

Target 20:

- Structure of target

Currently, the target is structured so that the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples (and local communities) is merely part of **making knowledge available**. Instead, it should be made clear that the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities, especially women, may only be made available with their verified free, prior and informed consent. Hence the words 'but only with' should be added before 'their free, prior consent'.

Elements that should be part of the target

- Protection of traditional knowledge and its custodians

Under Article 8(j) of the Convention, Parties have undertaken to respect, preserve and maintain the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities relevant for the conservation of biological diversity and to promote their wider application with the approval of knowledge holders

- Women's traditional knowledge

Women have specialised knowledge of biodiversity that needs to be recognised and protected.

Elements that should NOT be part of the target

- Traditional Knowledge is available to decision-makers

Currently, the wording of this target risks establishing 'open access' to Traditional Knowledge and no protection over the IPR of traditional knowledge holders unless proper safeguards, FPIC and mutually agreed terms are in place. Lack of proper safeguards would also directly undermine the work and decisions under Article 8j of the Convention.