



Past decisions

Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators

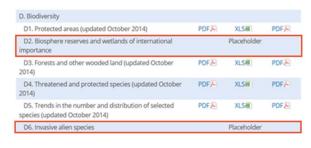
- Decisions and recommendations by Joint Task Force in June 2017 (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2017/2)
 - The Joint Task Force agreed that the secretariat would prepare revised production tables for the biodiversity-related indicators D1, D2, D3 and D6. It was further agreed that simple validation rules would be integrated into the production tables for testing.
 - The revised production tables will be made available to the members of the Joint Task Force in advance of its fourteenth session (Rome, 2-3 October 2017). This will allow members of the Joint Task Force to consult with national subject matter experts and to provide feedback to the secretariat ahead of its next meeting.
- Previous session of Joint Task Force (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2016/12):
 - A revision of the set of biodiversity indicators in the UNECE Guidelines is proposed. The revision should take into consideration better alignment with biodiversity-related SDG indicators.



Development of new indicators & production tables

Biodiversity indicators

- · Previously placeholders
 - D2 : Biosphere reserves and wetlands of international importance
 - D6: Invasive alien species





D2: Biosphere reserves and wetlands of international importance

- New production table for D2:
 - integrates updates made for D1 in taking account of Protected Area Coverage of Key Biodiversity Areas
 - ensures D2 better aligned with SDG indicators 14.5.1, 15.1.2 and 15.4.1.
 - takes into account:
 - Criteria for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance, as adopted by Parties to Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and indicators listed in Convention's Strategic Plan 2016–2024
 - UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves





D6: Invasive alien species

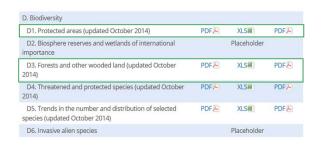
Biodiversity indicators

- New production table for D6 takes into account:
 - SDG indicator 15.8.1: Proportion of countries adopting relevant national legislation and adequately resourcing the prevention or control of invasive alien species
 - European Environment Agency's indicator on invasive alien species in Europe
 - Convention on Biological Diversity indicator on trends in invasive alien species and links to target 9 of the convention.



Revision of existing indicators & production tables, with identification of relevant SDG indicators

- D1 : Protected areas (UNEP-WCMC, BLI and IUCN)
- D3 : Forests and other wooded land (FAO)





D1: Protected areas

Biodiversity indicators

- Revised production table in line with
 - Protected Area Coverage of Key Biodiversity Areas
 - accepted indicator of progress towards Aichi Target 11
 - SDG indicator 14.5.1: Coverage of protected areas in relation to marine areas
 - SDG indicator 15.1.2: Proportion of important sites for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity that are covered by protected areas, by ecosystem type
 - SDG indicator 15.4.1: Coverage by protected areas of important sites for mountain biodiversity



D3: Forests and other wooded land

- · Revised production table in line with
 - SDG indicator 15.1.1: Forest area as a proportion of total land area
 - SDG indicator 15.2.1: Progress towards sustainable forest management
 - Updated pan-European indicators for Sustainable Forest Management that were endorsed by Ministers at 7th Ministerial Conference on Protection of Forests in Europe





Next steps

- Adoption of the revised or new production tables and their use in the preparation of mid-term progress report on establishment on SEIS in Europe and Central Asia
- Validation rules to be developed or finalized
- Integration of SDGs, targets and indicators into the indicator descriptions?
- Linkage to SDG indicator meta data?



