



**Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Detailed Management Action Plan**  
**Recommendations of report 9: [Departmental Progress in Implementing Sustainable Development Strategies—Species at Risk](#)**  
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32	When developing strategies in support of the federal species at risk, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Parks Canada should provide relevant actions and performance indicators that reflect the conservation and recovery activities that are embedded within the federal species at risk target.	Environment and Climate Change Canada’s response. Agreed. Environment and Climate Change Canada, in consultation with the Sustainable Development Office will leverage the development of our 2023-2027 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revisit internal guidance for departmental sustainable development planning and reporting;</li> <li>• review the alignment of performance information to the relevant Federal Sustainable Development Strategy Goal</li> <li>• present key actions and performance indicators that relate to Environment and Climate Change Canada’s responsibility for protecting and conserving species at risk.</li> </ul>	ECCC’s 2023-27 DSDS outlines actions and indicators related to ECCC’s responsibility for protecting and conserving species at risk, as outlined in the FSDS SAR target.	November 2025	ECCC’s Sustainable Development Office will release guidance to implicated departments for their respective 2023-27 DSDSs. (February 2023)  ECCC’s Corporate Management Directorate (CMD) will develop ECCC’s draft 2023-2027 DSDS template and circulate it to program areas for approval and validation. Instructions will request that programs ensure measured indicators reflect all components of the FSDS target. This includes instructions for CWS to provide performance indicators that reflect pertinent components of the federal SAR target. (June 2023)	Co-leads: Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) and Corporate Services and Finance Branch (CSFB)  Director General, Sustainability Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch  Director, Corporate Development, Corporate Management Directorate (CMD), CSFB



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					<p>CWS will provide such actions and indicators. (September 2023)</p> <p>CMD will secure approvals for DSDS tabling. (November 2023)</p> <p>CMD will lead processes to update ECCC's 2023-27 DSDS and report on departmental actions. The second and last reporting year for ECCC's 2023-27 will be 2024-25. Tabling will occur in November of 2025.</p>	<p>Director, Wildlife Management Directorate (WMD), Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)</p> <p>Director, Strategic Priorities Directorate (SPD), CWS</p> <p>Director, Corporate Development, Corporate Management Directorate (CMD), Corporate Services and Finance Branch (CSFB)</p> <p>Director, Corporate Development, CMD, CSFB</p>
35	<p>Environment and Climate Change Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada should clearly outline in their strategies how they will measure their departmental actions, using starting points, relevant performance indicators, and targets.</p>	<p>Environment and Climate Change Canada's response. Agreed. Environment and Climate Change Canada, in consultation with the Sustainable Development Office will leverage the development of its 2023-2027 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy to revisit its internal guidance for departmental sustainable development planning and reporting to ensure the information relevant to Federal</p>	<p>ECCC's 2023-27 DSDS will include entries to include performance indicators for all departmental actions, and text that explains the link between measures and departmental actions.</p>	November 2024	<p>ECCC's Corporate Management Directorate will instruct ECCC programs to report against performance indicators (including starting points and targets) for all departmental actions, and continue to include text explaining the link between performance measures and departmental actions. (June 2023)</p> <p>Branches will include entries to report against performance indicators, for all</p>	<p>Director, Corporate Development, CMD, CSFB</p>



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		Sustainable Development Strategy goals identifies performance indicators such as starting points indicators, and targets.			departmental actions under their purview, in the 2023-24 DSDS report. (to be tabled in November of 2024)	
52	When reporting on progress, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Parks Canada should describe the results of their actions, using relevant performance indicators that reflect the conservation and recovery activities that are embedded within the federal species at risk target.	Environment and Climate Change Canada's response. Agreed. Environment and Climate Change Canada will ensure that it works toward reporting on progress using relevant performance indicators related to the federal species at risk target.	ECCC's 2023-27 DSDS will include performance indicators related to the federal SAR targets within the SARA cycle.	November 2024	CWS will review the current performance indicators and work to develop relevant performance indicators to reflect the results of conservation actions related to the SAR targets as required by the SARA cycle.	Director, Wildlife Management Directorate (WMD), Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)  Director, Strategic Priorities Directorate (SPD), CWS
53	Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Parks Canada, within their legislated mandates, should ensure that conservation and recovery activities are on track to meet the federal target on population objectives for species at risk.	Environment and Climate Change Canada's response. Agreed. Environment and Climate Change Canada will work toward ensuring that results and progress are reflected in its Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy Report.	ECCC will continue to report results and progress through the DSDS and other publicly available documents and reports.	December 2023	CWS will continue to report on recovery actions, conservation and management efforts, and progress towards meeting the population and distribution objectives through the FSDS annual report, the SARA annual report, and other appropriate public documents and reports. (December 2023)	Director, WMD, CWS  Director, SPD, CWS
63	Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Parks Canada should ensure that they report on their contributions towards the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets in order to improve assessment and outcomes.	Environment and Climate Change Canada's response. Agreed. Environment and Climate Change Canada will ensure that reporting on contributions toward the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets will be completed in the appropriate reporting avenues, including Employment and Social Development Canada's 2030 Agenda	Environment and Climate Change Canada's reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals will be reflected in the second Annual Sustainable Development Goal Report developed by Employment and Social Development Canada.	November 2024	The Sustainable Development Office (SDO) in the Strategic Policy Branch liaises with Employment and Social Development Canada to provide ECCC input into the Annual Report on <i>Canada's 2030 Agenda National Strategy</i> . This report is typically released to coincide with the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, which will next be held in July 2023.	Director General, Sustainability Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch (SPB)



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		National Strategy and departmental plans and departmental results reports. The department will work to improve the quality of reporting and avoid unnecessary duplication.	Contributions to the Annual SDG report will also be reflected in ECCC's Departmental Results Reports (DRR). This includes the 2030 Agenda Supplementary Information Table.		<p>The SDO will continue to use existing reporting mechanisms to achieve efficiencies and to reduce duplication, where possible, with the goal of improving the quality of sustainable development reporting overall (July 2023).</p> <p>The Corporate Management Directorate (CMD) will continue to follow guidance from the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat and Employment and Social Development Canada with regard to SDG reporting.</p> <p>In partnership with SPB-SDO and other implicated ECCC program areas, CMD will update its guidance to instruct programs to ensure their SDG information as reported in ECCC's DRR is accurate and matches that of other reporting mechanisms, such as the Annual SDG report. (November 2024)</p>	Director, Corporate Development, Corporate Management Directorate (CMD), Corporate Services and Finance Branch (CSFB)

**Note:**

- ECCC's Audit and Evaluation Branch will refer to this MAP in its periodical follow-up with each Branch Head and in its report to the Deputy Minister on the progress made in implementing the OAG or CESD recommendations.