

Ad Hoc Committee update: CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

HEALTHY CORAL REEF INDICATORS

2 Coral Reef Extent

Measures area covered by coral reef ecosystems and can tell us if this is increasing or decreasing

1 Live Coral Cover

The amount of live coral cover on a reef — an important first look at coral reef health

5 Percent Coral Reefs Effectively Protected

The amount of the world's coral reefs that are included within MPAs or Other Effective Conservation Measures

4 Fish Abundance and Biomass

The number of fish on the reef and the amount of energy available, telling us about the health and integrity of the system

6 Index of Coastal Eutrophication

Measures water quality in coastal areas

3 Fleshy Algae Cover and cover of key benthic groups

An increase in the cover of fleshy algae indicating a decline in coral reef health with less diversity of fish and lower productivity

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Terms of Reference

Develop a Recommendation



- Evidence-based, expert consultation
- Collaborative drafting
- Adopted by consensus May 2020
- (New element: Target 2 - Restoration)

Coordinate Engagement



- Coordination of 10 written submissions since 2018
- Negotiation toolkit
- Consultations & informal dialogue
- Webinars
- Participation/statements
- Realtime engagement with Parties in session

Communicate & advocate for the uptake of the ICRI Recommendations



- Website/hub
- Translation
- Infographics/video
- Social media #ForCoral
- Voices of support
- Guest articles
- Briefing notes
- Opinion Editorials
- Side events/ webinars

Timeline



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Recommendation on the inclusion of coral reefs and related ecosystems within the CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

NEW December 2021:

Proposal for an addendum to the Recommendation providing guidance on ecosystem restoration

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Current draft goals and targets

2030/2050 Goals

- GOAL A: CONSERVATION**
 - Extent, integrity and connectivity of natural ecosystems
 - Extinction risk, status, abundance of species
 - Genetic diversity
 - Critical ecosystems
- GOAL B: BENEFITS TO PEOPLE**
 - Regulating services (climate, DRR, etc.)
 - Food, water security
 - Other (cultural)
- GOAL C: BENEFIT SHARING**
 - Access to genetic resources
 - Benefit sharing
- GOAL D: MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION**
 - Financial resources
 - Capacity building, scientific cooperation
 - Technology

2030 Action Targets

- NEW T2: Restoration** (indicated by a red arrow pointing to Target 1)
- 1. LAND/SEA USE CHANGE**
 - Spatial planning
 - Ecosystem conservation/rest.
- 2. 3. AREA-BASED MEASURES**
 - PAs and OECMs
- 3. SPECIES**
 - Ex-situ
 - Human-wildlife conflict
- 4. LEGAL, SUSTAINABLE USE**
 - Harvest and use is legal, sustainable, and safe
 - Trade is legal, sust. and safe
- 5. INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES**
 - Reduced impacts of IAS
- 6. POLLUTION**
 - Reduction from nutrients, pesticides, plastic and other
- 7. CLIMATE CHANGE**
 - Biodiv. contributes to CCM/A
 - CC impact on biodiv. reduced
- 8. SUSTAINABLE USE OF SPECIES**
 - Sustainable wild fisheries
 - Sustainable use of terrestrial species for food and medicine
- 9. SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIVE SYST.**
 - Sustainable management of agrobiodiversity, aquaculture, forests
- 10. AIR/WATER QUALITY**
 - Regulating services for air, freshwater, disasters
- 11. HUMAN WELLBEING**
 - E.g. access to green/blue spaces
- 12. GENETIC RESOURCES**
 - Access to/benefits from resources
- 13. NATIONAL PLANNING/REGS.**
 - Nat. planning and accounting
 - EIAs/SEAs
- 14. PRODUCTION/SUPPLY CHAINS**
 - Reduction in negative impacts
- 17. INCENTIVES/SUBSIDIES**
 - Reduction or elimination of harmful subsidies and policies
- 18. FINANCIAL RESOURCES**
 - Public and private finance
 - Capacity building, tech transfer



Text of Target 2 in Draft 1 of the GBF: *Ensure that at least 20 per cent of degraded freshwater, marine and terrestrial ecosystems are under restoration, ensuring connectivity among them and focusing on priority ecosystems.*

[under negotiation]...

An addendum to the Post-2020 Recommendation

- Builds on the existing ICRI Recommendations (2020 Post-2020; 2019 Restoration)
- Based on the outcome of the expert consultation
- 2 key asks:
 - Language of Targets 1 and 2
 - the inclusion within the monitoring framework of an indicator to enable measurement towards the target for coral reef ecosystems: “*Live Coral Cover in restored coral reef areas*”.
- Provides detailed recommendations with explanatory notes

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Next step: preparing for resumed sessions

SBSTTA/ SBI and OEWG3:

- Updating messaging to incorporate the outcome of this meeting
- Development of supporting guidance, including the outcomes of this meeting; potential webinar
- Side event: informal exchange between coral reef champions

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1: Prioritize vulnerable ecosystems we depend on

Language on 'vulnerable' or 'climate-vulnerable' ecosystems in goals and targets directs implementation resources towards coral reefs.

Define "vulnerable ecosystems and ensure

includes coral reefs

2: Protect highly intact coral reefs, and restore around them

Targets reflect the mitigation hierarchy, with avoidance of impacts and retention remaining the focus since we do not know that we can fully restore coral reefs from scratch.

3: Adopt global coral reef indicators

GBF monitoring framework includes as many ICRI priority indicators as possible, including those central to GCRMN reporting



Coral reef Side event @ Resumed SBI/SBSTTA/OEWG3

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Costa Rica

Dominican Republic

Egypt

Germany

Japan

Jordan

WCS

Maldives

Monaco

Myanmar

Seychelles

South Africa

United Kingdom

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Staying in Touch



“ICRI - Corals & the GBF”

Intra and inter-sessional WhatsApp group to:

- highlight relevant agenda items
- provide any real time technical support from ICRI experts

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What happens in the interim?

- Understanding how Parties are integrating the ICRI Recommendation
- Development of technical materials to support Parties
- Potential webinar to talk through supporting materials (Late Jan 2022?)
- Working towards the Side event at the resumed sessions

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Discussion questions?

- how will you be taking up the ICRI recommendation in their positions for the next phase of negotiations of the GBF and its monitoring framework?
- Where do you see the opportunities to take up the ICRI Rec in the current draft?
- Consideration of the motion

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Poll Questions

- Have you forwarded the ICRI Recommendation to your CBD focal points? (Answer; yes/ no/ don't know)
- Are coral reefs included within your position for the next stage of negotiations? (Answer: yes/ no/ I don't know)
- Would a webinar be helpful prior to the resumed CBD negotiations? (yes please/ no thank you/ no strong opinion)

Run of slides

- Quick recap on the role of the anc
- CBD timeline - more delay - how will this be managed?
- Key areas of activity:
 - Restoration addendum (why, what purpose, how it came about and what is presented)
 - Preparing for the resumed meetings of SBSTTA/ SBI and OEWG3
 - Plan for a side event at these meetings (submitted and thank you to all countries for support - READ OUT)
- Make use of the time to continue to develop the narrative and guidance
 - Update the messaging construct to include the recommendation elements for restoration
 - Our 3 key asks
 - Walk through of what the current GBF means for coral reefs; tools and mechanisms to support implementing the ICRI recommendations
- Proposed approach
 - Talk to ICRI Countries about how to integrate the ICRI Recommendation
 - Develop supporting materials that can help Parties take this forwards
 - Host a preparatory webinar possibly end of January
 - Work towards a side event during the resumed meetings
- POLL questions and discussion questions