

Intervention Indonesia
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Thank you Chair,

Excellencies

Distinguished Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of Indonesia, we would like to congratulate the Government of Malaysia for the excellent hosting of the ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity 2020 session and thank all those who have supported this Conference.

The world is currently experiencing a difficult time due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has claimed many lives and affected social and economic global condition. We believe that the solution of the pandemic recovery lies in nature and we are part of the solution. Perhaps in the future there will be other emerging infectious diseases that we must anticipate because the ecological balance has been disturbed.

We support the regional and global joint efforts to meet these global challenges. Indonesia is of the view that mainstreaming biodiversity into sustainable development planning across sectors, whether government, private/business, or community, can be one of the keys to suppressing disturbances to the ecosystem balance, including increasing the participation of youth and women.

We must continue to enhance efforts to protect life support systems, preserve biodiversity and sustainable use. Management of protected areas as living spaces/habitats for flora and fauna as well as providing environmental services to humans needs to be streamlined. Likewise, AMS, which are blessed with high biodiversity, needs to put forward sustainable use and development of biodiversity at the ecosystem, species, and genetic levels. It is necessary to use biodiversity that takes into account the principles of justice and balance in the access and benefit sharing, especially for local communities who have become "Guardian/Champion" of biodiversity.

Currently, countries and the world community are drafting the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to replace the current Aichi Biodiversity Target, and AMS has drafted a joint statement for the 15th CBD COP. Indonesia believes that AMS share the same hope that global agreement will be translated and facilitated into concrete actions so that it can be implemented by AMS.

Thank you Chair.