosystems and in-situ populations of species			
Cooperate in providing financial and other support for ex-situ conservation, and in the establishment and maintenance of ex-situ conservation facilities in developing countries.			

## Article 10 - Sustainable use

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b>Article 10. Sustainable Use of Components of Biological Diversity</b>			
Integrate consideration of the conservation and sustainable use of biological resources into national decision-making			
Adopt measures relating to the use of biological resources to avoid or minimize adverse impacts on biological diversity			
Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices that are compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements			
Support local populations to develop and implement remedial action in degraded areas where biological diversity has been reduced			
Encourage cooperation between governmental authorities and the private sector in developing methods for sustainable use of biological resources.			

## Article 11 - Incentive measures

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 11. Incentive Measures</i></b>			
Adopt economically and socially sound measures that act as incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of components of biological diversity.			
<b><i>Decision III/18. Incentive measures</i></b>			
Encourages Parties to review their existing legislation and economic policies, to identify and promote incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of components of biological diversity			
Encourages Parties to ensure adequate incorporation of the market and non-market values of biological diversity into plans, policies and programmes and other relevant areas			
Encourages Parties to develop training and capacity-building programmes to implement incentive measures and promote private-sector initiatives in this regard			
Encourages Parties to incorporate biological diversity considerations into impact assessments as a step in the design and implementation of incentive measures			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Invites Parties to share experiences on incentive measures and make relevant case studies available to the Secretariat			
<b><i>Decision IV/10. Measures for implementing the Convention [PART]</i></b>			
Encourages Parties to promote design and implementation of appropriate incentive measures			
Encourages Parties to identify threats to biological diversity and underlying causes of biodiversity loss, including the relevant actors, as a stage in designing incentive measures			
Encourages Parties to take into account economic, social, cultural and ethical valuation in the development of relevant incentive measures			
Encourages Parties to develop supportive legal and policy frameworks for the design and implementation of incentive measures			
Encourages Parties to carry out consultative processes to define clear target-oriented incentive measures to address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Encourages Parties to identify and consider neutralizing perverse incentives			
Encourages Parties to prepare case studies			
Encourages Parties to undertake value addition of naturally occurring genetic resources based on the participatory approach to work as incentives for their conservation and sustainable use			
Requests Parties to include information on the design and implementation of incentive measures in their second national reports			

## Article 12 - Research and training

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 12. Research and Training</i></b>			
Establish and maintain programmes for scientific and technical education and training in measures for the identification, conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and provide support for such education and training for the specific needs of developing countries			
Promote and encourage research which contributes to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, particularly in developing countries			
Promote and cooperate in the use of scientific advances in biological diversity research in developing methods for conservation and sustainable use of biological resources.			

## Article 13 - Education and awareness

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 13. Public Education and Awareness</i></b>			
Promote understanding of the importance of, and the measures required for, the conservation of biological diversity, in particular through the media and educational programmes			
Cooperate with other States and international organizations in developing educational and public awareness programmes, with respect to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.			
<b><i>Decision IV/10. Measures for implementing the Convention [PART]</i></b>			
Urges Parties to place special emphasis on the requirements of Article 13 of the Convention in the development of their national strategies and action plans			
Urges Parties to allocate appropriate resources for the strategic use of education and communication instruments at each phase of policy formulation, implementation and evaluation			
Urges Parties to integrate biological diversity concerns into education strategies			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Urges Parties to support initiatives by major groups that foster stakeholder participation and that integrate biological diversity conservation matters in their practice and education programmes			
Urges Parties to share experience on initiatives on public education and awareness and public participation, and to make case studies available			
Encourages Parties to make use of all media to promote public education and awareness			
Calls upon Parties to illustrate and translate provisions of the Convention into local languages to promote public awareness and education			
Urges Parties to support local, national, subregional and regional public education and awareness initiatives			
Urges Parties, when requesting assistance through the GEF, to propose projects which promote measures for implementing the provisions of the Convention on public education and awareness			

## Article 14 - Impact assessment

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 14. Impact Assessment and Minimising Adverse Impacts</i></b>			
Ensure environmental impact assessment of proposed projects that are likely to have significant adverse effects on biological diversity with a view to avoiding or minimizing such effects			
Ensure that the environmental consequences of programmes and policies that are likely to have significant adverse impacts on biological diversity are duly taken into account			
Promote notification, exchange of information and consultation on activities which are likely to significantly affect the biological diversity of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction			
In the case of imminent or grave danger or damage to biological diversity within areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, notify immediately the potentially affected States of such danger or damage, as well as initiate action to prevent or minimize such danger or damage			
Promote national arrangements for emergency responses to activities or events which present a grave and imminent danger to biological diversity and encourage international cooperation to supplement such national efforts and establish joint contingency plans			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision IV/10. Measures for implementing the Convention [PART]</i></b>			
Invites Parties to exchange information and experience relating to environmental impact assessment and resulting mitigation measures and incentive schemes			
Invites Parties to provide information on measures and agreements on liability and redress applicable to damage to biological diversity			
Invites Parties to include in their national reports information on actions taken with respect to liability and redress for damage to biological diversity			

## Article 15 - Access to genetic resources

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 15. Access to Genetic Resources</i></b>			
Endeavour to facilitate access to genetic resources for environmentally sound uses by other Contracting Parties, avoiding restrictions that run counter to the objectives of this Convention			
Endeavour to carry out scientific research based on genetic resources provided by other Contracting Parties with the full participation of, and where possible in, such Contracting Parties			
Take legislative, administrative or policy measures with the aim of sharing in a fair and equitable way the results of research and development and the benefits arising from the commercial and other utilization of genetic resources with the Contracting Party providing such resources			
<b><i>Decision II/11. Access to genetic resources</i></b>			
Urges Governments to send information on national measures to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience			
<b><i>Decision III/15. Access to genetic resources</i></b>			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Urges Governments to send to the Secretariat, five months before the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, information on relevant legislative, administrative and policy measures, participatory processes, and research programmes			
Urges Governments to implement human and institutional capacity-building programmes to promote successful development and implementation of legislative, administrative and policy measures and guidelines on access, including scientific, technical, business, legal and management skills and capacities			
Invites Governments to analyze experiences of legislative, administrative and policy measures and guidelines on access, including regional efforts and initiatives, and to disseminate these widely to those involved in developing and implementing measures and guidelines on access			
Encourages Governments to explore and develop, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, guidelines and practices to ensure mutual benefits to providers and users of access measures and to implement them effectively at all appropriate levels			
Encourages Governments to identify and communicate to the Secretariat competent national authorities responsible for granting access to genetic resources and/or competent national authorities to provide information on the granting of access to genetic resources			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Urges Governments to bring to a rapid conclusion the negotiation for the adaptation of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture			

## Article 16 - Access to technology

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 16. Access to and Transfer of Technology</i></b>			
Provide and/or facilitate access for and transfer to other Contracting Parties of technologies that are relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity or make use of genetic resources and do not cause significant damage to the environment			
Access to and transfer of technology to developing countries shall be provided and/or facilitated under fair and most favourable terms. In the case of technology subject to patents and other intellectual property rights, such access and transfer shall be provided on terms which recognize and are consistent with the adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights.			
Take legislative, administrative or policy measures with the aim that Contracting Parties which provide genetic resources are provided access to and transfer of technology which makes use of those resources			
Take legislative, administrative or policy measures with the aim that the private sector facilitates access to joint development and transfer of technology for the benefit of both governmental institutions and the private sector of developing countries			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Cooperate in the area of patents and intellectual property rights in order to ensure that such rights are supportive of and do not run counter to the objectives of the convention			
<b><i>Decision III/17. Intellectual property rights</i></b>			
Encourages Governments to conduct and communicate to the Executive Secretary case studies of the impacts of intellectual property rights on the achievement of the Convention's objectives			

## Articles 17 and 18 - Information and cooperation

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b>Article 17. Exchange of Information</b>			
Facilitate the exchange of information, from all publicly available sources, relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account the special needs of developing countries.			
<b>Article 18. Technical and Scientific Cooperation</b>			
Promote international technical and scientific cooperation in the field of conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity through the appropriate international and national institutions			
Promote technical and scientific cooperation with other Contracting Parties, in particular developing countries			
Encourage and develop methods of cooperation for the development and use of technologies, including indigenous and traditional technologies			
Promote the establishment of joint research programmes and joint ventures for the development of technologies			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision II/3. Clearing House Mechanism</i></b>			
Invites Contracting Parties to offer their cooperation as active partners in the operation of the Clearing House Mechanism			
Requests active partners to focus on developing national capabilities through exchanging and disseminating information on experiences and lessons learned in implementing the Convention, facilitating access to and dissemination of information, and facilitating transfer of technology			
Calls upon all Contracting Parties to designate their national focal point for the Clearing House Mechanism			
<b><i>Decision III/4. Clearing-house mechanism to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation</i></b>			
Requests Governments to provide funding for capacity building related to the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism			
Requests Governments to facilitate regional workshops to obtain a clear view of country and regional-level scientific and technological needs and priorities identified and modalities to deliver information and evaluate national capacities for the implementation of the Convention			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Requests all Parties to designate their clearing-house mechanism national focal points and make them operational as soon as possible			
Requests those Parties with access to the Internet to connect their national clearing-house mechanism homepage to the Secretariat's clearing-house mechanism homepage			
<b><i>Decision IV/2. Review of the operations of the clearing-house mechanism</i></b>			
Requests Governments to provide funding for the development and implementation of the clearing-house mechanism at all levels			
Recommends that Parties include in their national reports the lessons learned through activities undertaken to implement their national clearing-house mechanisms			
Recommends that each Party establish a multisectoral and multidisciplinary clearing-house mechanism steering committee or working group at the national level			
Invites Parties to use the clearing-house mechanism logo			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<p>Recommends that, in building up the content of information in the clearing-house mechanism at the National, subregional and regional levels, country profiles, biodiversity strategy and action plans, appropriate legislation, scientific and technological information and financial sources, among others, be used</p>			
<p>Requests Parties with access to the Internet to link their national clearing-house mechanism home page to the Secretariat's clearing-house mechanism home page</p>			

## Article 19 - Biotechnology

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 19. Handling of Biotechnology and Distribution of its Benefits</i></b>			
Take legislative, administrative or policy measures to provide for the effective participation in biotechnological research activities by those Contracting Parties which provide the genetic resources for such research			
Take all practicable measures to promote and advance priority access on a fair and equitable basis by Contracting Parties to the results and benefits arising from biotechnologies based upon genetic resources provided by those Contracting Parties			
Consider the need for and modalities of a protocol setting out appropriate procedures in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of any living modified organism resulting from biotechnology that may have adverse effect on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity			
Provide any available information about the use and safety regulations required by other Contracting Parties in handling living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology, as well as any available information on the potential adverse impact of the specific organisms concerned			
<b><i>Decision IV/3. Issues related to biosafety</i></b>			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Decides that written submissions by Governments of provisions to be included in the Protocol on Biosafety must be received by the Executive Secretary by 1 July 1998			
Calls on Parties to consider providing voluntary contributions to facilitate participation of all Parties in the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Biosafety and the extraordinary meeting of the COP to be held in February 1999			

## Article 20 - Financial resources

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b>Article 20. Financial Resources</b>			
Provide financial support and incentives in respect of those national activities which are intended to achieve the objectives of this Convention, in accordance with its national plans, priorities and programmes			
Developed country Parties shall provide new and additional financial resources to enable developing country Parties to meet the agreed full incremental costs to them of implementing measures which fulfill the obligations of this Convention and to benefit from its provisions			
Developed countries may provide, and developing countries avail themselves of, financial resources related to the implementation of the Convention through bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels.			
Take full account of the specific needs and special situation of least developed countries in their actions with regard to funding and transfer of technology.			
Take into consideration the special conditions resulting from the dependence on, distribution and location of, biological diversity within developing country Parties, in particular small island States.			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Consider special situation of developing countries, including those that are most environmentally vulnerable, such as those with arid and semi- arid zones, coastal and mountainous areas.			
<b><i>Decision III/6. Additional financial resources</i></b>			
Urges all funding institutions, including bilateral donors, to strive to make their activities more supportive of the Convention			
Urges developed country Parties to cooperate in the development of standardized information on their financial support for the objectives of the Convention, and submit this information in their national reports			

## Article 21 - Financial mechanism

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 21. Financial Mechanism</i></b>			
Parties shall guide and review the operations of the trust fund through the Conference of the Parties			
Parties shall consider strengthening existing financial institutions to provide financial resources for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity			
<b><i>Decision III/7. Guidelines for the review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism</i></b>			
Provide information on experiences gained through activities funded by the financial mechanism (from the annex)			

## Article 22 - Other international conventions

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 22. Relationship with other international conventions</i></b>			
<p>The rights and obligations of any contracting party deriving from any existing international agreement are not affected by the provisions of this convention except where the exercise of those rights and obligations would cause a serious damage or threat to biological diversity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Note that the actions covered here do not derive directly from the text]</p>			
<b><i>Decision III/21. Relationship of the Convention with the Commission on Sustainable Development and biodiversity-related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes of relevance</i></b>			
<p>Urges the Parties to ensure that the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands, and of migratory species and their habitats, are fully incorporated into national strategies, plan and programmes to preserve biological diversity</p>			
<p>Calls upon the national focal points of the CBD, and the competent authorities of the Ramsar Convention, Bonn Convention and CITES to cooperate in the implementation of these conventions at the national level to avoid duplication</p>			
<p>Invites contracting parties to relevant biological diversity-related conventions to explore opportunities for accessing funding through the Global Environment Facility for relevant projects</p>			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision IV/15. Relationship of the Convention with the Commission on Sustainable Development and biodiversity-related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes of relevance</i></b>			
Requests Parties to submit information to the Executive Secretary on; current threats to biodiversity from tourism, strategies demonstrating where tourism and the conservation of biodiversity are mutually supportive, the involvement of stakeholders, collaborative efforts at regional and subregional levels, planning for tourism that incorporates consideration of the CBD, and policies and activities which are supportive of Agenda 21's aims			
Invites Parties to provide information to the Executive Secretary on the biodiversity-related activities of the CSD such as: a review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of SIDS, oceans, seas and freshwater resources, consumption and production patterns			

## Article 23 - Conference of the Parties

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 23. Conference of the Parties</i></b>			
Participation in the Conference of the Parties			
<b><i>Decision I/6. Financing of and budget for the Convention</i></b>			
Urges all the Parties to pay their contributions to the Trust Fund promptly			
<b><i>Decision I/9. Medium-term programme of work of the Conference of the Parties</i></b>			
Calls upon developed countries to contribute voluntary funds to assist the ad hoc group of experts considering development of a protocol on safe transfer, handling and use of any living modified organism resulting from biotechnology			
<b><i>Decision I/11. Preparation for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i></b>			
Invites developed countries to make voluntary contributions to fund regional and sub-regional meetings to prepare for the COP, and to facilitate the participation of the developing countries in such meetings as well as in the meetings convened under the Convention			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision II/20. Financing of and budget for the Convention</i></b>			
Urges all the Parties to pay promptly their contributions to the Trust Fund			
<b><i>Decision III/22. Medium-term programme of work for 1996-1997</i></b>			
Invites Parties to submit by 31 March 1997 their views to the Executive Secretary on the operations of the Conference of the Parties, the programme of work for 1995-1997, and longer-term work programmes			
<b><i>Decision III/24. Budget of the Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity</i></b>			
Urges all parties to pay promptly their contributions to the Trust Fund			
Decides that all Parties should be invited to contribute to two special trust funds established to receive additional voluntary contributions, and to support participation of Parties in the Convention process			
Invites Parties to forward proposed decisions to the Executive Secretary in sufficient time for circulation at least three weeks in advance of the COP			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Invites Parties to notify the Executive Secretary of additional items for the provisional agenda at least six weeks before the COP			
<b><i>Decision IV/17. Programme budget for the biennium 1999-2000</i></b>			
Invites Parties to note that contributions are due 1 January each year and to pay promptly in full			
Urges Parties to contribute to the special trust funds			

## Article 24 - Secretariat

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<i>Article 24. Secretariat</i>			
Direct support			

## Article 25 - SBSTTA

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<i>Article 25. Subsidiary body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice</i>			
Participation			

## Article 26 - Reports

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Article 26. Reports</i></b>			
Each contracting party shall present reports on measures that it has taken for the implementation of the Convention, and their effectiveness in meeting the objectives of this Convention.			
<b><i>Decision II/1. Report of the first meeting of SBSTTA</i></b>			
Calls upon the international community to make contributions for the preparation and publication of the first global biodiversity outlook, to be issued in 1997			
<b><i>Decision II/8. Preliminary consideration of components of biological diversity particularly under threat and action which could be taken under the Convention</i></b>			
Encourages Parties within their national reports to identify priority issues specifically related to those components of biological diversity under threat			
<b><i>Decision II/17. Form and intervals of national reports by parties</i></b>			
Decides that the first national reports by Parties will focus on the measures taken for the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention, as well as the information available in national country studies on biological diversity, and provides suggested guidelines			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Decides that Parties shall submit their national reports in one of the working languages of the Conference of the Parties and, for the benefit of others, encourages Parties to also make available their reports electronically and, where possible, on the Internet			
Urges all Parties to submit their first national reports to the Secretariat no later than 30 June 1997			
Urges Parties to submit their first national reports on time, with the date of submission being set at 1 January 1998			
Encourages Parties to submit final national reports by 31 December 1998			
Information contained in national reports should include a report on the progress of the implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans, and on lessons learned, including gaps in national capacity for policy research, along with technical and financial requirements for meeting needs identified in the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and the use of nationally developed indicators			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Urges developed country Parties to include in their national reports information on their financial support for the objectives of the Convention			

## Decision IV/4 - Inland water ecosystems

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision IV/4. Status and trends of the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and options for conservation and sustainable use</i></b>			
Urges Parties and Governments to include information on biological diversity in wetlands when providing information and reports to the CSD and to consider including inland water biological diversity issues at future CSD meetings			
Urges Parties and Governments to include inland water biological diversity considerations in their participation and collaboration with organizations, institutions and conventions affecting or working with inland water			
Urges Parties when requesting support for projects relating to inland water ecosystems from the GEF to give priority to identifying important areas for conservation, preparing and implementing integrated watershed, catchment and river basin management plans, and investigating processes contributing to biodiversity loss			
Recommends that Parties adopt a programme of work specified in an annex to the decision			

## Decisions II/10 and IV/5 - Marine and coastal ecosystems

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision II/10. Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity</i></b>			
Encourages Parties to establish and/or strengthen institutional, administrative and legislative arrangements for the development of integrated management of marine and coastal ecosystems, plans and strategies for marine and coastal areas, and their integration within national development plans			
Anticipates input from Parties to the Executive Secretary for formulating advice and future options concerning the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity			
Parties are encouraged to undertake and exchange information on demonstration projects as practical examples of integrated marine and coastal area management (from the Annex)			
Parties should enhance and improve knowledge on the genetic structure of local populations of marine species subjected to stock enhancement and sea-ranching activities (from the Annex)			
<b><i>Decision IV/5. Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity, including a programme of work</i></b>			
Urges Parties to contribute to the implementation of specific elements of a programme of work specified in an annex to the decision			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Urges Parties, when requesting assistance through the GEF, to propose projects which promote the implementation of the programme of work			

## Decisions III/11 and IV/6 - Agricultural biological diversity

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision III/11. Conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity</i></b>			
Requests Parties to identify and assess relevant ongoing activities and existing instruments at the national level and to report back to the Conference of the Parties, suggesting an indicative list of thematic areas in annex			
Requests Parties to identify issues and priorities that need to be addressed at the national level and to report back to the Conference of the Parties			
Encourages the Parties to use and/or study and develop methods and indicators to monitor the impacts of agricultural development projects, including the intensification and extensification of production systems, on biological diversity and to promote their application			
Invites countries to share experiences addressing the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity			
Encourages interested Parties to conduct case studies on the two initial issues identified by SBSTTA, pollinators and soil micro-organisms in agriculture			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Recommends that Parties establish or enhance mechanisms for increasing public awareness and understanding of the importance of the sustainable use of agrobiodiversity components			
Encourages Parties to develop national strategies, programmes and plans which ensure the development and successful implementation of policies and actions that lead to sustainable use of agrobiodiversity components			
Encourages Parties to promote transformation of unsustainable agricultural practices into sustainable production practices adapted to local biotic and abiotic conditions, in conformity with the ecosystem or integrated land use approach			
Encourages parties to promote the use of farming practices that not only increase productivity, but also arrest degradation as well as reclaim, rehabilitate, restore and enhance biological diversity			
Encourages parties to promote mobilization of farming communities for the development, maintenance and use of their knowledge and practices in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Encourages Parties to implement the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilisation of Plant Genetic Resources (adopted by the fourth International Technical Conference on Plant Genetic Resources) in accordance with their national capacities, and endorses its priorities and policy recommendations			
Draws the attention of Parties to their responsibilities for providing financial support and incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity important to agriculture			
<b><i>Decision IV/6. Agricultural biological diversity</i></b>			
Suggests that Governments join efforts to identify and promote sustainable agricultural practices and integrated landscape management			
Invites Parties to conduct case-studies based on socio-economic and ecological analyses of different land-use management options and to provide such case-studies to the Secretariat			
Invites Parties to conduct case-studies on soil biota in agriculture and to provide them to the Executive Secretary for compilation and consideration by the SBSTTA			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Requests Parties to provide input on the development and application of methodologies for assessment of agricultural biological diversity and tools for identification and monitoring			
Urges Parties to consider the precautionary approach in the application of new technology for the control of plant gene expression			

## Decisions II/9 and IV/7 - Forests

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
<b><i>Decision II/9. Forests and biological diversity</i></b>			
Invites all Parties to contribute to the preparation of the documents on forests and biological diversity to be prepared by the Executive Secretary for the International Panel on Forests			
Invites all Parties to include expertise on forest biodiversity in their delegations to the International Panel on Forests			
<b><i>Decision IV/7. Forest biological diversity</i></b>			
Urges Parties to collaborate in carrying out tasks identified in a programme of work annexed to the decision			
Calls upon Parties to integrate forest biological diversity considerations in their participation and collaboration with organizations, institutions and conventions affecting or working with forest biological diversity			
Urges Parties to give high priority to allocation of resources to activities that advance the objectives of the Convention in respect of forest biological diversity			

	<i>Summary of current action</i>	<i>Summary of proposed action</i>	<i>Comments on the actions and proposals</i>
Invites Parties, when requesting assistance through the GEF, to propose projects which promote the implementation of the programme of work			



## **Sources of information**

This should include lists of reports and publications, unpublished materials, and people and websites consulted.