



# The Convention on Biological Diversity and the Right to a Healthy Environment



Convention on Biological Diversity

# Human Rights and Biodiversity



“The full enjoyment of human rights (thus) depends on biodiversity, and the degradation and loss of biodiversity undermine the ability of human beings to enjoy their human rights.”

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment – 2017 ([A/HRC/34/49](#))

**Rights to life and health** – medicinal drugs, infectious diseases, mental health

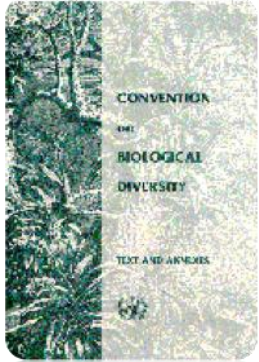
**Right to an adequate standard of living** – right to food, access to clean and safe water

**Right to non-discrimination in the enjoyment of rights** – rights of those most vulnerable to biodiversity loss

**Right to participation in cultural life**

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# CBD Convention text



- Recognizes the **close and traditional dependence of many indigenous and local communities** on biological resources;
- Recognizes the vital role that women play and affirm(s) the need for the **full participation of women** at all levels of policy-making and implementation for biological diversity conservation;
- Aware that **conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity is of critical importance** for **meeting the food, health and other needs** of the growing **world population**

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# Zero-draft Post-2020 global biodiversity framework



**Vision 2050** *Living in harmony with nature* “By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people.”

**Theory of change** – framework will be implemented taking a rights-based approach and recognizing the principles of intergenerational equity

**2030 Mission** To take urgent action across society to put biodiversity on a path to recovery for the benefit of planet and people.

## 2050 Goals

- b. Nature’s contributions to people have been valued, maintained or enhanced through conservation and sustainable use supporting global development agenda for the benefit of all people;
- c. The benefits, from the utilization of genetic resources are shared fairly and equitably;

# 2030 Action Targets



Target 8. By 2030, ensure benefits, including *nutrition, food security, livelihoods, health and well-being*, for people, especially for the most vulnerable through sustainable management of wild species of fauna and flora

Target 10. By 2030, ensure that, nature-based solutions and ecosystem approach contribute to *regulation of air quality, hazards and extreme events and quality and quantity of water* for at least [XXX million] people.

Target 11. By 2030, increase *benefits from biodiversity and green/blue spaces for human health and wellbeing*, including the proportion of people with access to such spaces by at least [100%], especially for urban dwellers.

Target 12. By 2030, increase by [X] *benefits shared for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity* through ensuring access to and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge.

Target 19. By 2030, ensure that *quality information, including traditional knowledge*, is available to decision makers and public for the effective management of biodiversity through promoting awareness, education and research.

Target 20. By 2030, ensure *equitable participation* in decision-making related to biodiversity and ensure *rights over relevant resources* of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and girls as well as youth, in accordance with national circumstances.

# Enabling Conditions



- (a) The **participation** of indigenous peoples and local communities and a recognition of their rights in the implementation of the framework;
- (b) The **participation** of all relevant stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, youth, civil society, local and subnational authorities, the private sector, academia and scientific institutions through a whole-of-society approach and through inclusive and representative multi-stakeholder and multisectoral platforms;
- (c) **Gender equality**, gender-responsive approaches and empowerment of women and girls;
- (d) Recognition of **intergenerational equity**, including the transmission of knowledge, language and cultural values associated with biodiversity, especially by indigenous peoples and local communities;
- (m) Consider and recognize, where appropriate, the **rights of nature**

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# Transformative Change for Human Rights and Biodiversity Post-2020



In what ways can the post-2020 framework and its implementation promote transformational change for the realization of human rights related to biodiversity?

## Thematic Workshop on human rights as an enabling condition in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (Feb 2020)

- Goal addressing mutual and interdependent well-being of nature and people;
- Recognition of the right to a healthy environment;
- Securing IPLC's rights to their lands, territories and resources and their systems of governance, knowledge and practices;
- Safe and enabling environment for environmental defenders to be free from threats, harassment, intimidation and violence;
- Halting expansion of unsustainable and inequitable models of economic growth that harm biodiversity and human rights

## Expert Workshop – Towards a gender-responsive post-2020 framework (April 2019)

- Increasing women's leadership, participation and access in decision-making fora;
- Promoting and protecting women's rights and access, control and ownership of resources, including land;
- Enhancing and ensuring equitable benefits



# Thank you

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