

## Research needs expressed in the Decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity: Cross-Cutting Issue: Gender and Biodiversity

The importance of biodiversity to individuals varies according to gender (<http://www.cbd.int/gender/>). Based upon the social roles of and power relations between men and women, gender is shaped by culture, social relations, and natural environments. For this reason, gender dimensions need to be incorporated into the understanding of biodiversity and its conservation, sustainable use and the sharing of benefits. CBD developed a Gender Plan of Action in 2008.

The cited Decision that expresses research needs is XII/7, also checked was X/19.

### Direct research needs

Decision	Paragraph	Chapeau / Heading	Text	Source
				<a href="http://www.cbd.int/decisions/">http://www.cbd.int/decisions/</a>

### Indirect research needs

Decision	Paragraph	Chapeau / Heading	Text	Source
XII/7	Para 3	The Conference of the Parties	<b>Recognizes</b> that important steps in gender monitoring, evaluation and indicators relevant to the Convention have already been taken by Parties and relevant organizations but <b>that additional work is required, including with regard to collecting and using gender disaggregated data and</b> , therefore, <i>encourages</i> Parties and relevant organizations to undertake further work in this respect;	<a href="http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12">http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12</a>
XII/7	Annex, Section IA, Para 1.1	Possible actions for Parties	Request that <b>gender experts review draft national biodiversity strategies</b> and action plans in order to assess gender sensitivity and provide guidance on improvements;	<a href="http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12">http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12</a>
XII/7	Annex, Section IA, Para 1.7	Possible actions for Parties	Identify the importance of traditional knowledge and customary practice held by men and women in the protection of biodiversity....	<a href="http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12">http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12</a>
XII/7	Annex, Section IA,	Possible actions for	Review relevant policies to identify gender differences, including in policies related to tenure and use rights, literacy, employment,	<a href="http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12">http://www.cbd.int/decisions/doc/?meeting=cop-12</a>

	Para 2.1	Parties	education, health, local governance and decision-making and access to financial resources, and consider steps to address these;	
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