

Switzerland statement agenda item 10

Switzerland welcomes the report on Biodiversity mainstreaming presented to COFI 35 and notes the progress made in the implementation of the action plan.

In particular the work carried out in the context of risk assessments for aquatic species under other MEA's such as CITES is of high value to the deliberations in these fora. In November of this year several proposals for listing such aquatic species in the CITES Appendices will be discussed and the analysis of these proposals carried out under the MOU between CITES and FAO is very much welcomed. In the near future the discussions in CITES relating to trade in marine aquarium fishes will also require the input and expertise from FAO.

Finally the input provided by FAO in the context of the post 2020 Biodiversity framework is an important contribution to create a solid framework that will be measurable and lead to the outcomes desired.