



Statement on Target 14

This target is the first one in the section on mainstreaming biodiversity into all sectors. However, mainstreaming biodiversity remains a highly ambiguous term which needs to be clearly defined. It is indeed paramount that we make sure policies, regulations, and all relevant planning processes fully align with biodiversity considerations, ensuring we return to living within planetary boundaries. This alignment process needs to be defined as truly prioritising biodiversity across all sectors, otherwise, it can result in business interests being mainstreamed into biodiversity policies, which is what we are currently experiencing.

The work on mainstreaming has been relegated to another decision, and has been prepared in an un-transparent and undemocratic way, while in fact, properly defined, it should be at the heart of the GBF.

A key element in this target is that the Parties – and therefore governments- should be in charge of ensuring that the alignment of biodiversity considerations in all sectors actually happens. Yet, the way the target is framed does not make clear who is the actor in charge, which renders it meaningless.

The term 'biodiversity values' is defined by the CBD to mean the intrinsic, ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values. However, in view of the fact that the word 'value' is now more often linked to economic valuation than to any of the above, it may be better not to use this term, in order to avoid misinterpretation.

Based on these reflections we propose the following language

Fully ~~integrate biodiversity values~~ **integrate all biodiversity issues and commitments** into policies, regulations, planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies, accounts, and assessments of environmental, **social, cultural, gender and holistic** impacts at all levels of government and across all sectors of the economy, ensuring that all activities and financial flows are aligned with biodiversity ~~values~~ **considerations, thereby ensuring the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and human rights.**