

IUCN Position: Zero Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

addition, there is redundancy (duplication) between Goals and Targets. This may need be addressed in subsequent revisions. At this stage, IUCN has focused suggestions onto issues of substance.

IUCN welcomes the coverage of the three objectives of the CBD, and all three components of biodiversity, all of which are essential.

IUCN notes that in Goal (a) the formulation of “no net loss” (by 2030) is appropriate but it is crucial to be clear on the limits to the compensation of losses with gains elsewhere.

IUCN welcomes the species Goal (b) for 2030-2050. However, the current formulation is weak and could be perverse: the Goal could be achieved by extinction of all currently threatened species, and by increases in abundance of widespread and commensal species. In addition, as stated below, the proposed action targets will not deliver this Goal.

IUCN emphasises that the targets set should be flexible enough to allow implementation to take into account the precise conditions and opportunities of each country, including for example, the continuous variation in biodiversity, the variation in human impact (e.g. as reflected in the framework developed by the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA))