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Subject: Submission re Proposed Amendments Draft County Development Plan (dCDP) 2023-2029 - Vol 1 - Chapter 15 " Biodiversity ". Inclusion of some of the 2030 targets from Dec 2022 Montreal UN COP 15 agreements on Biodiversity

Dear Forward Planning

Apologies about the different fonts in this submission as a result of using extracting sections from related UN resources.

I submit that the Clare County Development Plan (CCDP) 2023-2029 amended Chapter 15 Vol 1 of the proposed amendments should be strengthened by inclusion of references to the UN agreements reached at Dec 2022 at the 15th Conference of Parties (COP 15) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the "Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" (GBF), including four long term goals to 2050 and 23 targets for achievement by 2030.

Convened under UN auspices, chaired by China, and hosted by Canada, the 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the "Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" (GBF), including four long-term goals for 2050 related to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and 23 targets for achievement by 2030.

The success of implementing the GBF to repair & restore biodiversity " requires political will and recognition at the highest level of Government, and relies on action and

cooperation by all levels of government and by all actors of society “.

Suggested Examples from 8 of the targets dealing with reduction of threats to Biodiversity as per Appendix 1 that should be included in the amended text and objectives in Chapter 15 Vol 1 of the proposed amendments if the dCDP ;

Target 1. participatory integrated biodiversity inclusive spatial planning

Target 2. 30% by 2030 of County Clare’s degraded ecosystems are restored

Target 3. 30% by 2030 of County Clare’s important biodiversity & ecosystems are conserved and maintained

Appendix 1

UN Cop 15 agreement on Biodiversity .

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: 23 targets

The framework has 23 action-oriented global targets for urgent action over the decade to 2030. The actions set out in each target need to be initiated immediately and completed by 2030. Together, the results will enable achievement towards the outcome-oriented goals for 2050. Actions to reach these targets should be implemented consistently and in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and other relevant

international obligations, taking into account national circumstances, priorities and socioeconomic conditions.

1. Reducing threats to biodiversity

TARGET 1

Ensure that all areas are under participatory integrated biodiversity inclusive spatial planning and/or effective management processes addressing land and sea use change, to bring the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance, including ecosystems of high ecological integrity, close to zero by 2030, while respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

TARGET 2

Ensure that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine ecosystems are under effective restoration, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity.

TARGET 3

Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are effectively conserved and managed through ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories, where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities including over their traditional territories.

TARGET 4

Ensure urgent management actions, to halt human induced extinction of known threatened species and for the recovery and conservation of species, in particular threatened species, to significantly reduce extinction risk, as well as to maintain and restore the genetic diversity within and between populations of native, wild and domesticated species to maintain their adaptive potential, including through in situ and ex situ conservation and sustainable management practices, and effectively manage human-wildlife interactions to minimize human-wildlife conflict for coexistence.

TARGET 5

Ensure that the use, harvesting and trade of wild species is sustainable, safe and legal, preventing overexploitation, minimizing impacts on non-target species and ecosystems, and reducing the risk of pathogen spill-over, applying the ecosystem approach, while respecting and protecting customary sustainable use by indigenous peoples and local communities.

TARGET 6

Eliminate, minimize, reduce and or mitigate the impacts of invasive alien species on biodiversity and ecosystem services by identifying and managing pathways of the introduction of alien species, preventing the introduction and establishment of priority invasive alien species, reducing the rates of introduction and establishment of other known or potential invasive alien species by at least 50 percent, by 2030, eradicating or controlling invasive alien species especially in priority sites, such as islands .

TARGET 7

Reduce pollution risks and the negative impact of pollution from all sources, by 2030, to levels that are not harmful to biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, considering cumulative effects, including: reducing excess nutrients lost to the environment by at least half including through more efficient nutrient cycling and use; reducing the overall risk from pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals by at least half including through integrated pest management, based on science, taking into account food security and livelihoods; and also preventing, reducing, and working towards eliminating plastic pollution.

TARGET 8

Minimize the impact of climate change and ocean acidification on biodiversity and increase its resilience through mitigation, adaptation, and disaster risk reduction actions, including through nature-based solution and/or

ecosystem-based approaches, while minimizing negative and fostering positive impacts of climate action on biodiversity.

Regards

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