

Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (agenda item 3.3)

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Main recommendations:

IUCN calls on SBSTTA 14 to recommend that COP10:

- ✓ Calls on Parties and other Governments to adopt the consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), including outcome-oriented global targets for 2011- 2020;
- ✓ Encourages Parties and other Governments to pursue the implementation of the Strategy as a contribution to the implementation of the targets of the Strategic Plan of the Convention beyond 2010;
- ✓ Encourages Parties and other Governments to appoint national focal points for the Strategy to enhance national implementation in cases where these positions have not yet been identified;
- ✓ Encourages Parties and other Governments to develop or update national and regional plant conservation targets, and as appropriate, to incorporate them into relevant plans, programmes and initiatives, including National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), and to align further implementation of the Strategy with national and/or regional efforts to implement the targets of the CBD post-2010 Strategic Plan;
- ✓ Calls for strengthened links between the GSPC and CBD post-2010 Strategic Plan, in particular through undertaking further work through the flexible coordination mechanism for the development of GSPC implementation mechanisms, milestones and indicators; and
- ✓ Calls for links between the GSPC and targets of the post-2010 Strategic Plan to be strengthened where this is not already explicit in the GSPC. The text of the proposed new GSPC should explicitly address the following: climate change and nutrient loading will be addressed through actions to achieve GSPC targets; a clear recommendation for incorporation of GSPC targets in national and regional responses; make further detailed reference to access and benefit sharing from plant genetic resources.

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Proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) (SBSTTA14 agenda item 3.3)

IUCN welcomes and endorses the Proposal for a Consolidated Update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) developed in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/9.

IUCN reiterates its support for the GSPC and affirms the success thus far of the target-based approach that has led to the achievement of significantly more plant conservation than had this strategy not been in place. The GSPC has galvanized efforts in the botanical communities of governments, NGOs, botanical gardens and others for plant conservation.

Each GSPC target contributes directly to one or more Strategic Plan targets, but additional links to the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 should be explicitly made on climate change and nutrient loading and access to genetic benefits. The need to incorporate GSPC targets in national or regional plans needs to be made more explicit. Further work on GSPC indicators, milestones and mechanisms to enable implementation should also contribute to the achievement of the post-2010 Strategic Plan.

IUCN remains highly committed to the achievement of the Strategy and its constituent targets beyond 2010 in particular through species assessments, invasive species management and identification of areas of importance for plant diversity, as well as the development of indicators and facilitation of capacity building (notably training for species assessment work).

In light of the above, IUCN calls on SBSTTA 14 to recommend that COP10:

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- ✓ Calls for strengthened links between the GSPC and CBD post-2010 Strategic Plan, in particular through undertaking further work through the flexible coordination mechanism for the development of GSPC implementation mechanisms, milestones and indicators; and
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