

## **Target number: 15.a and 15.b**

### **Indicator Number and Name:**

15.a.1, 15.b.1 Official development assistance and public expenditure on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem.

Proposed sub-indicators:

15.a.1

- i. Official development assistance on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem.*
- ii. Public expenditure on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem.*

15.b.1

- iii. Official development assistance on forest conservation and sustainable forest management.*
- iv. Public expenditure on forest conservation and sustainable forest management.*

**Agency:** UN Environment, OECD, UNDP/BIOFIN and UNSD

### **Has work for the development of this indicator begun?**

Yes. OECD maintains the International Development Statistics database which covers bilateral and multilateral overseas development assistance (ODA). The proposed sub-indicators i. and iii. are already considered Tier I and OECD has data which can be used to monitor these sub-indicators.

For sub-indicators ii. and iv., Environmental Protection Expenditure Accounts (EPEA) are included in the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA). Additionally, the UNDP/BIOFIN initiative (the Biodiversity Finance Initiative) has data on public expenditure on biodiversity in more than 40 countries. BIOFIN is a global partnership addressing the biodiversity finance challenge in a comprehensive manner and it includes a methodology for measuring biodiversity expenditures.

Neither the classification of environmental activities in the SEEA or in the BIOFIN is an exact match for the classification proposed in 15.a.1 and 15.b.1; however, an expert group under the UN Committee on Environmental Economic Accounting (UNCEEA) is currently being established to look into a standardization of a classification system for biodiversity expenditures. This working group will be able to provide a linkage table between the classification system and the proposed sub-indicators.

### **Who are the entities, including national and international experts, directly involved and consulted in developing the methodology/and or data collection tools?**

The UNCEEA working group on standardization of protection expenditures will be directly involved in refining the methodology for this indicator. This includes:

- 1) From UN Statistics Division:
- 2) From UNDP/BIOFIN
- 3) From UN Environment Science Division ( Jillian Campbell, [jillian.campbell@unep.org](mailto:jillian.campbell@unep.org) and Thierry Oliveira, [Thierry.oliveira@unep.org](mailto:Thierry.oliveira@unep.org))
- 4) From OECD:

### **What is the involvement of or how do you plan to involve National Statistical Systems in the development of the methodology?**

Many national statistical offices are represented in the UNCEEA. Additionally, the UNDP/BIOFIN initiative works directly with national stakeholders.

### **Please briefly describe the process of developing the methodology for the indicator**

The methodology for public expenditure on biodiversity has already been developed. In order to monitor the sub-indicators described above there are two outstanding issues:

- 1) Harmonization of expenditure classifications which are mapped to the sub-indicator 15.a.1.ii and 15.b.1.iv
- 2) Putting in place a mechanism to compile data from countries.

**Please indicate new international standards that will need to be proposed and approved by an intergovernmental process (such as UNSC) for this methodology.**

There is already an international standard.

**When do you expect the methodological work on this indicator to be completed?**

The methodology and a mechanism for data collection will be agreed during 2017.

**Are data and metadata already being collected from the National Statistical System for one or more components of this indicator?**

Yes.

**If yes, please describe:**

UNDP/BIOFIN has data for more than 40 countries. However, data collection will need to be expanded beyond the BIOFIN project countries.

As mentioned, for the ODA related sub-indicators, the OECD already has an existing data collection programme.

**How do you plan to collect the data?**

Data collection will be discussed by the UNCEEA working group described above.

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**If the indicator involves multiple components from different data sources, please describe how each individual component of the indicator will be collected here.**

OECD collects ODA data. The compilation of public expenditure data is still being discussed.

**With what frequency is data expected to be collected?**

Annually

**Is there a process of data validation by countries in place or planned for this indicator?**

Data will be provided by countries for the public expenditure sub-indicator. Only official sources will be used. The OECD has a procedure for validation of ODA data.

**If yes, please briefly describe:**

The OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) has internal validation procedures. For more information see: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/>