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Main outcomes of the conference (forest-related)

1. The Cancun Declaration on Mainstreaming the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for well-being – agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism

2. Decision on mainstreaming of biodiversity – including forestry

3. Forest biodiversity – collaboration with UNFF, CPF and at national level for strategies

4. Number of decisions on forest-related topics like climate change, ecosystem restoration, invasive alien species and others
Cancun Declaration on Mainstreaming

- … promotion of sfm as a dynamic and evolving concept aiming to maintain and enhance the economic, social and environmental values of all types of forests, …

- … highlighting the crucial role for human development, water supply, food security, nutrition and human health, especially for forest-dependent communities;

- … emphasizing their relevance as carbon sinks and their critical role for developing strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation, such as REDD …

- … promote the International Arrangement on Forests and the implementation of the United Nations Forest Instrument.
… encourages Parties ... to create enabling conditions, strengthen the enforcement of laws and regulations, and promote the adoption of sfm in the forest sector, and encourages forest enterprises and forest owners to integrate the sustainable use, conservation and restoration of biodiversity;

… urges Parties to use, develop and enhance governance, policies, ... to promote legally and sustainably sourced forest products and to combat illegal logging and associated trade, ... including through actions ... to prevent imports of forest products from illegal sources, and to implement systems for the verification of legal compliance;

... invites the FAO and its COFO to further support the development and implementation of measures, guidance and tools to promote the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the forest sector, ...
… invites the UNFF, in developing the Strategic Plan 2017-2030, to take into account the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets, with a view to promoting a coordinated approach.

… invites the CPF members, in preparing the 2017-2030 work plan of the Partnership, to … support a coordinated approach to the achievement of the forest-related multilateral commitments /goals,

… encourages Parties, when developing and implementing their forest policy in the context of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the other forest-related multilateral commitments and goals to take into account, …
Thank you!

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