

Subject: Information from Japan in response to CBD Notification 2023-121 regarding the request for information on best practices for sustainable wildlife management and views on areas that require complementary guidance
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In response to CBD Notification 2023-121, Japan hereby submits the following comments:

First of all, we appreciate the efforts of the CBD Secretariat (SCBD). As we all know, we have limited time to implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). Therefore, this Communication, which was circulated shortly after SBSTTA25, is greatly appreciated. Japan would like to actively participate in the discussion on this topic.

Japan would like to make general comments on the comprehensive review and analysis as well as the preparation of technical advice. Many reports and guidelines have already been published, including those by the SCBD. In conducting a gap analysis to identify areas that are not adequately covered by existing guidelines that have been developed, Japan hopes that the analysis will comprehensively compile these existing guidelines provided by relevant international organizations including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and make the most effective use of their findings. Therefore, as commented by many parties at the SBSTTA, duplication with existing guidelines should be avoided and the formulation of a new guideline should be minimized, as noted in the Notification 2023-121, in order to mobilize financial and human resources for what is truly necessary for the achievement of the GBF.

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