

## **Myanmar's Intervention at the final session of the Third ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity**

In light of rapid decline of biodiversity and human and planetary health at risk, we agree that a strong, ambitious, realistic and achievable, Post-2020 global biodiversity framework is needed. We appreciate that Post-2020 GBF covers comprehensive goals and targets on conservation of species, ecosystems and genetic diversity, maintaining and valuing nature's contribution to people, and equitable benefit sharing. We are generally supportive of the inclusion of nature-based solutions (NBS) in the framework. We also would like to mention that guidance on using the NBS, for example, the best practices will be needed to increase the scale and impact of this approach and avoid unanticipated outcomes and misuse. We also welcome the attention paid to gender equality, women's empowerment and youth in the framework.

We welcome the biodiversity mainstreaming component in one of the targets. However, mainstreaming is challenging, and assistance will be needed in mainstreaming biodiversity values across all sectors that have impacts on biodiversity. We strongly agree that mobilizing financial resources for implementing the post-2020 GBF and reaching its goals and targets are essential. As such, we strongly support one of the Philippines's interventions during SBSTTA 24 virtual session on Biodiversity and Health that preponderant focus of the budget on post-pandemic recovery efforts should not jeopardise the need for continuing funds to biodiversity conservation.

It is very encouraging to see that implementation support mechanisms, mechanisms for reporting, monitoring framework and three groups of indicators are considered in the post 2020 GBF to ensure effective implementation. We understand that National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) will continue to be the primary tool for national planning and implementation, and NBSAPs that are inactive after 2020 will need to be updated once the Post 2020 GBF is adopted to be in line with newly adopted goals and targets.

Finally, Myanmar welcomes the ASEAN Joint Statement to the CBD CoP 15 and agrees to intensify regional efforts on management effectiveness of protected areas particularly ASEAN Heritage Parks, strengthen regional cooperation to halt species extinctions, enhance cooperation on conserving vital ecosystems and improving community livelihoods. We would like to call upon CBD parties and other governments to undertake transformative actions to

halt biodiversity loss, restore vital ecosystems, reduce pandemic risk, mainstream biodiversity across various development sectors that have impacts on biodiversity, promote nature's contribution to people through adoption of nature-based solutions and provide necessary assistance and adequate resources for the full implementation of the Post-2020 GBF and NBSAPs.

Thank you.