



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Fifth meeting**
Geneva, 30 October–3 November 2023

Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury at its fifth meeting

MC-5/17: Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

The Conference of the Parties,

Reaffirming the objective of the Minamata Convention on Mercury to protect human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds,

Recognizing that mercury pollution impacts ecosystems as a direct driver and underlying cause of global loss of biodiversity, and that parties, through the implementation of the Convention, can significantly contribute to global efforts to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity,

Recognizing the opportunities for the implementation of the Convention and that of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be mutually supportive and to contribute to the achievement of the objective of the Convention and the goals and vision of the Framework,

Recognizing the value of working across sectors and scales to generate co-benefits for the Convention and broader environmental goals,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in decision 15/4;
2. *Takes note* of the report prepared by the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on how the Minamata Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework can be implemented in a mutually supportive manner¹ and welcomes the efforts undertaken by the secretariat to give effect to paragraphs 6 and 7 of decision MC-4/12;²
3. *Welcomes* the “Bern meetings” initiated by Switzerland to support synergies between relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including the Minamata Convention;
4. *Encourages* parties, through their operational focal points of the Global Environment Facility, to integrate mercury action into projects developed under the biodiversity focal area and integrated programmes of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund, as well as through the new Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;
5. *Encourages* parties, and invites other Governments and local and subnational governments, as well as relevant organizations and stakeholders, as appropriate, to:

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.5/INF/27.

² As described in document UNEP/MC/COP.5/20.

(a) Promote research on the impacts of mercury on biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services;

(b) Reflect national mercury reduction and control targets in their revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans to align with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

(c) Share the experience gained to promote coordination and integration of biodiversity- and mercury-related priorities through policy development and implementation, including lessons learned and challenges faced;

(d) Disseminate information on actions that can generate co-benefits for the Minamata Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

6. *Notes* the absence in the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework of indicators regarding the overall risk from highly hazardous chemicals, and invites the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to consider additional indicators, under target 7, to cover highly hazardous chemicals and mercury;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to continue supporting the relevant processes to improve coherence among multilateral environmental agreements, including the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions;

8. *Requests* the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to support parties and other stakeholders in sharing their experience, as per paragraph 5 above, and to compile and synthesize the information gathered and prepare a draft road map, including possible actions and indicators, to support parties in demonstrating and maximizing the co-benefits arising from the implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.
