



Biodiversity

UN Entities

- Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD): <http://www.cbd.int/>

UN Conferences & Observances

- COP 15 - Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Kunming, China, 11-15 October 2021 and 25 April-8 May 2022: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/COP-15>
 - Kunming Declaration: <https://bit.ly/3Fm4Hwf>
- Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, 4th Session, UN Headquarters, 16-27 August 2021: <https://www.un.org/bbnj/>
- United Nations Summit on Biodiversity, 30 September 2020: <https://www.un.org/pga/75/united-nations-summit-on-biodiversity/>
- 22 May - International Day for Biological Diversity: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/biological-diversity-day>, <http://www.cbd.int/idb/>
- United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, 2011-2020: <http://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/>

UN Treaties

- Convention on Biological Diversity: <http://www.cbd.int/convention/convention.shtml>
- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/>
- The Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/NKL_text.shtml

Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- 'We are losing our suicidal war against nature', Secretary-General tells Biodiversity Summit, urging bold actions towards sustainable future (SG/SM/20959, 11 October 2021): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sqsm20959.doc.htm>
- We must declare peace in 'senseless, self-destructive' war against nature, Secretary-General tells Biodiversity Pre-Climates Conference Meeting (SG/SM/20870, 30 August 2021): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sqsm20870.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General calls food system major driver of greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity loss, citing 'war on nature', in message to Pre-Summit (SG/SM/20838, 26 July 2021): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sqsm20838.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General calls for united drive to tackle alarming decline in biological diversity, as governments prepare New Global Framework (SG/SM/20735, 21 May 2021): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sqsm20735.doc.htm>
- Rebalanced relationship between humans, nature will reap tremendous rewards, Secretary-General says on International Day for Biological Diversity (SG/SM/20733, 20 May 2021): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/sqsm20733.doc.htm>

- Deputy Secretary-General points out irony of nature-based solutions being among best remedies to global heating, at Biodiversity Summit closing (DSG/SM/1467, 30 September 2020): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/dsgsm1467.doc.htm>
- National calculations omit natural resources, Secretary-General tells Summit, urging governments to consider biodiversity when making financial decisions (SG/SM/20298, 30 September 2020): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sqsm20298.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, in Message on Leaders' Pledge for Nature, urges new global framework to address biodiversity-loss drivers, citing 'planetary emergency' (SG/SM/20287, 28 September 2020): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sqsm20287.doc.htm>
- Nature holds solution to preventing pandemics, Secretary-General says in observance message, stressing need for sustainable management of biological diversity (SG/SM/20086, 19 May 2020): <https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sqsm20086.doc.htm>

Further information

- Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land - Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/biodiversity/>
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg15>
- Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life below Water - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/oceans/>
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg14>
- United Nations Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform - Biodiversity and ecosystems: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/biodiversityandecosystems>
- Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm>
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Biodiversity: <http://www.fao.org/biodiversity/en/>
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Biodiversity and ecosystem management: <https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/2030-agenda-for-sustainable-development/planet/environment-and-natural-capital/biodiversity-and-ecosystems-management.html>
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Ecosystems: <https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/ecosystems>
 - World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) – Biodiversity & Ecosystems: <http://www.unep-wcmc.org/>
- Global Environment Facility - Biodiversity: <http://www.thegef.org/gef/biodiversity>

Selected Publications available online

- Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: Summary for Policymakers (IPBES, May 2019): <https://ipbes.net/global-assessment-report-biodiversity-ecosystem-services>
- CBD Publications and Newsletters: <http://www.cbd.int/information/library.shtml>
- Global Biodiversity Outlooks (CBD): <https://www.cbd.int/gbo/>
- UNEP Publications: <https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/7419>
- Protected Planet Report 2016 (UNEP): <https://www.protectedplanet.net/c/protected-planet-report-2016>
- Dead planet, living planet: Biodiversity and ecosystem restoration for sustainable development (UNEP, 2010): <http://www.grida.no/publications/215>