

Thailand's Initial inputs to the Draft Declaration for UNEA 5

On behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand and after consulting with relevant governmental agencies, we would like to provide initial inputs to the Draft Declaration for UNEA 5 in accordance with the two questions provided as follows:

1. With regard to the first question, we give priority to following elements:

- Mainstreaming biodiversity in the development of all sectors at all levels such as agriculture, consumer and production, tourism, transport, industry and public health;
- Combating illegal trade in wildlife and plants should be continued as illegal trade is a major cause of the decline in biodiversity of wildlife and plant resources, especially endangered species, and also the spread of disease from animals to humans such as COVID-19;
- Promoting technology transfers, innovations and researches that lead to the transformative social, economic and lifestyle changes;
- Developing financial mechanisms and facilities to support its implementations and strengthening human capacities for the preservation of natural resources;
- Assessing and Monitoring current situations, particularly treats and risks of key biodiversity areas for developing conservation/rehabilitation management plans;
- Supporting the implementation SDG 14 by promoting sustainable use and conservation of the oceans and also reduce and prevent pollution from land-based activities, particularly marine plastic debris.

2. Regarding to the second question on how can the UNEA make a significant contribution to Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals at a global scale. We view that multilateral cooperation should be promoted in the implementation of the actions for the

mutual benefit of the world community. Based on the principle of “equity” and “in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respects capabilities”, “sustainable development” and “poverty eradication” all countries should take action, with developed countries taking the lead. To achieve the actions for nature conservation and SDGs at a global scale, it requires more international cooperation and worldwide solidarity. The COVID-19 pandemic is a wake-up call for multilateralism and demonstrates just how multilateral cooperation are crucial to health, prosperity, environment and security of the global community.

We wish that our contribution would be useful inputs to the UNEA 5 declaration.