

Target 9: Benefits

Addressing elements in the right order

- Sustainable management is more important than benefits and should be at the start of the target.

If benefits were at the beginning, the target would prioritise these benefits to human beings rather than seeing ecosystems as complex wholes with many functions that may not directly benefit humans but whose damage or destruction would undermine the ecosystem's functioning as a whole.

If benefits to humans were at the centre of this target, it would be measured by the amount of benefits delivered, which would be an incentive to produce/use more rather than managing sustainably.

Elements that should be part of the target

- Pollination

Pollination is one of the most critical and vulnerable ecosystem functions for plant and insect biodiversity and global food security.

- Equitable sharing of benefits

The benefits of nature are not equitably shared. Overuse by some will affect the overall availability of benefits for all.

- Livelihoods

The livelihoods of millions of people, particularly IPLCs, small farmers, fisherfolk and women, depend on the benefits of proper ecosystem functioning.

- Protect customary sustainable use by indigenous peoples and local communities

Cultural, social, economic and ecological elements associated with the traditional, gender-differentiated governance and management systems of lands, waters and territories of indigenous and local communities and their involvement in the overall governance of these areas should be recognised, secured and protected, as they contribute to customary sustainable use of biological diversity (Source: CSU Plan of Action of the CBD)

Elements that should NOT be part of the target

- Significantly increase the contribution of sustainable bio-economy

The bio-economy is a concept that has not been defined or agreed upon within the CBD. It is a concept promoted by the biotechnology industry to describe the use of biotechnological products in production processes and by large agro-industrial corporations and forestry companies. It is not the CBD's role to advocate the increase of a particular form of industrial production but to ensure biosafety, biodiversity conservation, equitable sharing of benefits, etc.