

## Key elements for a transformative post-2020 global biodiversity framework

BirdLife has prepared a series of detailed position papers to support discussions on the post-2020 framework. These are sign-posted below and available at [www.birdlife.org/post2020](http://www.birdlife.org/post2020).

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE POST 2020 FRAMEWORK

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We suggest the following elements be included in the structure of the post-2020 biodiversity framework.

#### RATIONALE INCLUDING CROSS-CUTTING PRINCIPLES

This should outline the **decline in biodiversity and ecosystem services**, the need for **transformative change**, the framework's **theory of change**, equal coverage of **all ecosystems** and **UN-wide focus**, and a set of core **principles** covering **cross-cutting issues** such as human rights, gender, shared but differentiated responsibility and the precautionary principle. *See our [marine and coastal](#) and [transformative change](#) positions.*

#### CURRENT 2050 VISION

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

#### PROPOSED 2030 MISSION

"Put nature on a path to recovery by 2030 for the benefit of people and the planet by halting and reversing biodiversity loss and restoring ecosystems".

#### SMART<sup>i</sup> TARGETS UNDER THE FOLLOWING THEMES, WITH IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES, MAPPING A PATH TO THE MISSION AND VISION:

##### OBJECTIVES: RECOVER THE STATE OF NATURE

- **Halt overall species' population declines** by 2030; **prevent human-driven extinctions of known threatened species**; and **improve the status** of 30% of known threatened species by 2030. *See our [position on a species-focused target](#).*
- **Safeguard, buffer and connect our remaining intact ecosystems, reduce the loss and degradation of natural habitats, and restore degraded areas**, ensuring **connectivity and resilience** of ecosystems and **provision of essential ecosystem services** through seascape- and landscape-level **conservation at ecologically-relevant scales**. *See our [position on connectivity and international cooperation](#).*

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## ACTIONS: PROTECT NATURE AND TACKLE THE DRIVERS OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS

- Tackle **illegal and unsustainable hunting, fishing, harvesting and trade of wildlife**, and eradicate or control and prevent the spread of **invasive alien species**, particularly on islands.
- By 2030, document, retain and restore the **value of all sites of significance for biodiversity, including key biodiversity areas, through protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures** covering at least 30% of terrestrial and inland water environments and 30% of marine and coastal environments. [See our position on a site conservation target.](#)
- To meet global goals on climate change and sustainable development, promote **nature-based solutions that integrate and support biodiversity** and **ensure a nature-sensitive renewable energy transition**, prioritising conservation and restoration of natural ecosystems. [See our positions on nature-based solutions and renewable energy.](#)
- Ensure our food, fibre and raw materials come from **land and seas well-managed for nature** (e.g. agriculture or forestry resulting in at a minimum no net loss of biodiversity), through legislation, incentives, standards and certifications for **sustainable supply chains**, and employing robust **strategic spatial planning** and **cumulative risk assessment** to safeguard the most important and sensitive areas for biodiversity. [See our positions on mainstreaming and connectivity and international cooperation.](#)
- Remove **harmful economic subsidies**, reduce **unsustainable consumption**, incentivise **sustainable diets**, and reduce countries', businesses' and consumers' **ecological impact** on the planet (e.g. via agriculture, forestry, fishing, extractives, energy), including through policies, regulations and incentives for a **circular economy**, full **internalisation of environmental externalities** (incorporating the benefits as well as costs of biodiversity into the global economic system), biodiversity-positive **trade agreements** and other mechanisms. [See our positions on mainstreaming and marine and coastal biodiversity conservation.](#)

## ENABLING CONDITIONS: ENSURE COMMITMENT, FAIRNESS, INCLUSIVITY AND CAPACITY

- Enable more **inclusive decision-making** in decisions affecting nature (especially by empowering and engaging indigenous people and local communities), and ensure the **equitable and just sharing of benefits** from nature.
- Significantly increase the **mobilisation and efficient use of financial resources** through both international and domestic measures, doubling financial flows and ensuring investment priorities align with this.
- Increase **political commitment**, engage the **public**, build **capacity**, support **empowerment** of civil society and communities and provide **access** to justice and environmental information, to ensure **all state and non-state actors are able to play an active role** in contributing to achieving the post-2020 biodiversity framework.

## EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION: COOPERATE TO DELIVER AND DEMONSTRATE SUCCESS

The framework must include a **binding and transparent system of national reporting and accountability** which **integrates with that of the Sustainable Development Goals and other policy processes** and is accompanied by regular **monitoring of progress** at the national and global level, including through independent sources of information and indicators. Where relevant, responsibility for delivering targets should be **shared with or owned by other sector(s) and government department(s)**, or delivered through an 'all of government' approach. [See our positions on implementation and connectivity and international cooperation.](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Realistic & Time-bound, to which we add Unambiguous & Scalable: Green et al. 2019 <https://doi.org/10.1111/cobi.13322>