



**Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations**



**International Treaty  
on Plant Genetic Resources  
for Food and Agriculture**

## RESOLUTION 1/2023

### THE ROLE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

**Recalling** Article 1.2 and Article 19.3 (g) and (l) of the International Treaty, which provide for the Governing Body to establish and maintain cooperation with, as well as take note of the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as well as Article 20.5, which requires the Secretary to cooperate with the Secretariat of the CBD;

**Further recalling** Resolution 13/2022 and, in particular, its decision to consider the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) at its Tenth Session, as well as follow-up actions to support its implementation of the framework and the integration of those actions into its Multi-Year Programme of Work, as appropriate, and its invitation to UNEP to build on the Bern process and continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination among biodiversity-related conventions contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the GBF;

**Noting** that the CBD COP, at its fifteen meeting, adopted the GBF and emphasized the importance of cooperation among all relevant conventions to implement and monitor progress in the implementation of the GBF in an effective and timely manner in order to achieve its targets, goals, 2030 mission and 2050 Vision;

**Further noting** the COP Decision 15/13, by which the COP, inter alia, “invite[d] the governing bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, as well as international organizations and other relevant programmes, to formally endorse the GBF through their own governance processes, as appropriate, in order to support its operationalization and contribute to the transparency and monitoring of progress in its implementation”;

1. **Welcomes** the GBF, and highlights its full relevance to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
2. **Acknowledges** that the achievement of the goals and targets of the GBF would contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the International Treaty;
3. **Emphasises** that implementation of the International Treaty would make a significant contribution to the achievement the GBF’s Vision, Goals and Targets, particularly in relation to sustainable food systems;
4. **Recognises** that, as a result of the GBF’s adoption, biodiversity is receiving higher attention on the policy agenda, at national and international level, which presents an opportunity to strengthen Treaty implementation, by strengthening actions to meet mutually supportive Goals and Targets of the GBF;
5. **Invites** Contracting Parties to:
  - encourage effective liaison between the respective national focal points of the CBD and the International Treaty in national processes related to the KM-GBF implementation;
  - mainstream the implementation of the International Treaty within National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and other relevant policies, plans and programmes to

support the GBF implementation;

- share lessons learned regarding the integration of PGRFA in NBSAPS and other relevant policies, plans and programmes with other Contracting Parties and *requests* the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to bring together Parties and Treaty enabling partners to share success stories, knowledge gained and lessons learned in this area and to liaise with the Ad Hoc Expert Team on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, as appropriate;
6. *Emphasises* the importance of developing a monitoring framework for the GBF that relies, inter alia, on established monitoring systems and reporting processes, including those related to PGRFA, in particular those of the International Treaty and FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
  7. *Encourages* non-Contracting Party countries to become members of the International Treaty, for example through active awareness raising by the Secretary in partnership with regional plant genetic resources networks or in other fora. This will strengthen the efforts of the international community to achieve the GBF targets related to PGRFA;
  8. *Joins* the COP to *encourage* Contracting Parties and other Governments to work together with all stakeholders to jointly implement the GBF in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support, at global, regional, subregional, national and subnational levels, across areas and sectors, through bilateral joint work programmes where appropriate, and through existing global, regional, subregional, national and subnational instruments, mechanisms and processes;
  9. *Thanks* the intersessional/subsidiary bodies of the Governing Body for having considered possible implications of the outcomes of the GBF for the work of the International Treaty in their respective areas of work and *requests* the Secretary to continue to engage them in the processes of implementation and monitoring of the GBF;
  10. *Thanks* the Secretary for having brought the considerations made by the Governing Body during the development of the Framework to the Executive Secretary of the CBD for transmission to the fifteenth meeting of the COP to the CBD and its relevant subsidiary bodies;
  11. *Requests* the Secretary to continue engaging and providing inputs in relevant CBD processes related to the GBF and to report back to the Governing Body;
  12. *Requests* the Secretary to continue to report to the Governing Body on cooperation with other relevant international bodies and organizations, including with the Human Rights Council and other international human rights bodies, and related collaborative activities;
  13. *Emphasises* the importance of maintaining cooperation, complementarity and coherence as well as avoiding duplication between the International Treaty and the CBD, and with other biodiversity-related conventions, in the implementation of the GBF and *requests* the Secretary to strengthen cooperation in the implementation of goals and targets related to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
  14. *Noting* that the COP of the CBD, at its Sixteenth Session, will finalise a number of elements of the GBF, including on the monitoring framework, resource mobilization, national planning processes and a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources DSI, *decides* to add "GBF implementation and follow-up actions" as a GB-11 milestone for the GB-11 in the Multi-Year Programme of Work;
  15. *Welcomes* the Bern process on cooperation and coordination among Parties of biodiversity-related conventions, contributing to an effective and efficient implementation of the GBF.
  16. *Welcomes* the draft resolution endorsed by the CGRFA at its Nineteenth Regular Session on the GBF and *encourages* the FAO Council to adopt it at its next session.