

# Informal lunch event on trade and biodiversity statistics

17 Oct 2023

12.30–2.30 p.m.

Room VII and online  
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# Survey results

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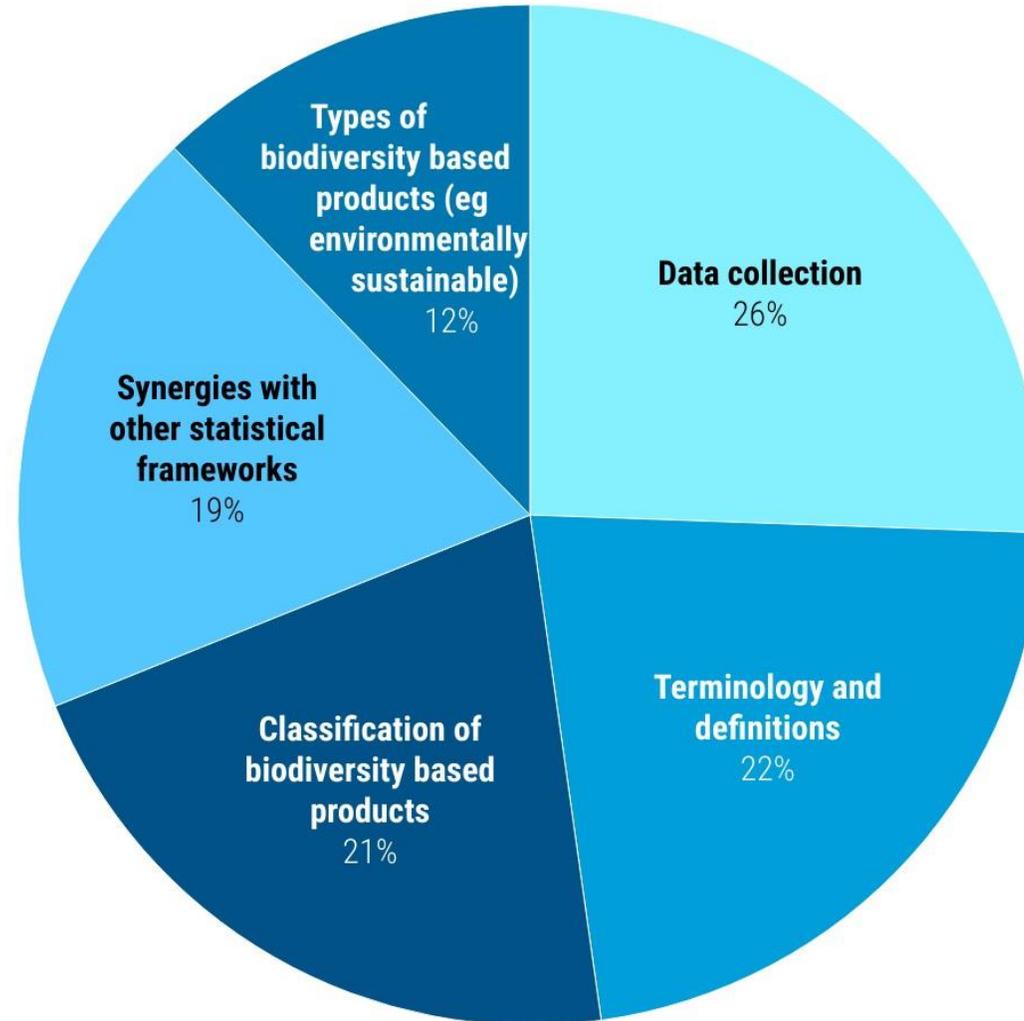
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# Priorities identified

Selected as 1st or 2nd priority



# Other topics identified as priorities



**biodiversity**

international trade  
free trade  
Biodiversity Indicators  
HS classification  
trade agreements  
biodiversity links  
trade flows  
trade  
impacts of trade  
Links and synergies  
Trade policies  
environmental classification  
products  
biodiversity threat  
tariff and trade  
trade on biodiversity  
biodiversity footprint  
biodiversity framework

# Other topics identified as priorities

## Trade

- HS Classification
- Trade flows
- Tariff and NTMs
- Trade agreements
- Standards
- Environmental harm eg INNS, pollution
- New methods to monitor eg DNA/RNA, remote sensing, Non target analytics

## Value chains

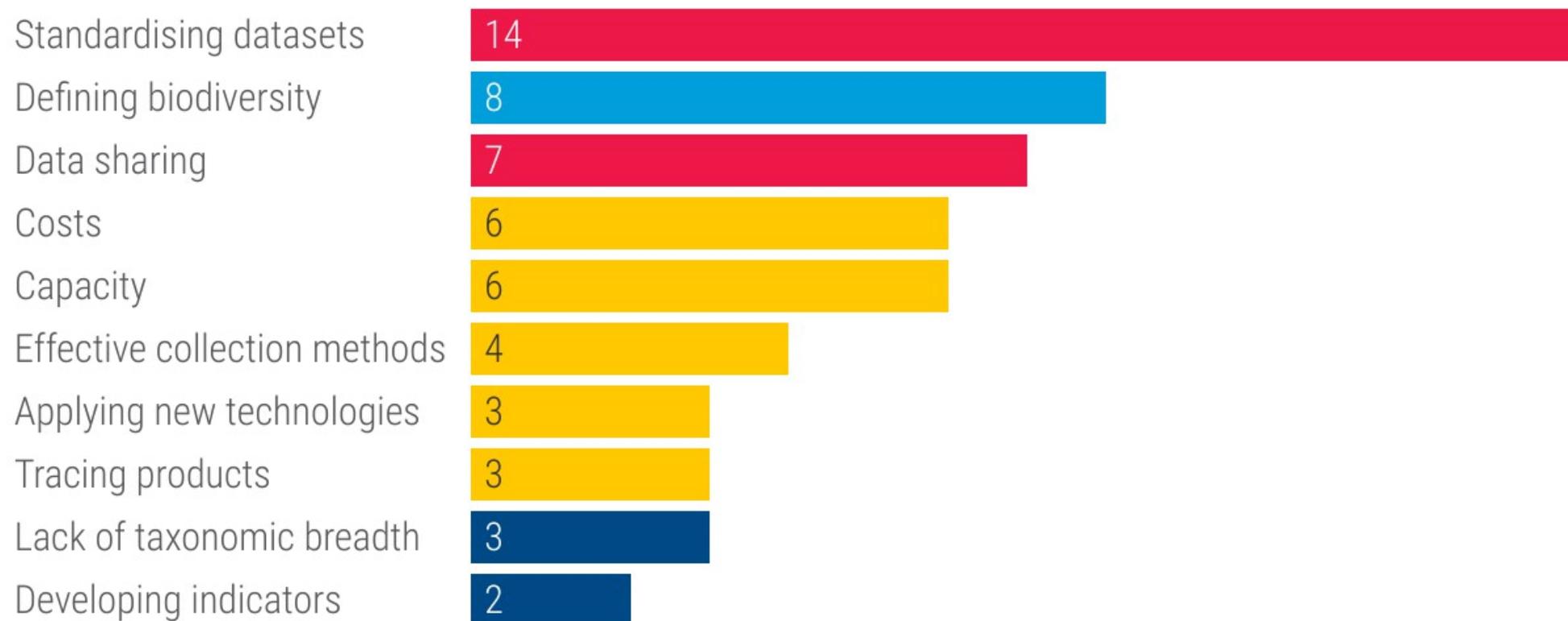
- Biodiversity-based value chains
- Intersections with gender
- Linking data tools to monitor
- Involving stakeholders

## Indicators

- Biodiversity threat
- Sustainable use
- Impacts of trade on biodiversity

# Challenges identified ranked by number of respondents

■ Synergies ■ Terminology ■ Collection ■ Classification



N = 51

# Members of Working Group so far

- Member states from Europe, Latin America, North America, Asia and Africa
- Developed and developing
- Other UN agencies
- Academia, NGOs, civil society

# Examples of synergies based on survey

- UNSD System of Environmental Economic Accounting
- UNECE Circular Economy
- WTO Committee on Trade and Environment
- CITES databases
- OECD work on regional trade agreements and illegal trade and environmental crime
- Biodiversity Indicators Partnership

# Some recommendations

- Collaborate on definitions and classifications across institutions
- Create links with other databases and ongoing initiatives
- Build capacity for improved data gathering, coverage and analysis
- Involve policy-makers, MEA Secretariats, UN agencies, academia  
...
- Provide recommendations on changes to HS system

# Icebreaker questions

- Are the identified areas key to address the challenges (data, terminology and definitions, synergies)? Or are there also other areas to focus?
- How does the WG link with the work you are doing? Key synergies we could establish (data sources, joint research ... )?
- Where do you see key opportunities contributing to ongoing policy and intergovernmental processes (WTO, GBF, CITES ...)?

Link for feedback/survey



# Thank you! Let us know your thoughts:



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