



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

D. Biodiversity			
D1. Protected areas (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF
D2. Biosphere reserves and wetlands of international importance	Placeholder		
D3. Forests and other wooded land (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF
D4. Threatened and protected species (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF
D5. Trends in the number and distribution of selected species (updated October 2014)	PDF	XLS	PDF
D6. Invasive alien species	Placeholder		



D2 : Biosphere reserves and wetlands of international importance

Biodiversity indicators

- 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



Biodiversity indicators

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

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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

Biodiversity indicators

- 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

Biodiversity indicators

- 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?

