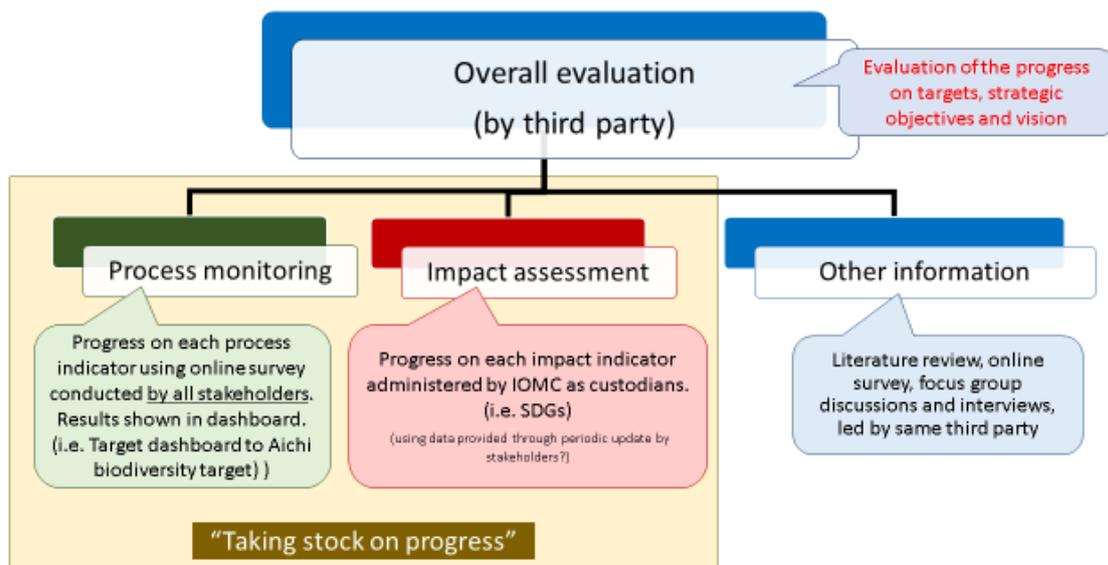


Japan's proposal on G. Mechanism for taking stock of progress

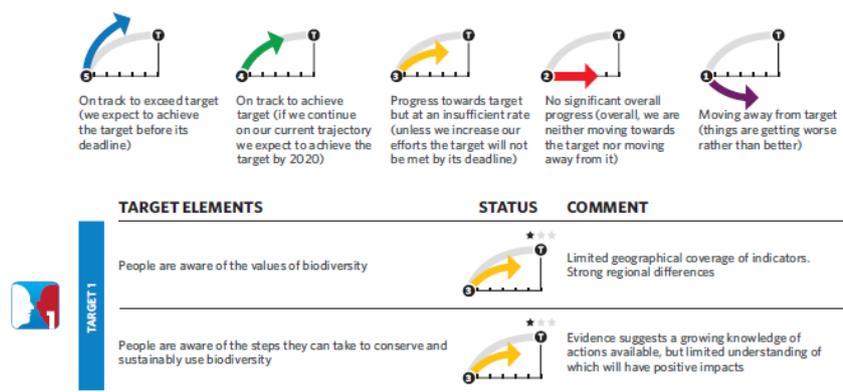
- Purpose of taking stock of progress is to assess progress against the objectives and targets which we have reached the general agreement within this VWG.
- With the current texts, the way to do it is based on reporting. The secretariat is expected to compile such reporting. Also designing an agreed reporting format for all the stakeholders is expected which will be a difficult task to accommodate all the stakeholders data and info. We echo some of the concern expressed in stakeholder inputs about duplicative reporting effort in relevant agreements and initiatives.
- In addition to producing a reporting, we need to consider a review process. The current text suggests that each country to be reviewed periodically by a review committee.
- Japan emphasizes the importance of reducing burden for stakeholders when taking stock of progress. In the same time, including all stakeholder's data and information and ensuring a concrete review process are definitely necessary for the beyond 2020 instrument.
- Therefore, we would like to propose our idea on taking stock of progress. Our idea includes "process monitoring" and "impact assessment".
- **Process monitoring** is to monitor the degree of achievement on process indicators. In monitoring them, instead of submission of reports by countries, Japan suggests conducting online survey for all stakeholders and presenting the result in the form of dashboard to be able to oversee the progress on process indicators promptly. We should use the power of IoT for better monitoring process. Some of you may know the target dashboard towards Aichi biodiversity target. We have this type of dashboard in our mind. Process indicators should be chosen accordingly to be able to see in dashboard promptly, then reporting on the individual indicators by stakeholders will not be necessary. We foresee frequent update of process monitoring such as annually as it is simple. We suggest the secretariat to be the custodian of this process but all the secretariat has to do is to maintain the website accordingly.
- **Impact assessment** is to assess the progress on impact indicators. We think that the way to do it to designate custodians per indicator (e.g., IOMC organizations) to assess the progress within their responsibility. It should be noted that SDGs indicators also have custodian agencies. We are not familiar with the process and we are open to suggestion from who is familiar with SDGs' custodians' roles. IOMC may need to request periodic updates to stakeholders. Since we believe that impact indicators tend to need longer term to be assessed, frequency of this assessment can be every 5 years or 10 years.
- Finally, in order to evaluate the progress toward targets, strategic objectives and vision, Japan proposes International Conference requests a third party to undertake **overall evaluation** as it has been done so within the current SAICM (SAICM/IP.3/9) to minimize burden for the beyond 2020 instrument while ensuring the equitability of the evaluation. We would like to remind

stakeholders of the Independent Evaluation report 2006-2015 was completed with literature review, online survey, focus group discussions and interviews and without periodic reporting by stakeholders. But we can include the outcome of taking stock of progress for the evaluation for the new instrument.

- This way we think that we can achieve the effective taking stock of progress with all stakeholders involved and without adding burden to all.



Japan's idea for taking stock of progress



Target dashboard towards Aichi biodiversity targets