



Sustainable agriculture and advancing the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

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Agenda

- Overview of the status of agriculture
- The Strategic Plan and Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Linkages with the Sustainable Development Agenda
 - Leading to COP-13





Major indirect drivers of pressures on biodiversity

Food trends and consumption patterns





Major direct drivers of pressures on biodiversity: unsustainable agricultural practices

Deforestation and fragmentation

Improper use of agro-chemicals

Natural resources depletion

Simplification of livestock and cropping systems





Loss of biodiversity: direct impact on agriculture





Innovation and Technology

Drought-resistant rice variety







Solution: sustainable agriculture and food systems



Increase nutritional value of food

Limit expansion into natural areas and reduce impacts on biodiversity

Increase agricultural productivity



Agriculture shapes the status of biodiversity

Transition towards more sustainable agriculture and food systems

Drivers of biodiversity loss are identified.

Consensus on appropriated solutions.

Implementation

what actions are needed to reflect biodiversity considerations in the management of agricultural systems? Address consumer demand, require effective policy frameworks and supporting financing and incentives mechanisms

Image Source: Building a common vision for sustainable food and agriculture – Principles and Approaches, FAO 2014

Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020



Vision

By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people



Source: Global Biodiversity Outlook 4

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T14: Ecosystem services conservation

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T7: Agriculture, aquaculture and forestry sustainable management

T13: genetic diversity conservation

T8: Pollution control

T9: IAS control and eradication

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CBD Programme of Work on Agricultural Biodiversity* and the International Initiatives**



Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition

Soil Biodiversity

* COP 5 decision V/5 adopted a programme of work on agricultural biological diversity under the Convention ** COP 9 decision IX/1 agreed that the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity and its main elements of assessment, adaptive management, capacity building and mainstreaming, including its three international initiatives on pollinators, soil biodiversity and biodiversity for food and nutrition, continues to provide a relevant framework to achieve the objectives of the Convention.

Agricultural Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions and Services

Land restoration

Ecological intensification

Biodiversity conservation

Genetic resources diversity

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Pest and disease control

Pollination and pollinator habitat

Water cycling conservation

Soil fertility and erosion regulation

Farmers Traditional Knowledge

For human well-being and to poverty reduction: Agroforestry, family farming and pastoralism to promote sustainable production, genetic diversification *in situ*, fair and equitable sharing of benefits and biodiversity conservation efforts

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Rio Conventions, Ramsar and other agreements

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The biodiversity-agriculture-sustainable development nexus





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Inputs for CBD COP 13

SBSTTA 19 Recommendation XIX/6

Biodiversity and human health

SBSTTA 20 Recommendation XX/9

Implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production for the work of the Convention

SBSTTA 20 Recommendation XX/15

Mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors including agriculture, forests, fisheries and aquaculture

SBI 1 Recommendation I/4

Strategic actions to enhance implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 including the mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors

Inputs for CBD COP 13

Identify the key constraints to achieving sustainability.

Discussion on actions.

Output: unique opportunity to bring to attention these constraints and offer concrete solutions to the high-level segment of COP13.

Outcome: sustainable agriculture and food systems





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Thank you!