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My name is Ana di Pangracio and I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus. We want to thank the Secretariat for all the documents as well as for its efforts to facilitate our participation in these sessions.

In reference to the [CBD/SBSTTA/24/3/Add.2/ Rev.1, Para 143, under Target 20](#) acknowledges the needs for a greater recognition of women, including of IPLCs and youth as leaders and key actors towards biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. However, nowhere do we see any gender guidance or proposal.

#### **Recommendation**

##### **Section V: Scope of the Proposed Goals and Targets**

**Para 151.** Gender is an important consideration across the framework and Gender specific actions **should be identified for all targets.** ~~may be particularly relevant for targets 8-11, 13, 15, 19 and 20.~~

While the role of rights holders (IPLCs, Women and youth) in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use has been recognized and supported in several CBD COP decisions, no concrete target is proposed to recognize Indigenous and local community governance rights, including women's governance rights, despite growing scientific evidence that these are effective and necessary approaches to ensure efforts to counter biodiversity loss and are sustainable over the long-term.

The GBF needs a specific target on gender, as recommended by the Women Caucus, since CBD COP 14. A recommendation that saw the support by a number of Parties, including during the 2nd OEWG in Rome, last year, last year. That was a built-up effort from the valuable work of women representatives and the CBD that invested in the development of the Gender Action Plan (CBD COP decision XII/7). As noted in previous discussions, sex-disaggregated data is not systematically collected and therefore GBO-5 as well as IPBES assessments and other scientific and technical information do not fully take into account gender. As such the **importance to ensure sex-dissagregated data is addressed in all headline indicators** that relate to people as suggested by UN Women and UNEP-WCMC.

Furthermore, Target 20 should go beyond participation, to put a focus on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

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It is vital to ensure that the post2020 Gender Plan of Action and the GBF are well aligned, to enable a fully transformative and gender responsive implementation of the GBF, in support of the vision of living in harmony with nature.

The updated zero draft also states that the implementation of the GBF will take a – “rights-based approach”, a crucial aspect that we welcome. However, we note that this approach is not well-reflected in the proposed goals, targets or indicators , including in the document (CBD/SBSTTA24/3/Add.2/Rev.1) and the monitoring framework.

[We would like to bring the attention of Parties and observers a recent publication on Human Rights and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#)<sup>1</sup>, produced by FPP, SwedBio and partners including the CBD Women’s Caucus, which includes text suggestions and indicators to support greater integration of a human rights-based approach into the post-2020 framework. We encourage Parties to review this document (link can be found in our statement posted online for this meeting)

In ending, we would like to join those that have expressed equity and other concerns about virtual negotiations. We also support concerns about the need to avoid regression in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and CBD decision-making in general. In particular, we very much hope that the significant progress that has been made over the past years in terms of recognizing the rights, role, needs and aspirations of women and girls in biodiversity policy will be fully reflected in the GBF, including in the form of a special target on gender.

We kindly ask Parties that our recommendations put forward in the informal sessions, also be taken on board in development of the CRPs.

We look forward to the support of Parties to our recommendations in the plenaries and contact groups and hope to ensure that gender is truly mainstreamed within the Post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Thank you, Chair

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<sup>1</sup> Human Rights in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Options for integrating a human-rights based approach to achieve the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (April 2021)  
<https://www.forestpeoples.org/en/briefing-paper/2021/human-rights-post-2020-global-biodiversity-framework-options-integrating-human>