



Remarks by the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

Agenda item 4: Mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries management

Thank you Chair

Indonesia would like to thank the Secretariat for the report prepared.

Chair,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Biodiversity is indeed essential to achieve the sustainable development goals we all desire. Its conservation shall not shadow the fact that it is at the centre of many economic activities, including fisheries.

Globally, nearly half of the human population is directly dependent on natural resources for its livelihood and many of the most vulnerable people depend directly on biodiversity to fulfil their daily subsistence needs.

In that sense, we must strike a balance in the use of biodiversity for economic development and conservation purposes in every sector policy. To that end, the President of the Republic of Indonesia issued presidential instruction No 1 / 2023 concerning Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Sustainable Development. It is coupled with the updating of the National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (NBSAP), which will be submitted at the 2024 CBD COP.

Chair,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The new NBSAP was prepared as a guideline for managing Indonesia's biodiversity, especially in the planning, monitoring and evaluation process so that biodiversity management in Indonesia can be carried out in accordance with the vision and mission

through strategies to achieve national targets by upholding the principles of biodiversity management.

Indonesia views that the new NBSAP can become a guide for the integration of biodiversity management, including fisheries, within the national development framework by parties in each sector at the national, and regional levels. It is in accordance with the mandate of Law (UU) Number 5 of 1994 concerning Ratification of UN-CBD (United Nations Convention Concerning Biological Diversity), Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as well as other laws and regulations related to biodiversity management in Indonesia.

Chair,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Indonesia welcomes the newly adopted BBNJ to better address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, and appreciate FAO active engagement and continuous involvement in this regard.

Indonesia encourages the expansion of FAO assistance to small-scale fisheries as resource stewards that conserve and sustainably use aquatic biodiversity in line with the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in the context of food security and poverty eradication.

With regard to the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, Indonesia would like to give feedback on the annex.1 document COFI:FM/I/2024/4. Indonesia urges the FAO Secretariat to use multilaterally agreed language in the annex to avoid confusion on the application, such as the terminology of **“gender-disaggregated data”** which is not in line with UN multilateral agreed policies including many agreed negotiated documents in FAO.

I thank you.