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Are we on a credible pathway towards meeting the 2050 goals of the GBF?

Towards just and effective
implementation

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PLAY THE LONG GAME

Aligning national and international policies for nature and people with the long-term goals of the Global Biodiversity Framework



KMGBF Global Review

- › Review looks at global progress
- › *But:*
 - Varying levels of contribution by Parties to global goals and targets
 - Stepping up of efforts requires reflection on responsibility and just shares of Parties

Thinking about justice in the KMGBF

“Only a crisis - actual or perceived - produces real change. When that crisis occurs, the actions that are taken depend on the ideas that are lying around.

That, I believe, is our basic function: to develop alternatives to existing policies, to keep them alive and available until the politically impossible becomes the politically inevitable.”

Milton Friedman



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REVIEW

Implications of global distributive justice principles for implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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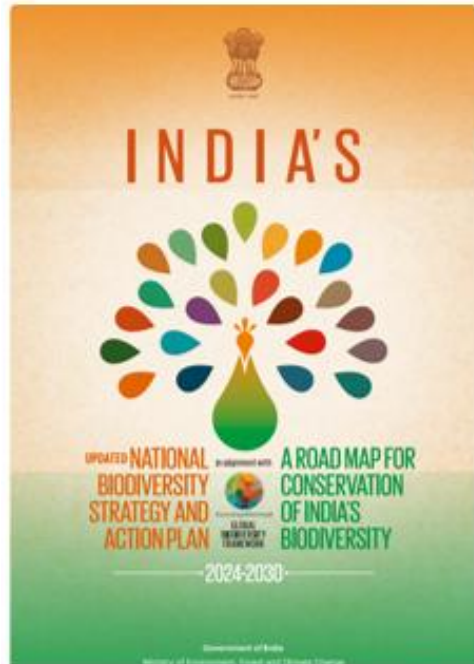
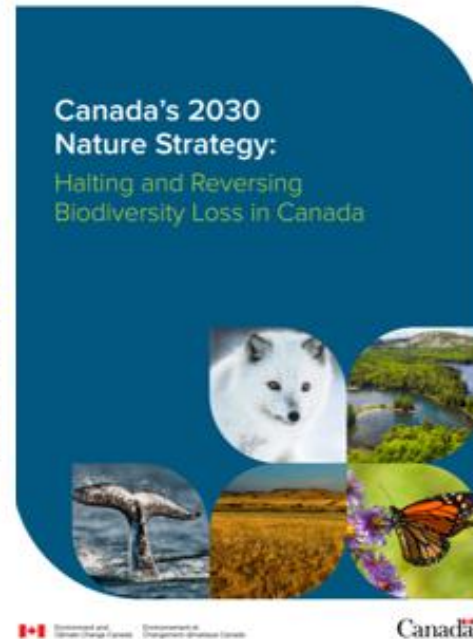


Conceptualisation of distributive justice for KMGBF implementation

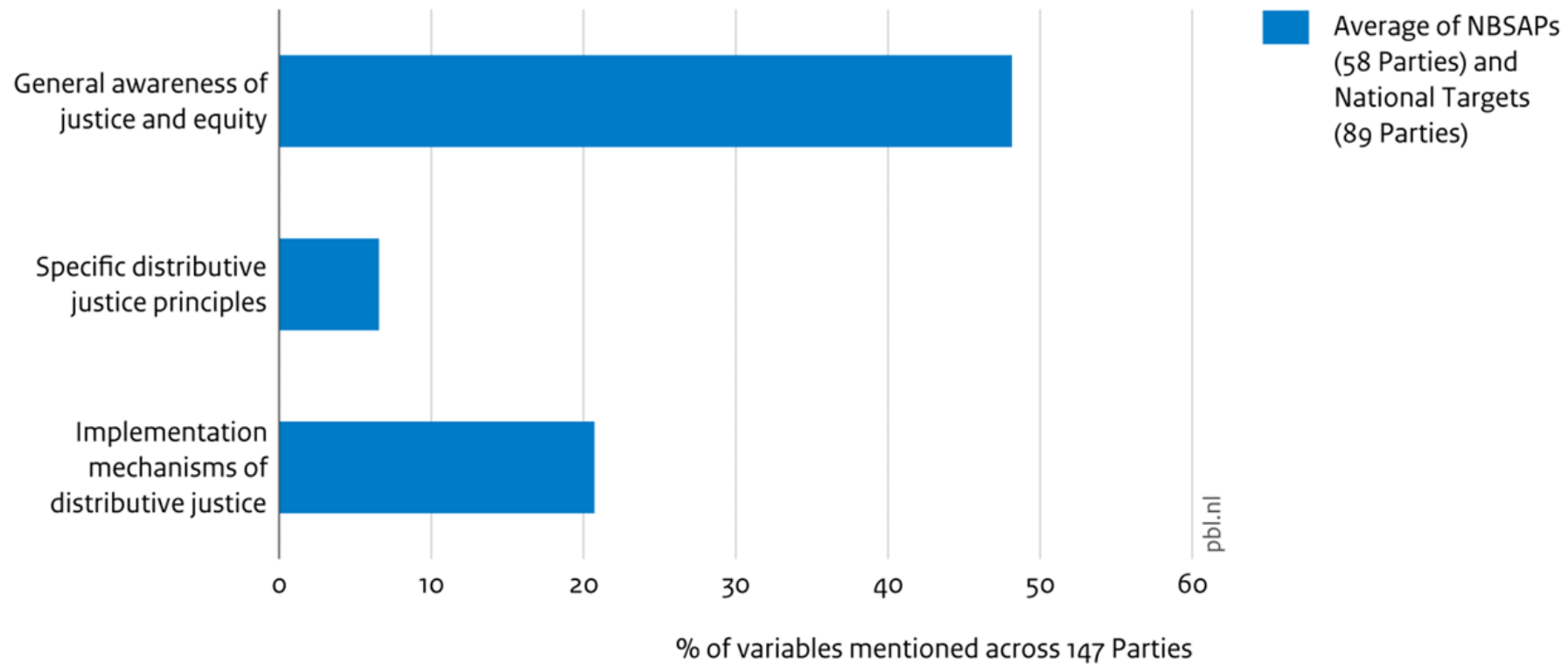
- › **Contributor pays:** You broke it, you fix it
- › **Beneficiary pays:** Avoid freeriding on past harm
- › **Implementation reward:** Benefits for those who undertake extra efforts
- › **Ability to pay/right to development:** Threshold below which no one should be allowed to sink
- › **Egalitarianism:** Equal or equalizing allocation of benefits and burdens



Distributive justice in NBSAPs and National Targets



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Source: CBD ORT, NBSAPS 13/11/2026, National Targets 23/03/2026; analysis VU-IVM and PBL

Towards a dialogue on justice in the KMGBF

- › Parties not keen on having a discussion on justice
- › Yet the topic remains inevitable
- › ... an invitation to dialogue & to develop alternatives to existing policies and to keep them alive



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