

Assessment Tool for

ALIGNING WITH THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK TARGET 2 ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

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Introduction

The Target 2 Assessment Tool is designed to assist Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Focal Points at national, sub-national, or local levels in evaluating their alignment with the common guidance and key steps/actions for "effective restoration," as outlined in the Target 2 Resource Manual and other best practice guidelines.

This tool enables users to assess their progress across four main groups of activities (A, B, C, D as listed below) and 33 key actions/steps. These activities should be carried out in alignment with national priorities and circumstances to ensure effective ecosystem restoration.

A Assessment of Opportunities for Ecosystem Restoration (**Assessing Opportunities**)



B Improving the Institutional Enabling Environment for Ecosystem Restoration (**Enabling Environment**)



C Planning, Implementation, and Ongoing Management of Ecosystem Restoration Activities (**Planning and Implementation**)



D Monitoring, Evaluation, Feedback, and Sharing Results (**Monitoring and Evaluation**)





How to Use the Tool

In each of the four main activity areas, 8-9 questions are posed to the user.

- These questions represent key steps/ actions that may be considered essential to ensure restoration activities are implemented in areas requiring restoration, prioritizing regions of high importance while accounting for ecological, economic, and social contexts.
- The questions were derived from the 2019 Short Term Action Plan on Ecosystem Restoration (STAPER) and adapted for the Target 2 Resource Manual, launched at COP 16 in Cali.

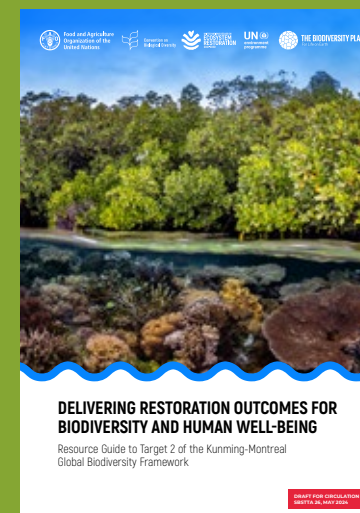


Rather than serving as a step-by-step planning guide, the Resource Manual explores critical topics and provides essential resources for effectively setting restoration targets and developing implementation plans. This accompanying assessment tool, designed to be used alongside the manual, helps users reflect on key steps in restoration planning and discover relevant resources to translate restoration plans into action and tangible impact.



WHEN TO USE THE TOOL

The assessment tool has been launched as a companion to the **Target 2 Resource Manual**.



It can be used by countries to review their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), set targets, and develop both implementation and funding plans. The tool supports the establishment of a baseline and helps create an action plan for improvement by identifying key areas of weakness that can be addressed through additional funding and capacity-building efforts.



Step 1

Assess



Under each of the four main areas (A-D), there are 8-9 questions.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Read each statement and decide the level of progress or alignment made by you or your team.
- ✓ As you work through the exercise, it is essential to be honest about both the progress made and the areas needing improvement.
- ✓ A candid assessment will provide a realistic baseline and allow your team to engage with the most relevant guidelines while prioritizing limited resources for Target 2.

Ensure you adjust the tool based on your specific level or scale of planning—since not all steps in the resource guide will apply to every user. For instance, if the tool is being used at a subnational level by restoration practitioners, questions about policy alignment may not be applicable, and the tool will automatically filter out those irrelevant questions.



This customization ensures that the tool remains relevant and useful, focusing on the most appropriate areas for your context.

Step 1: Assess		Assessment ranking
Activity A- Assessment of Opportunities for Ecosystem Restoration (Assessing Opportunities)		
1	Have you identified capacity gaps and capacity building needs and included them in your NBSAP ?	0
2	Have you assessed the extent, drivers, degree and location of degraded ecosystems?	0
3	Have you determined national baselines by area and for major ecosystem types to prioritize restoration?	2
4	Have you determined national targets by area for major ecosystem types?	0
5	Have you identified options to reduce or eliminate a driver or loss of biodiversity at various scales?	2
6	Have you designed an effective and focused monitoring plan to align collection of baseline data and to enable adaptive management?	2
7	Have you identified and prioritized geographical areas where restoration would contribute most to achieving national level targets? By 1) minimizing trade-offs 2) prioritizing locations of high biodiversity value?	0
8	Have you involved IPLCs and other relevant stakeholders in the assessment process?	1
9	Have you reviewed, improved or established spatial planning process to align with Target 1?	2

You can classify your response as follows:



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There is awareness of the importance of this step; some action has been taken, but further support is needed (2)



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Step 2 Heatmap

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Assessment heatmap

	A: Assessment of Opportunities	B: Enabling environment	C: Planning, implementation	D: Monitoring Evaluation
1	0	1	0	0
2	0	0	0	0
3	2	2	3	0
4	0	0	0	2
5	2	3	0	0
6	2	0	0	1
7	0	3	1	3
8	1	0	0	2
9	2			
Overall ranking for Activity Group				
	60%	75%	67%	67%

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ After responding to the self-assessment questions, the tool will automatically compile your scores into an "Alignment Dashboard" across the four main areas.
- ✓ This dashboard generates a heatmap that provides a snapshot of your alignment and progress towards achieving key steps for effective restoration.
- ✓ It serves as a guide to help identify and prioritize the areas where your efforts should be focused for the greatest impact.



Step **3**

Explore and Locate Resources

Based on your responses, the summary table will display your rankings from lowest to highest, helping you identify the areas that require the most attention and where efforts should be prioritized. Column H of the resources table highlights key sections and guidelines of relevance from the **Target 2 Resource Manual** to guide discussions and inform actions related to each key step.





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