

Suriname (GBS) Experience on the Global Biodiversity Framework



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GBS's contribution

- Questionnaire received the 14 July 2020 (deadline 25/7/2020). The deadline was not met due to work overload, but I was determined that it would be important to have the views from a statistical perspective taken into account and therefore emailed comments on 4 Sep 2020.
- It took 2 days to go through the very long and very complex list of indicators. For most of them data is not available in Suriname as far as I know.
- Before submitting to the CBD, I consulted with the biodiversity focal point of Suriname regarding this framework, and she told me that she knew this framework and also contributed for this framework.
- She could not understand why it was so hard to collect data for these indicators, but after reading my comments from a statistical perspective she had a better understanding of the challenges regarding data collection and data availability for the Biodiversity Framework.
- **NOTE:** There needs to be better collaboration/coordination between the Biodiversity Policy Focal points and the data focal points, in particular the NSOs.

Comments on the Framework

- The importance of separating indicators/statistics to promote transparency and clearly show what statistics are needed to compile the indicators.
- Use the FDES to link the relevant biodiversity statistics with the draft biodiversity monitoring framework as is done in the draft Global Set of Climate Change Statistics and Indicators. The same was done with the SDGs & the FDES Basic Set.
- Promote the use of biodiversity indicators that are applicable to all countries and also ensuring that the indicators are measurable and that there are nationally produced data to compile these indicators.
- Before adding an indicator to the Framework, there needs to be metadata on this indicator (FDES, SDGs, Climate Change etc.).
- A lot of indicators were repeated indicators (this makes the list unnecessary too long).
- Have a tier system for the indicators like the SDGs, FDES, climate change.



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