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Thank you Chair.

The Global Biodiversity Framework only adds impetus to existing requirements to apply an ecosystem approach in fisheries management. There is a growing catalogue of practical and scientific tools that managers can choose from to put an ecosystem approach into practice, and start addressing the targets of the GBF straight away now, for example in adjusting management objectives and the terms of scientific advice requests.

Targets 5 and 10 will allow managers to recognise biodiversity-friendly practices as they are put into effect. Managers will need help on target 10 in particular – to define in more detail the components that are necessary to meet the bar set by this target, and how measures in individual fisheries add up spatially in order to identify an area as delivering target 10.

It will be important to help fisheries managers understand the specific criteria for these targets, and others such as Target 3, where the guidance on other effective conservation measures is still developing. The scope for ongoing sustainable use in areas identified under Target 3, such as OECMs, is much more limited than under the other targets, and it's likely that target 10 will be a much more appropriate home to capture biodiversity-friendly approaches in these fisheries.