

Theory of Change (section D, GBF)

Scope of the Theory of Change

As currently set out in the GBF, the theory of change is actually a logical framework depicting the rationale of the GBF. Instead, it should include the indirect drivers of biodiversity loss, as well as interlinkages and feedback loops between the targets (e.g. between reducing threats and meeting people's needs).

The Theory of Change should be a roadmap for the structure of the targets and goals of the framework. Interlinkages should be inserted and depicted within the diagram, as it is not enough to simply mention within the paragraph that interlinkages exist. This also includes feedback loops between outcomes and actions, as the GBF design and implementation is an iterative, dynamic, participatory cycle rather than a linear process.

Elements to be replaced:

- 'Externalities' by 'indirect drivers of biodiversity loss'

The indirect drivers of biodiversity loss are now termed as 'externalities' This is incorrect as they are within the scope of the GBF. It is also not aligned with science. The IPBES framework uses the phrase 'indirect drivers of biodiversity loss', not 'externalities' and this terminology should also be used here. The indirect drivers of biodiversity loss are possibly even more important than the direct drivers. The section on indirect drivers should therefore be adequately represented in the diagram.