WWF supports the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets of the Open Working Group (OWG) outcome and calls for the discussions on goals and targets to be finalized during the upcoming Fifth session of the Post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations without any further revision of the OWG proposal.

WWF recognizes a number of improvements in the “Revised targets document” released by the Co‑Facilitators on 7 May 2015 compared to the 23 March 2015 version. WWF strongly believes that any revision of the targets should **increase the level of ambition** and should not result in backtracking from existing international commitments.

WWF strongly recommends the following text changes in order to strengthen some of the proposed revised targets:

* WWF welcomes the alignment with the Aichi Targets timeframe and the recognition that further action is needed by 2030 under revised targets 15.1, 15.2 and 15.5. However, WWF strongly suggests removing the sentence “*and take further action as needed by 2030*” from targets 15.1 and 15.5 and substitute it with the following formulation to ensure continued and effective action through 2030: “**ensure that the progress is surpassed by 2030**”.
* Similarly, for target 15.2 on forests, WWF recommends adding at the end of the target the sentence “**ensure that the progress is surpassed by 2030**” in order to make it consistent with the proposed revised targets 15.1 and 15.5.
* For target 15.3 on combatting desertification, WWF recommends reinserting the 2020 deadline to ensure alignment with the Aichi Targets and to avoid the risk of lowering the level of ambition and delaying action. Furthermore, as proposed for revised targets 15.1, 15.2 and 15.5 WWF suggests adding at the end of the target the sentence “**ensure that the progress is surpassed by 2030**”.

WWF notes with satisfaction the following improvements in the proposed “Revised Targets Document” that are under WWF’s area of competence and expertise:

* The inclusion of “*fragmentation*” under target 15.5 on reducing the degradation of natural habitat as it reflects a stronger alignment with the Aichi targets.
* The strengthening of target 6.6 on water-related ecosystems with the inclusion of “fully protected and restored” by 2030.
* The proposal for target 14.c, which makes it consistent with the annual GA omnibus resolution on oceans and the law of the sea.
* The inclusion of the wording “*at least doubling*” in target 6.3 on improving water quality.