



# CBD Decision-making process from internal to external point of view and vice-versa

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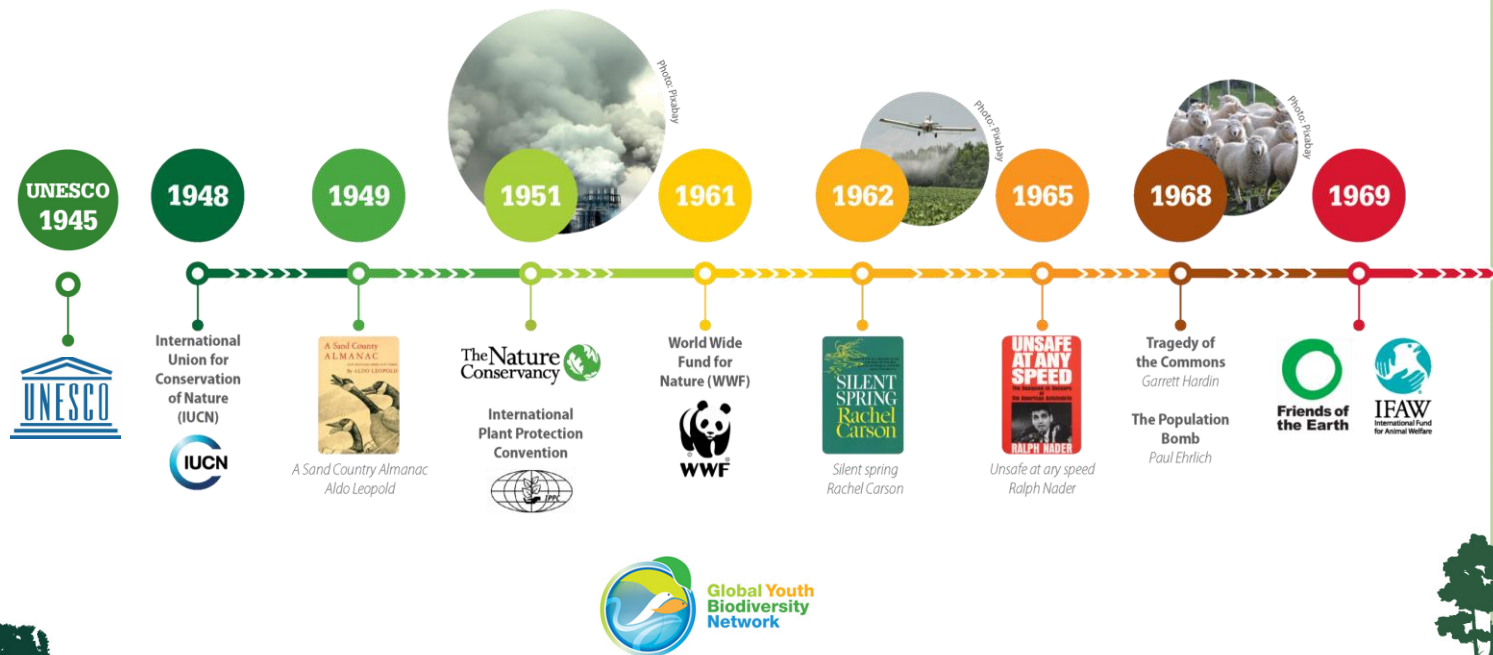
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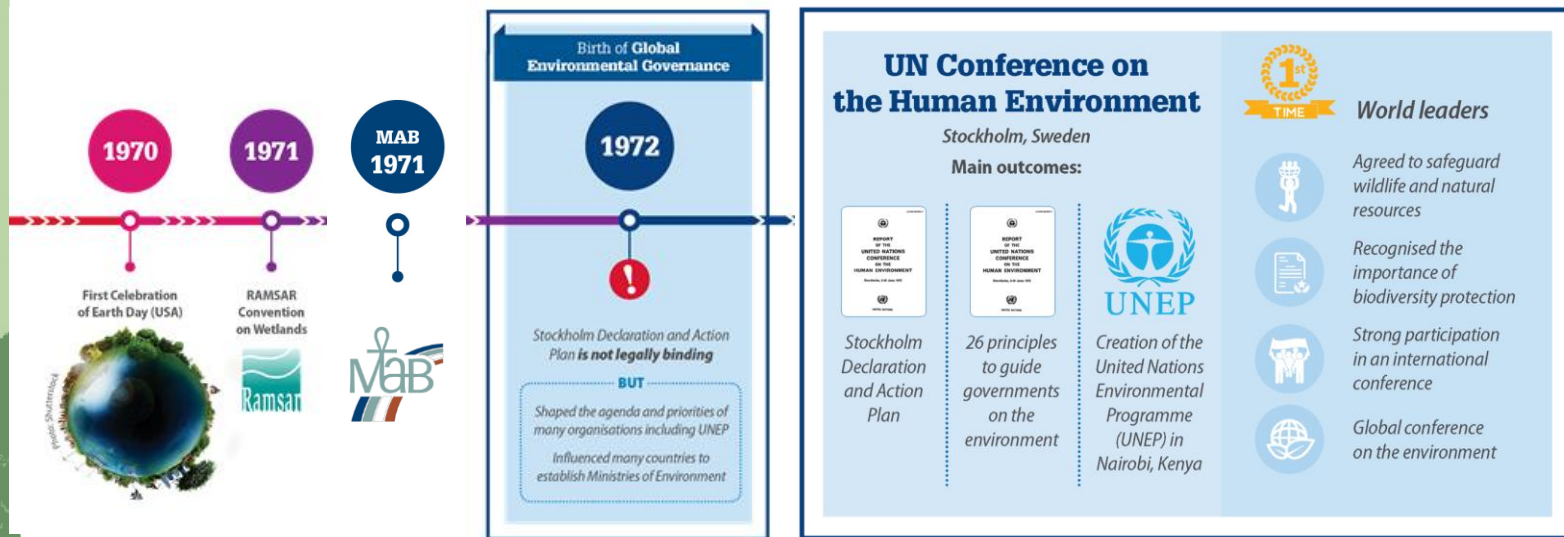
# A short survey ...



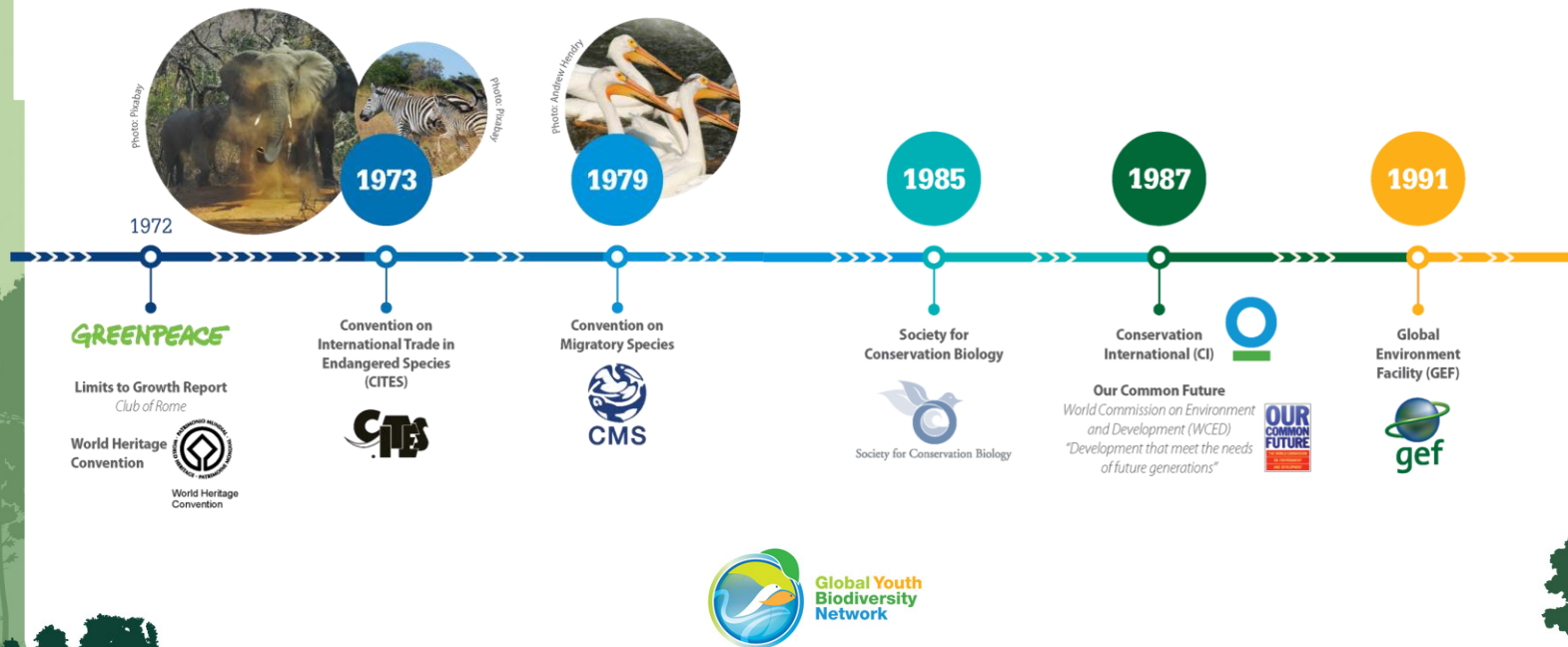
# Evolution of Environmental Governance



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**may 1992**

**Adoption of the CBD text**

"Nairobi final act of the conference for the adoption of the agreed text of the CBD"

**jun 1992**

Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro - (UNCED)

Convention was opened for signature

**2016**

**22 MAY 2016**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**  
Mainstreaming Biodiversity;  
Sustaining People and their Livelihoods

**may 22**

*This date marks the adoption of the CBD text and is now celebrated as International Day of Biodiversity*

**2015**

**22 MAY 2015**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**2014**

**22 MAY 2014**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**  
ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

**2013**

**22 MAY 2013**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**  
WATER & BIODIVERSITY

**2012**

**22 May 2012**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**  
Marine Biodiversity

**2011**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**  
22 MAY 2011

**Global Youth Biodiversity Network**

# The CBD “negotiation” in a few words



## Emergence

- Conceptualization (80's by IUCN)
- Preparation (late 80's by UNEP) AHGEBD
- Pre-negotiation (early 90's) in “rush” / UNEP Nairobi
- Negotiation also in haste (May 22, 1992) / UNCED
- ? Host institution

## Links with the « D » of UNCED

- Biodiversity essential for sustainable development
- Biodiversity in its socio-economic context
- Takes into account biotechnologies (new and emerging)
- And the question of financial and technological transfers to the owners of biological resources

# CBD: First convention on sustainable development

Recognition of the social, economic and political dimensions and values of biodiversity

Framework agreement based on 3 principles:

- National implementation,
- Coordination with other agreements,
- Post-framework negotiation of annexes, binding protocols and non-binding work programs

## The 3 objectives

- Conservation of biological diversity
- Sustainable use
- Fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources



# Scope of the CBD



- From the protection of ecosystems to genetic resources,
- From conservation to justice,
- From commerce to scientific knowledge,
- From the attribution of rights to the recognition of responsibilities
- New questions in the field of nature protection such as intellectual property rights, community rights, etc.

# Earth Summit 1992



## Main outcomes of the Rio Earth Summit

- Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- Agenda 21 and the creation of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)
- Forest principles – a non-binding set of principles for forest management

## Environmental treaties (MEAs) – Which are called today the Rio Conventions



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



UN Framework Convention  
on Climate Change



UN Convention to  
Combat Desertification

# Legally binding agreement on biodiversity

## Milestones

- Biodiversity conservation is recognised as a common concern of humankind.
- All aspects of biodiversity were comprehensively addressed (genetic, species and ecosystems diversity; its interactions, threats by human development and benefits and services provided to human well being).
- Genetic diversity is specifically covered in a binding global treaty.



**CDB entered  
into force**

CBD opened for signature in Rio  
Precondition: at least 30 States need to ratify  
the convention

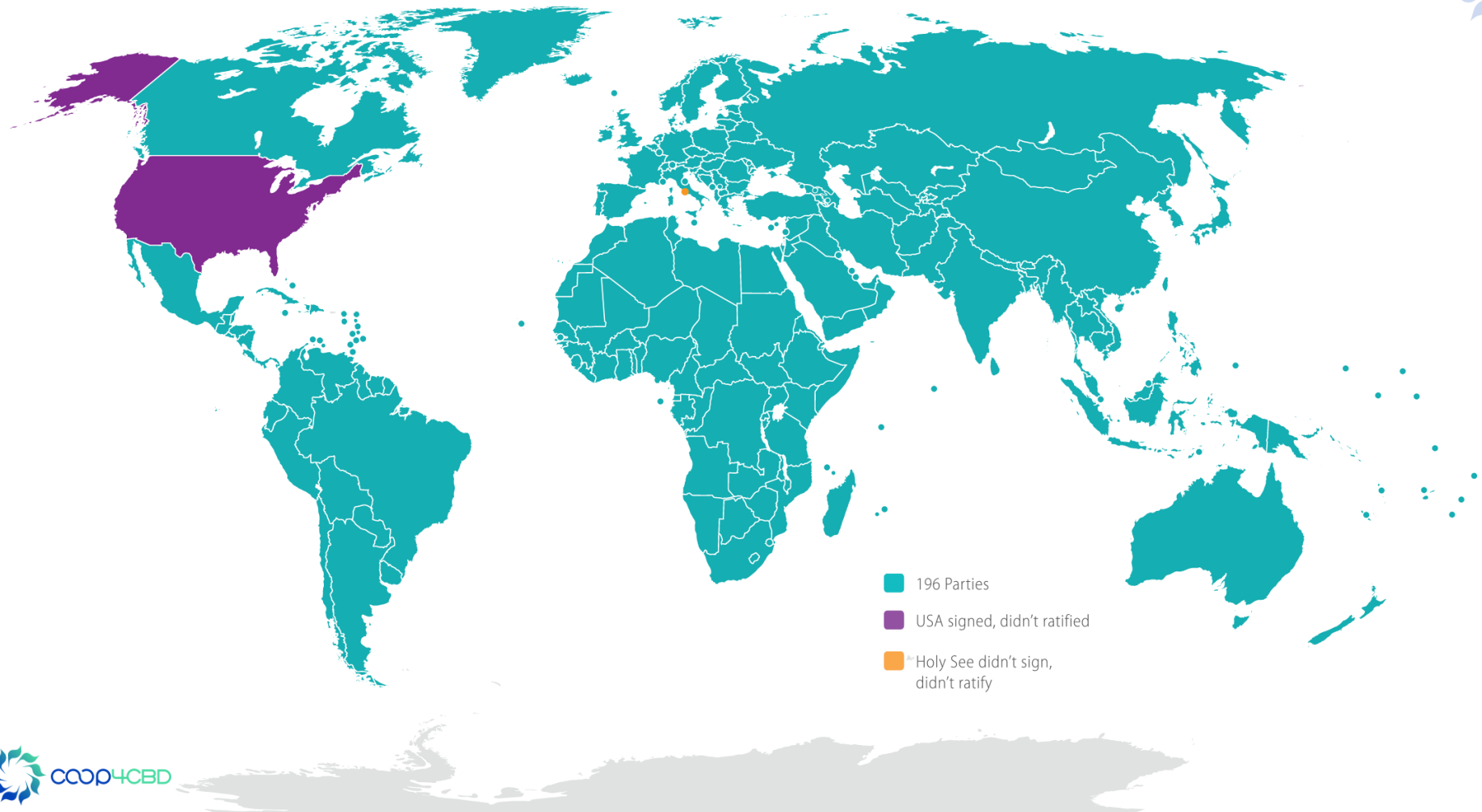
**CBD comes into force on December 29 1993**



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



**Global Youth  
Biodiversity  
Network**





## The Conference of the Parties (COP)

### Main functions



Developing rules of procedures for the Convention and its bodies



Steer the implementation of the Convention and keep it under review



Provide policy guidance



Adoption of the budget and development of guidance to the financial mechanism



Adoption of Programmes of Work



Consideration of national reports



Creation of subsidiary bodies or expert groups to support the implementation of the Convention or advise the COP



Adoption of protocols or annexes



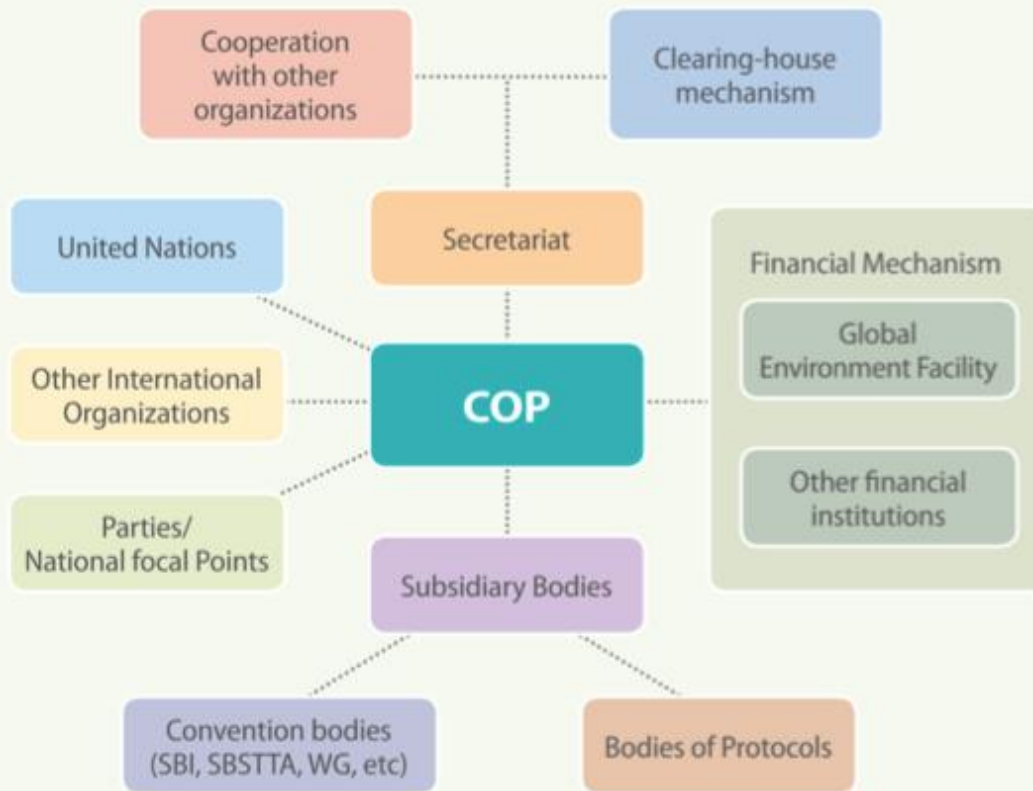
Main decision-making body

- **Highest decision making body of the CBD**
- **Meets every two years** (next time in October 2020 in Kunming)
- all parties to the CBD come together to advance the implementation of the convention through the adoption of
  - **COP-decisions**
  - **Programmes of Works**
  - **Protocols**



Global Youth  
Biodiversity  
Network

# Institutional Framework



# 7 programmes of works

- Agricultural Biodiversity
- Dry and Sub-humid Lands Biodiversity
- Forest Biodiversity
- Inland Waters Biodiversity
- Island Biodiversity
- Marine and Coastal Biodiversity
- Mountain Biodiversity

# And cross-cutting issues

- Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing
- Biological and Cultural Diversity
- Biodiversity for Development
- Capacity Building
- Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Communication, Education and Public Awareness
- Digital sequence information on genetic resources
- Economics, Trade and Incentive Measures
- Ecosystem Approach
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Gender and Biodiversity
- Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
- Global Taxonomy Initiative
- Health & Biodiversity
- Impact Assessment
- Identification, Monitoring, Indicators and Assessments
- Invasive Alien Species
- Liability and Redress - Art. 14(2)
- New & Emerging Issues
- Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative
- Protected Areas
- Sustainable Use of Biodiversity
- Sustainable Wildlife Management
- Technical and Scientific Cooperation
- Technology Transfer
- Tourism and Biodiversity
- Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices - Article 8(j)





# Main Publications



**Booklets and  
Brochures**



**Newsletters**



**Technical Series**



**Compendia of  
Side Events**



**Global Biodiversity  
Outlook 2**



**Global  
Biodiversity  
Outlook 1**



**Principles, Guidelines  
and Other Tools  
(with translations)**



**Convention Texts**



**Text of the Cartagena  
Protocol on Biosafety**



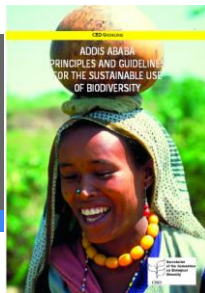
**CBD Handbook**



**Case Studies**



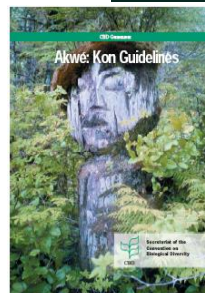
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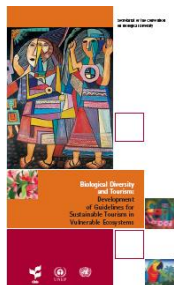
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## Linking Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Alleviation: A State of Knowledge Review



## Ecosystem Goods and Services IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING



Convention on Biological Diversity



Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development



## Map of Case Studies on Biodiversity and Local Livelihoods

View corresponding list



List of Case Studies on Biodiversity and Local Livelihoods  
View map

# Global Agreements and Regimes Relevant to the Scope of the CBD (updated from D. M. McGraw, 2002)



Scope :	Environment		Economy /Trade	
Goals	Conservation	Sustainable Use	Access Benefit Sharing	Others
Periods				
1970-1990	CITES CMS Ramsar WHC UNCLOS	CITES Int.Tropic. Timber Ag.	Intern. Undertaking on Plant Gen Res UNCLOS (deep Seabed Mining)	Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol Basel Convention Convention on transboundary air pollution
1990-2000	<b>CBD</b> UNCLOS (Fish stocks) Int. Coral Reef Init.	<b>CBD</b> UNFCCC UNCCD UNCLOS (Fish Stocks) ICRI	<b>CBD</b> Intern. Plant Protec Conservation revised	WTO TRIPS Basel Protocol Kyoto Protocol
2000 and after	<b>Potential CBD protocol (?)</b>	<b>Potential CBD protocol (?)</b>	Intern. Treaty on PGR for Food & Ag. <b>Nagoya Protocol (2014)</b>	<b>Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2003)</b> Rotterdam Convention Stockholm Convention <b>Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (2018)</b>



# Conference of the Parties – COP

- brings together all Parties
- one part = one voice
- adopts decisions (including work programs)
- and the budget



# COP Parties and Stakeholders (Influencers)

- “Parties” and “Non-Parties”
- IPLCs
- NGOs
- Education
- Academics and Science
- Business and Industry
- The UN system
- The media

## More recent ones:

- Cities
- Subnational governments
- Regional economic integration organizations
- Regional development banks

# COP Parties and Stakeholders

## Diplomatical

## Political

- The UN regions (WEOG (EU-JUSCANZ), AFR, CEE, GRULAC, AP) between them
- “Parties” vs. “non-Parties”
- Northern vs. Southern Countries \*
- Megadiverse countries vs the “poor” in Biodiv
- G77 (+/- China) vs G7/8
- BRICS vs. the rest of the planet
- ALBA vs the rest of the planet
- Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Ministry against other Ministry
- Science vs diplomacy
- NGOs vs « Parties »
- IPLCs vs Countries
- Cities & Local Authorities vs Parties
- Women vs Men
- CBD vs UN system
- ...



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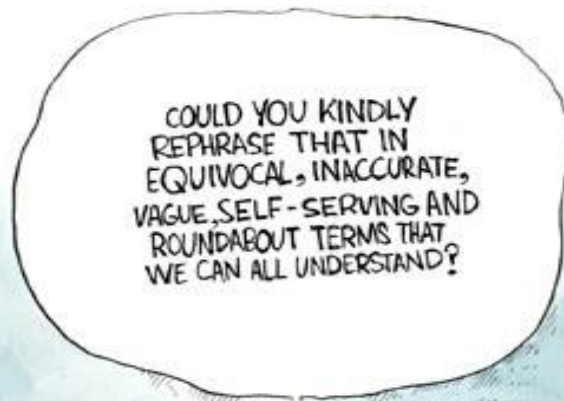


## Biodiversity family

- The need for consensus
- Non-binding decisions
- Beyond diplomacy:
  - Transfers - defectors
  - Influence networks
  - The individual and collective interest of a strong Convention

## Behind the Scene

- Side events
- Parallel Summits
- IPLCs, Youth, CLA, Business, Faith, ...
- Stands - booths
- Scientific symposium
- Protests, Medias, ...
- etc





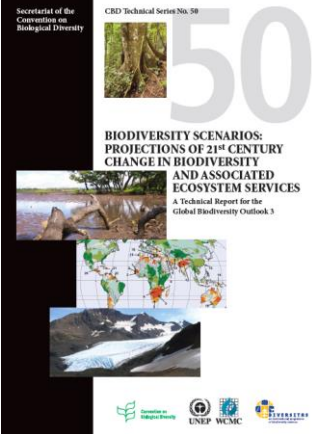
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## COP 6 - 2002 Strategic Plan for 2010

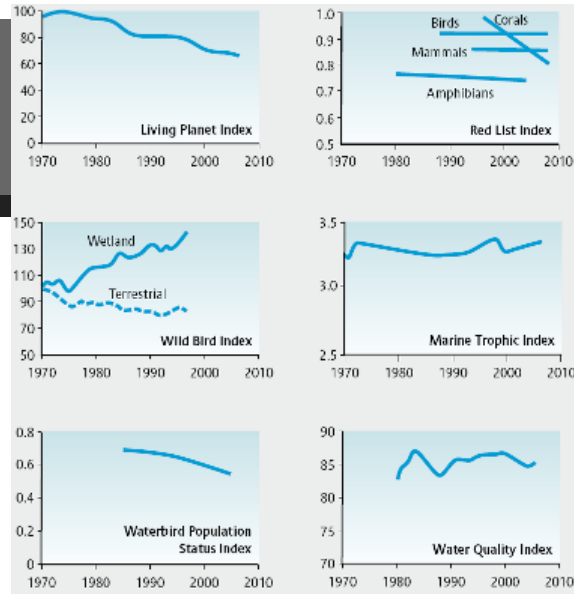
- “significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010”, taken up by the Johannesburg Summit (and in the MDG 7-2)
- National strategy (NBSAP) and implementation via Sectoral integration
- European Union objective : Zero Biodiversity Loss by 2010 !



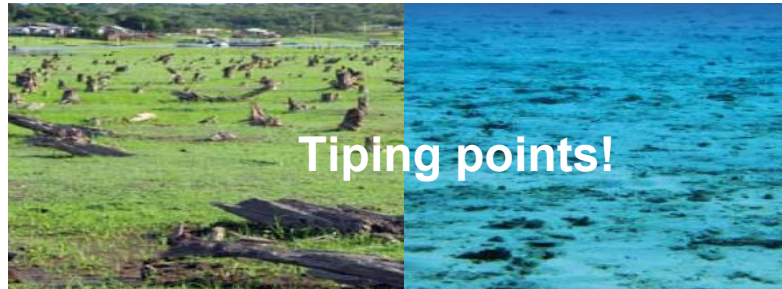
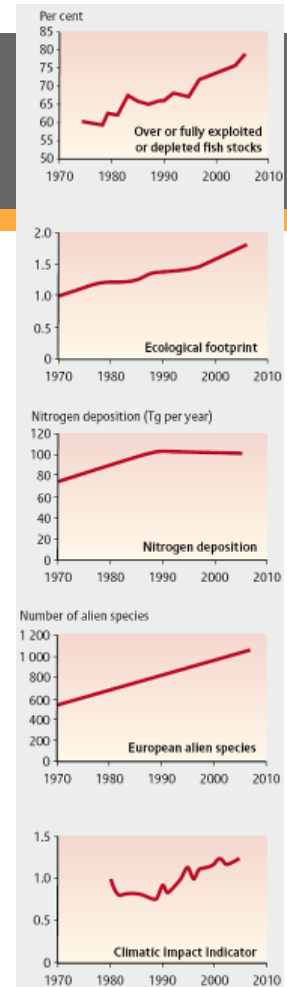
## Perspectives mondiales de la diversité biologique 3



## Etats



## Pressions



Tipping points!

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## COP 10 - 2010 Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2020



The infographic is titled "Strategic Plan 2011-2020" with the subtitle "Living in harmony with nature". It is divided into two main sections. On the left, under the heading "There are the five Strategic Goals", are five numbered goals with brief descriptions: Strategic Goal 1 (Address underlying causes of biodiversity loss), Strategic Goal 2 (Reduce direct pressures on biodiversity), Strategic Goal 3 (Improve status of biodiversity), Strategic Goal 4 (Enhance benefits to all from biodiversity), and Strategic Goal 5 (Enhance implementation). On the right, under the heading "Aichi Targets", are 20 numbered targets arranged in three columns, each with a small icon representing the target's focus area (e.g., values, pollution, incentives, reef loss, protected areas, etc.).

**Strategic Plan 2011-2020**  
*Living in harmony with nature*

**Aichi Targets**

Target Number	Target Description
1	Understand values
2	Reduce pollution
3	Reduce invasive spp.
4	Minimize reef loss
5	Protected areas
6	Prevent extinctions
7	Conserve gene pool
8	Restore ecosystems
9	Enhance resilience
10	Implement Nagoya Prot.
11	Revise NBSAPs
12	Respect and conserve TK
13	Improve knowledge
14	Mobilize resources
15	Address incentives
16	Sustainable production
17	Halve rate of loss
18	Sustainable fisheries
19	Manage within limits

47 decisions from COP-10, including:  
The Nagoya Protocol on ABS  
The Aichi Strategic Plan and Targets  
Strategy for Resource Mobilization

17 MOP decisions, including:  
The Nagoya-KL Protocol on Liability and Redress  
The Strategic Plan for the Biosafety Protocol

Plus declarations from parallel meetings on local authorities, cities, parliamentarians, biodiversity and development



Décennie des Nations Unies  
pour La biodiversité

# I try to stay optimistic !

## COP 15 – KM GFB for 2030



A historical package of measures deemed critical to addressing the dangerous loss of biodiversity and restoring natural ecosystems

Nations adopt four Goals, 23 targets for 2030 in Landmark UN Biodiversity Agreement

By 2030: protect 30% of Earth's lands, oceans, coastal areas, inland waters; reduce by \$500 billion annual harmful government subsidies, Cut food waste in half, ... and more



# THE CHALLENGES ARE COMPLEX AND INTERCONNECTED

- Climate change
- Biodiversity loss
- Poverty
- Food security
- Human rights

## RESOURCES UNDER PRESSURE



**34%**  
of global fish stocks are  
already overfished.



The world lost  
**10 million**  
hectares of forest each year  
between 2015 and 2020.



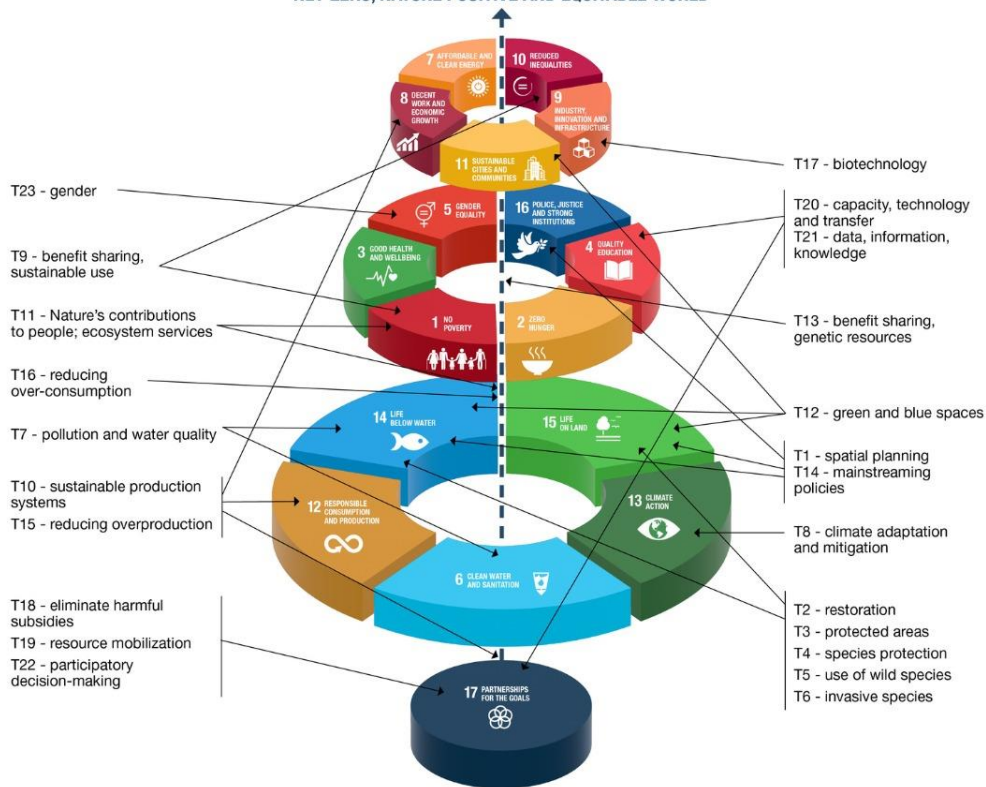
Global area under permanent  
crops expanded by  
**1 million**  
hectares per year  
between 2015 and 2019.



Permanent pastures and  
meadows expanded by  
**1.7 million**  
hectares per year between  
2015 and 2019.

(FAO, 2020) 4

## NET-ZERO, NATURE POSITIVE AND EQUITABLE WORLD



**Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework is key to achieving  
SDGs and securing a net-zero, nature-positive and equitable world**

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# CBD Meetings in 2023 (with official nomination)



- Eleventh meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species (5 April)
- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (2 May)
- Twelfth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (15-16 May)
- First meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation (14-16 June)
- Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (20-22 June)
- First meeting of the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology to Support the Process for Broad and Regular Horizon Scanning, Monitoring and Assessment (11 – 14 July)
- Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the New Programme of Work and Institutional Arrangements on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (11-13 July)
- Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (11 July)
- Intersessional workshop of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies (1-3 August)
- Preparatory meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization (5 September)
- Fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (19-20 September)
- Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization (25-29 September)
- Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (3-6 October)
- Meeting of the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology to Support the Process for Broad and Regular Horizon Scanning, Monitoring and Assessment (10-12 October)
- Resumed second part of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (19-20 October)
- Resumed second part of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (19-20 October)
- Eighteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (24-26 October)
- Preparatory meeting of the Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting (24 October)
- Global risk assessment workshop (30 and 31 October)

# CBD Meetings in 2023 (with official nomination)



- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment (1 – 3 November)
- Second meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation (1 and 2 November)
- Twelfth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species (2 and 3 November)
- Technical expert workshop to review modalities for modifying the descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and describing new areas (20-24 November)
- Workshop to develop a road map for supporting the implementation and monitoring of and capacity development for ecosystem restoration under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (22-24 November)
- Legal expert workshop to review modalities for modifying the descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and describing new areas (23-27 November)
- Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting (27 November – 1 December)
- Second online information session on the global partnership to support the achievement of Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (30 November)
- First online information session on the global partnership to support the achievement of Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (29 November)
- Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (4 December)
- Fourth joint Aarhus Convention and Convention on Biological Diversity round table on public awareness, education, access to information, public participation and access to justice regarding living modified organisms/genetically modified organisms (11 and 12 December)

# CBD discussion forums, initiatives or conferences in 2023



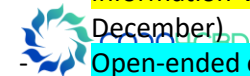
- Webinar to provide information on the process of developing a new programme of work and institutional arrangements on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities (7 March)
- International Conference on GMO Analysis and New Genomic Techniques (14-16 March)
- Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology (20-31 March)
- Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment (10-21 April)
- Webinar on access and benefit sharing measures and procedures and the ABS clearing-house (27 April)
- Open-ended online forum on invasive alien species (May 12-May 19)
- Intersessional meetings of the CBD Subsidiaries Bodies and/or Working Groups (MAY 13-May 31)
- Sustainable Ocean Initiative Workshop on Ocean-related Capacity-building Needs for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (17-19 May)
- Development of a global partnership to support the achievement of Target 3 (Cambridge, UK) June 12-June 14
- Subregional dialogue on national biodiversity strategies and action plans for States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Timor-Leste (14-17 August)
- Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment (21-25 August)
- Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) regional capacity-building workshop for East, South and South-East Asia (5-8 September)
- Webinar: unlocking the power of knowledge to support implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (5 September)
- Webinar on the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (11 September)
- Webinar: scaling up knowledge management to achieve the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (part 1: global initiatives) (12 September)
- International Forum facilitated by the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative: Workshop on ecosystem restoration-related planning and capacity-building needs for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (12 September)



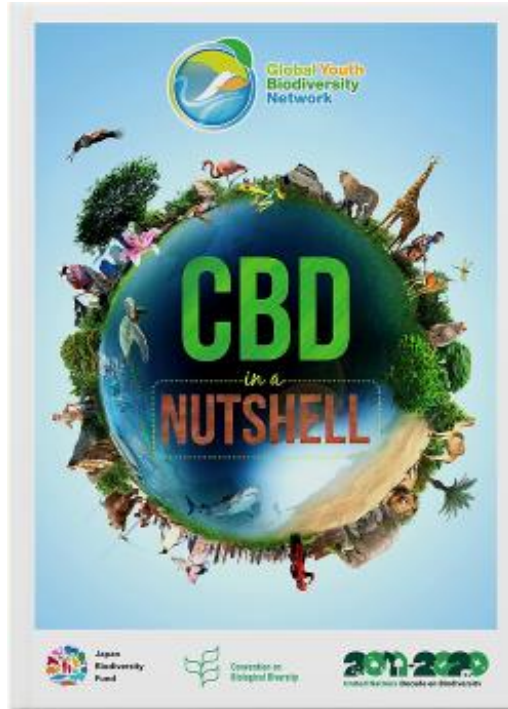
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- Information session on the resumed second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (26 September)
- Webinar: from theory to action: implementing knowledge management for biodiversity on the ground (26 September)
- Webinar: knowledge management in biodiversity project management (3 October)
- Webinar: knowledge management for conservation and restoration success (session 1) (10 October)
- Workshop on the recently completed assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (13 October)
- Webinar: knowledge management for conservation and restoration success (session 2) (24 October)
- Webinar: continuous learning through knowledge management: transforming biodiversity management institutions into learning organizations (31 October)
- Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology (6-22 November)
- Webinar on the preparation for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (7 November)
- Webinar: leveraging cutting-edge technology for biodiversity knowledge management (7 November)
- International dialogue with indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the KMGBF ante the Gender Plan of Action , Geneva Switzerland (November 9-November 11)
- Twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on article 8(j) and related Provisions of the CBD (12-16 November)
- First meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (14-18 November 2023)
- Online forum of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (17-24 November)
- Integrating traditional and scientific knowledge for biodiversity conservation (21 November)
- Information webinar on the Informal Advisory Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources (11 December)
- Open-ended online forum on the long-term strategic approach on mainstreaming and associated action plan (12-22 December)



# A guide to better understand CBD and its negotiation



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- explains how CBD processes work
- presents all the related institutions and mechanisms
- summarizes the most important issues in the negotiations
- explains all stages of the decision-making process
- explains the involvement of youth in the negotiation processes