

# BIODIVERSITY MAINSTREAMING AND ITS ROLE IN ACHIEVING THE SDGs

No longer the preserve of environmentalists, addressing biodiversity loss must be embedded in laws and policies across all sectors

## BIODIVERSITY MAINSTREAMING (IN THREE STEPS):

1

### RECOGNIZE

that healthy ecosystems are key to achieving development. They have a positive impact on health, enhance resilience to climate change, underpin food security, reduce poverty and lessen conflict.

2

### COMMIT

to addressing the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, rather than repeating past reactionary approaches of mitigating or limiting environmental damage.

3

### INTEGRATE

biodiversity within the sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, policies and activities of agriculture, fisheries, forestry, tourism, trade & development, and finance

## FROM PATCHWORK RESPONSES TO INTEGRATED APPROACHES

### TRANSFORMATIVE SHIFT IN HOW WE ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS

We need to prevent, not treat, symptoms, with actions that bring co-benefits across development agendas.

### ACTION TO OVERCOME CURRENT POLICY INCOHERENCE RELATED TO BIODIVERSITY

We need to build an enabling framework of laws and policies, guided by effective governance and justice institutions, and empowered people.

## A NEW MILESTONE: ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATED AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

### THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

20 ambitious targets leading the way for integration of biodiversity values

01

The Paris Agreement on Climate Change notes the importance of ensuring the integrity of ecosystems to address climate change, and promotes ecosystem-based climate adaptation.

02

The FAO Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems note that viable agricultural investments depend on well-functioning ecosystems.

### LINKED GLOBAL COMMITMENTS

03

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction calls for the adoption of ecosystem approaches, to make communities more resilient to disasters through the sustainable use and management of ecosystems.

04

The Special Rapporteur on Environment and Human Rights will present a thematic report focused on the linkages between human rights, biodiversity and conservation in March 2017.

### THE 2030 AGENDA

is the UN's action plan for people, planet and prosperity

is delivered through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

incorporates all elements of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets across the SDGs

represents a significant shift in the way environmental sustainability is viewed, from a stand-alone Millennium Development Goal to being integrated within various SDGs

# BIODIVERSITY TARGETS INTEGRATED ACROSS THE SDGS



## A MILESTONE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED

Agenda 2030 sets out a **global framework** to propel forward the calls for **integration** across several agendas.

## WHAT NEXT FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION?

Now work is needed to **translate this impetus across sectors and society**.

- ▶ We need to find opportunities for reciprocal mainstreaming across environment and development agendas.
- ▶ We need to talk about **the law and justice innovations** under each agenda and potential for co-benefits.

Achieving the SDGs will require **integrated policy, law and justice approaches that trigger national and local actions for environmental sustainability**.

Read next about developing a **new generation of laws** to achieve better biodiversity outcomes