

26th Session of the Committee on Forestry

Item 8.2. Progress report on the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and its 2021-23 Action Plan

As mandated by the 41st Session of the FAO Conference¹, the FAO Council, at its 163rd Session, adopted the *FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors* (Strategy)². The Strategy aims to achieve its goals in a structured and coherent manner, taking into account national priorities, needs, regulations and policies, and country programming frameworks. At its 166th Session, the Council approved the *2021-23 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors* (Action Plan)³.

The implementation of the Strategy is monitored by FAO, which reports to the relevant Governing and Statutory Bodies. The Strategy is updated periodically to reflect evaluation outcomes and new global agreements, including those under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Periodic updating of the Action Plan to reflect such developments is also envisaged.

The document COFO/2022/6.2 - *Progress report on the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and its 2021-23 Action Plan* - provides an overview of the progress in the implementation of the Strategy and the Action Plan since 2021. The document contains the “Draft Action Plan 2024-27 for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors.” The indicative draft Action Plan 2024-27 further develops the operationalization of the Strategy and aligns FAO’s biodiversity mainstreaming activities with the Strategic Framework 2022- 31, the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23. Activities are mapped according to the FAO core functions, taking into account the changes made to them with the adoption of the Strategic Framework 2022-31.

The Committee is invited to:

- *welcome* progress made in the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and its 2021-23 Action Plan; and
- *review* the draft 2024-27 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, as set out in Annex 2 to the document *Progress report on the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and its 2021-23 Action Plan*.

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¹ C 2019/REP, paragraph 48 b. www.fao.org/3/na421en/na421en.pdf

² FAO. 2020. *FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors*. Rome. <https://doi.org/10.4060/ca7722en>

³ CL 166/REP, paragraph 24 h. www.fao.org/3/nf693en/nf693en.pdf