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9. Geographic area resource relates to	Global	
10. Does the resource relate to a specific time frame?		
11. Type	Report	
	Toolkit/Framework/Roadmap	Yes
	Sign-post to other resource (database)	
	Case studies	
	Other	
12. If this is part of an initiative, what is the initiative?	Developed under the processes of the Convention on Biological Diversity	
COLLECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS-BASED INSTITUTIONS		
13. Explicit links to collections	No	
14. Explicit links to museums/libraries/archives	No	
15. Types of institutions the resource covers	Museums	X
	Archives	X
	Libraries	X
	Other	X
16. Does the resource relate to specific disciplines?	Arts, humanities and social sciences: philosophy, psychology, religion, social sciences, law, politics, language, arts and recreation,	X

	architecture, literature, history, geography and ethnology, anthropology, archaeology	
	Science, natural history, technology, medicine, engineering, manufacturing	X
17. If no explicit links to collections, justification for inclusion	The resource can be used by collections-based institutions to assess their own environmental impact, and in any largescale development projects, and support inclusive decision-making	
HOW IT CONTRIBUTES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
18. Collections-related activities the resource relates to (mark all that apply)		
Develop collections to protect and safeguard wider cultural and natural heritage more effectively , for example by targeting collecting to threatened forms of heritage in strategic ways		
Use collections to promote learning and educational opportunities that contribute to sustainable development more effectively , for example education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development and/or skills development relating to collections		
Use collections to promote cultural participation/social inclusion more effectively , for example by reducing barriers to participation, to ensure no-one is 'left behind'		
Use collections to promote sustainable tourism more effectively , for example by developing new products based on local cultural heritage, and/or considering the rights of stakeholder groups in relation to collections	X	
Use collections to support research that contributes to sustainable development (including all forms of personal and self-directed research at all levels that make use of stored collections) more effectively, for example by providing effective facilities, collections and information to meet researchers' needs		
Make decisions around collections that contribute to sustainable development more effectively		
i. employment (recruiting, staff training, staff safety)		
ii. energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, reduction, monitoring and reporting	X	
iii. waste management and reduction of waste		
iv. transport (forms of transport, energy use)		
v. commercial activities including copyright and IP		
vi. governance and management	X	

vii. security, disaster preparedness and risk reduction	
Direct external leadership, partnerships and collaborations towards sustainable development more effectively , for example by developing impactful partnerships	X
19. Does the resource relate clearly to any international conventions (mark all that apply)?	
Culture conventions:	
1952, 71 Protection of Copyright and Neighbouring Rights	
1954 Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	
1970 Fighting Against the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property	
1972 Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	
2001 Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage	
2003 Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	
2005 Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions	
Rio Conventions:	
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	X
AIMS AND CONTENT	
20. What issues does the resource aim to address?	“The guidelines are structured in accordance with the internationally accepted sequence of procedural steps characterizing good-practice environmental impact assessment (EIA). They aim at a better integration of biodiversity-related considerations into the EIA process.”
21. Intended audience of resource	[Anyone working on Environmental Impact Assessment, or on projects that impact on biodiversity]
22. Process of development	[Developed under the processes of the CBD]
23. Organisation/structure /contents	A. STAGES IN THE PROCESS 5 B. BIODIVERSITY ISSUES AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT 6 1. SCREENING 6 2. SCOPING 10 3. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF IMPACTS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES 14 4. REPORTING: THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) 16 5. REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT 16 6. DECISION-MAKING 17 7. MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, ENFORCEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING 18

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FRAMEWORKS	
24. Framework structure	The Guidelines can be considered as a framework. See the resource for further details.
25. Relevant policy considerations	Yes
26. Resources for implementation identified	Yes
27. Specific assessment points/indicators/milestones/action plan for monitoring	Yes
28. ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
People (social sustainability)	X
Planet (environmental sustainability)	X
Prosperity (economic sustainability)	X
Peace	X
Partnerships	X
29. CROSS-CUTTING CONSIDERATIONS COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
Gender perspectives	X
North and South perspectives	X
HOW THE RESOURCE CONTRIBUTES TO AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs	
HOW AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs FEATURE IN THE RESOURCE	
30. SDGs and Agenda 2030 specifically mentioned?	No
31. SDGs specifically mentioned?	No
32. SDG targets specifically mentioned?	No
33. SDG indicators specifically mentioned?	No
SDGs AND SDG TARGETS AND LINKAGES	
34. Comments on SDG linkages	The resource is closely linked to SDG targets around inclusive decision-making regarding biodiversity and projects that impact on biodiversity. These support SDG targets 6.3 (reduce pollution of water), 6.6 (protect aquatic ecosystems), 8.9 (sustainable tourism), 11.3

	<p>(inclusive decision making in urbanization), 11.4 (protect and safeguard cultural and natural heritage), 11.6 (reduce the environmental impact of cities), 11.A (links between rural and urban areas), 12.6 (adopt sustainable practices), 15.1 (protect terrestrial and freshwater habitats), 15.5 (halt declines in biodiversity), 15.9 (include biodiversity values in planning), 16.6 (effective, accountable and transparent institutions), 16.7 (inclusive decision making), 16.10 (protection the right to information and IP, among other rights), 16.B (supports laws and policies for sustainable development) and 17.17 (cross-sector partnerships).</p>
35. SDGs and SDG targets the resource helps advance	
<p>SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all 6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially</p>	<p>Amount of pollutants, and reduction in pollutants, to water systems.</p> <p>Plans in place for the identification, reduction, replacement and recycling of hazardous chemical and materials, to prevent their release into water systems, with plans to eliminate their use as soon as possible.</p>
<p>SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all 6.6 By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes</p>	<p>Proportion of water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes in a good ecological condition.</p> <p>Information on, programmes relating to, and partnerships relating to water-related ecosystems drawing on collections and collections-based institutions in place, to support protection of these as effective nature-based solutions and ecosystem services.</p>
<p>SDG 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all 8.9 By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products</p>	<p>Numbers of jobs created or supported that relate to sustainable tourism drawing on local products (e.g. craft producers).</p> <p>Develop and implement plans to reduce and remove negative impacts of tourism.</p> <p>Numbers of activities and/or products drawing on local culture.</p> <p>Value to artisans and source communities of activities and products drawing on local culture.</p>

<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries</p>	<p><i>11.3.2 Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically</i></p> <p>Plans in place for collections-based institutions to facilitate the incorporation of communities' views into local planning and town management processes in a regular way.</p> <p>Plans in place for collections-based institutions to facilitate the incorporation of minorities' views into local planning and town management processes in a regular way.</p>
<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage</p>	<p><i>11.4.1 Total expenditure (public and private) per capita spent on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by type of heritage</i></p> <p>Plans, policies and procedures in place for the safe use of collections for a variety of purposes, protecting and safeguarding both collections and those who use them.</p> <p>Plans, policies and procedures in place for the identification, safeguarding and protection of cultural and natural heritage at risk.</p> <p>Collecting programmes in place to protect, safeguard and make use of cultural and natural heritage, addressing the needs of communities and stakeholders, and ensuring that collections can be an effective resource for sustainable development.</p> <p>Number and diversity of educational, awareness-raising, research programmes, and partnerships that aim to strengthen protection of cultural and natural heritage.</p>
<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management</p>	<p>Plans in place to reduce negative impacts on air quality, and volume and forms of waste.</p> <p>Plans in place to eliminate waste of all forms as soon as possible.</p>

<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 11.A Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning</p>	<p>Considerations of regional economic, social and environmental trends and risks incorporated into collecting institutions' planning.</p> <p>Participation in local and regional planning, to foster access to services, cultural participation, prevent exclusion, and support equitable urbanisation.</p> <p>Ensure data collection and metrics can be useful for planning in conjunction with other sectors and between urban and rural areas.</p> <p>Number of outreach and other activities that promote awareness and accessibility of collecting institutions in urban and rural areas, and that promote awareness of regional development plans and risks, with opportunities for people and communities to input into such plans.</p>
<p>SDG 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns 12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle</p>	<p>Clear visions, strategies and plans in place for all aspects of sustainability – environmental, social and economic (people, planet, prosperity)- across all areas of activity.</p> <p>Visions, strategies and plans relating to sustainability to be publicly available and incorporated into planning documents.</p> <p>Commitments to be in line with local, regional, national and/or international targets and ambitions.</p> <p>Incorporation of sustainability into reporting for funders and other stakeholders, including the public. Reporting to include commitments and progress towards targets.</p>
<p>SDG 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss 15.1 By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands,</p>	<p>Proportion of terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems in a good ecological condition.</p> <p>Information on, educational programmes, collections development, research and partnerships relating to terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems drawing on collections in place.</p> <p>Policies relating to collections and their use aligned with international agreements for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.</p>

<p>mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements</p>	
<p>SDG 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss 15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species</p>	<p>Number and proportion of habitats, notably endangered habitats, and species with favourable conservation status, with special reference to locally, nationally and globally endangered species.</p> <p>Information on, programmes relating to, collections development, and partnerships relating to habitats and species drawing on collections in place, to support their protection and continued existence.</p> <p>Measures taken to enhance biodiversity value of green space associated with collections institutions.</p>
<p>SDG 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss 15.9 By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts</p>	<p>Proportion and number of relevant plans, processes and strategies that incorporate ecosystem and biodiversity values, and their relationships with effective collections.</p> <p>Plans in place to ensure that development of collections facilities contributes to effective conservation and restoration of terrestrial ecosystems.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels</p>	<p><i>16.6.2 Proportion of the population [audience/users/non-users] satisfied with their last experience of public services</i> Access to information, and accountability policies and mechanisms, in place.</p> <p>Effective institutional arrangements, both for own working and for working in partnership with other sectors, in place.</p> <p>Plans and arrangements in place for extraordinary circumstances such as natural and human-caused disasters.</p>

	<p>Effective arrangements in place to fulfil legal and social obligations and responsibilities.</p> <p>Effective arrangements in place for transparent communication and reporting of institutional performance.</p> <p>Effective arrangements in place for transparent decision-making and accountability.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p> <p>16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels</p>	<p><i>16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions</i></p> <p><i>16.7.2 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group</i></p> <p>Decision-making addresses societal, environmental and economic challenges related to the community, considering short-term and long-term risks and opportunities.</p> <p>Decision-making draws on diverse backgrounds, viewpoints and interests, reflecting a broad base of stakeholders, and working to promote inclusion and provide effective services for all of society.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p> <p>16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements</p>	<p>Adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information.</p> <p>Plans in place, and plans implemented to enhance public access to information relating to collections.</p> <p>Plans in place, and plans implemented to support fundamental freedoms, in line with human rights, national and international agreements and legislation.</p> <p>Plans and procedures in place for public access to information relating to the operation and management of collections-based institutions.</p> <p>Complaint mechanism in place for public to use where public access to information and fundamental freedoms not supported or fulfilled.</p>

<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p> <p>16.B Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development</p>		<p><i>16.B.1 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law</i></p> <p>Number and proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, in the full sense of recognizing all three of social, economic and environmental considerations.</p>			
<p>SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals</p> <p>17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships</p>		<p><i>17.17.1 Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships</i></p> <p>Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of local, national and regional multi-stakeholder (public, public-private and civil society) partnerships that address the SDGs drawing on collections, or that otherwise involve collections-based organisations and institutions.</p>			
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