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7. Environment: Biodiversity

“We reaffirm the commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the COP15 [15th Conference of the Parties] to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).”

G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders’ Declaration

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Türkiye		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States	-1		
African Union			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.67 (83%)	

Background

Biodiversity as an environmental consideration has emerged as a principal commitment of the G20. G20 leaders have increasingly called attention to the issue of biodiversity loss, in tandem with climate change, as a major threat to healthy ecosystems and as an arena for intervention.⁴⁷²⁵ G20 leaders have most recently supported and facilitated global cooperation on the protection of biodiversity through initiatives such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF), passed following the 15th Conference of Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).⁴⁷²⁶ Prior to the explicit foregrounding of biodiversity as an environmental consideration, leaders relatedly emphasized the environment as a factor in sustainable

⁴⁷²⁵ G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 3 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

⁴⁷²⁶ G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 3 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/241118-declaration.html>

development and the protection of marine ecosystems,⁴⁷²⁷ such as through the G20 Global Marine Environment Protection Initiative.⁴⁷²⁸

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders committed to combating corruption linked to the illegal wildlife trade, recognizing its threat to biodiversity, economic development and security.⁴⁷²⁹

At the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to food security and sustainable agriculture, recognizing the importance of biodiversity in building resilient food systems.⁴⁷³⁰ They committed to promoting sustainable soil, water and riverbank management while supporting smallholder and family farmers through voluntary national efforts.

At the 2019 Osaka Summit, G20 leaders committed to promoting a virtuous cycle of environment and growth through innovation and collaboration between public and private sectors.⁴⁷³¹ The summit reaffirmed the commitment to ending illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing as a key measure to protect marine biodiversity and ensure the sustainable use of ocean resources.

At the 2020 Riyadh Summit, G20 leaders launched two key initiatives: the Global Coral Reef R&D Accelerator Platform, which aimed to protect and restore coral reefs, and the Global Initiative on Reducing Land Degradation and Enhancing Conservation of Terrestrial Habitats, which set an ambition to reduce degraded land by 50 per cent by 2040.⁴⁷³² The summit also reinforced commitments to tackling marine pollution, reaffirming support for the Osaka Blue Ocean Vision to reduce marine plastic litter and combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

At the 2021 Rome Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) and pledged to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality by 2030.⁴⁷³³ The summit also reinforced commitments to protecting at least 30 per cent of global land and oceans, combating illegal activities harming biodiversity. Additionally, leaders pledged to plant one trillion trees in degraded ecosystems by 2030 and endorsed the expansion of the G20 Sustainable Finance Roadmap to include biodiversity financial disclosures.

At the 2022 Bali Summit, G20 leaders emphasized the urgent need to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, calling for the adoption of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at COP15.⁴⁷³⁴ Additionally, leaders welcomed the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies and supported the development of a legally binding treaty on marine biodiversity conservation under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

⁴⁷²⁷ Cannes Summit Final Declaration – Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 3 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

⁴⁷²⁸ G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 3 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

⁴⁷²⁹ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

⁴⁷³⁰ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 1 December 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2018/2018-leaders-declaration.html>

⁴⁷³¹ G20 Osaka Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 29 June 2019. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2019/2019-g20-osaka-leaders-declaration.html>

⁴⁷³² Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 21 November 2020. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2020/2020-g20-leaders-declaration-1121.html>

⁴⁷³³ G20 Rome Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 31 October 2021. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2021/211031-declaration.html>

⁴⁷³⁴ G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2022. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2022/221116-declaration.html>

At the 2023 New Delhi Summit, G20 leaders pledged to restore at least 30 per cent of all degraded ecosystems by 2030 and endorsed the KM-GBF.⁴⁷³⁵ They supported the G20 ambition to reduce land degradation by 50 per cent by 2040 under the Global Land Initiative and emphasized gender-responsive environmental policies, advocating for increased participation of women in biodiversity conservation.

At the 2024 Rio Summit, G20 leaders committed to the implementation of the KM-GBF and urged early entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction under UNCLOS.⁴⁷³⁶ The summit also saw the launch of the G20 Initiative on Bioeconomy with 10 voluntary High-Level Principles established to guide its development. Additionally, leaders endorsed the Call to Action on Strengthening Drinking Water and Sanitation Services, emphasizing gender-responsive water, sanitation, and hygiene systems to address biodiversity loss.

Commitment Features

The welfare target of this commitment is to achieve the four KM-GBF long-term goals for the 2050 vision for biodiversity: 1) protect and restore, 2) prosper with nature, 3) share benefits fairly and 4) invest and collaborate.⁴⁷³⁷ Hence, the scope of this commitment extends to tracking actions across all four KM-GBF goals for 2050 and 23 global targets for 2030.

Definitions and Concepts

“Swift” is understood to mean moving quickly and within a short amount of time.⁴⁷³⁸ In the context of the commitment it refers to the rapid implementation of the KM-GBF.

“Full” is understood to mean in its entirety.⁴⁷³⁹ In the context of the commitment it refers to the implementation of all aspects of the KM-GBF.

“Effective” is understood to mean operating in a way that produces the intended result.⁴⁷⁴⁰ In the context of the commitment it means that G20 members should implement the KM-GBF in a way that does not limit its work.

“Implementation” is understood to mean “the process of making something active or effective.”⁴⁷⁴¹

“Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework” refers to the framework outlined at COP15.⁴⁷⁴² The framework consists of global targets aimed at halting and reversing global biodiversity loss. The framework also contains guidelines focused on the preservation of 30 per cent of land, sea and inland water areas and the restoration of 30 per cent of degraded ecosystems.

⁴⁷³⁵ G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 September 2023. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2023/230909-declaration.html>

⁴⁷³⁶ G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 1 March 2025. <https://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2024/241118-declaration.html>

⁴⁷³⁷ Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework 2050 Goals, Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal) n.d. Access Date: 2 April 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/gbf/goals>

⁴⁷³⁸ Swift, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 9 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/swift>

⁴⁷³⁹ Full, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 9 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/full>

⁴⁷⁴⁰ Compliance Coding Manual for International Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 9 March 2025. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁴⁷⁴¹ Compliance Coding Manual for International Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 9 March 2025. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance_Coding_Manual_2020.pdf

⁴⁷⁴² Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, United Nations Environment Programme (Nairobi) 19 December 2022. Access Date: 9 March 2025. <https://www.unep.org/resources/kunming-montreal-global-biodiversity-framework>

The “Convention of Biological Diversity” refers to the convention signed by government leaders at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit committing to “promoting sustainable development.”⁴⁷⁴³ The three overarching goals include “1) the conservation of biodiversity; 2) sustainable use of components of biodiversity; and 3) sharing the benefits from commercial and utilization of genetic resources in a fair and equitable way.”

General Interpretive Guidelines

This commitment identifies four global goals outlined in the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity:

1. Goal A – Protect and Restore: “ecosystems will be maintained, enhanced or restored, the extinction rate has been reduced tenfold, and we have an abundance of native wild species on healthy and resilient levels”
2. Goal B – Prosper with Nature: “Biodiversity will be sustainably used and its contributions to people maintained, enhanced or restored”
3. Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly: “All benefits from genetic resources will be fairly, inclusively and equitably shared and sustainably increased”
4. Goal D – Invest and Collaborate: “The funding gap is closed. Implementation will be supported by capacity-building and strong technical and scientific cooperation.”⁴⁷⁴⁴

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be given to a G20 member that takes strong action in three or four of the components. Strong actions that align with “Goal A – Protect and Restore” include implementing spatial planning and land management processes or adopting regulation to ensure the legal, sustainable and safe trade of wild species while preventing overexploitation. Strong actions that align with “Goal B – Prosper with Nature” include implementing policy that manages human-wildlife conflicts and implementing wild species management practices that uphold customary practices of local and indigenous communities. Strong actions that align with “Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly” include facilitating the sharing and access to genetic resources through international cooperation. Strong actions that align with “Goal D – Invest and Collaborate” include taking legal and policy measures to ensure transnational companies and financial institutions regularly assess, monitor and disclose biodiversity-related risks or increasing subsidies for conservation and biodiversity-related practices.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be assigned to a G20 member that takes strong action in two of four components, or weak action in three of the four components. Weak actions include expressing verbal or written support for initiatives not taken by the member and signing memorandums of understanding with no tangible financial backing and attending international forums without active engagement.

Non-compliance, or a score of –1, will be assigned to a G20 member that fails to take any strong action in any of the four components, or takes weak action in two or fewer of the components. It will also be assigned to a G20 member that engages in activity that is directly or explicitly antithetical to the commitment. Actions that are antithetical to the commitment include providing financial incentives that increase species extinction risk, rescinding support for previous verbal or written agreements and suspending sustainable land use plans.

⁴⁷⁴³ Sustaining life on Earth: How the Convention on Biological Diversity promotes nature and human well-being, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal) April 2000. Access Date: 12 March 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-sustain-en.pdf>

⁴⁷⁴⁴ Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework 2050 Goals, Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal) n.d. Access Date: 2 April 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/gbf/goals>

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member 1) has not taken any strong actions in any of the key components; or 2) has taken weak action in two or fewer of the key components of a) protect and restore, b) prosper with nature, c) share benefits fairly and d) invest and collaborate; or 3) has engaged in activity that is directly and explicitly antithetical to the commitment.
0	The G20 member 1) has taken strong action in two of the key components; or 2) has taken weak action in three of the four key components.
+1	The G20 member has taken strong action in at least three of the four key components.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 20 November 2024, the Undersecretariat of Environment, led by Ana María Vidal de Lamas, collaborated with Uruguayan authorities to transfer six pumas rescued from wildlife trafficking to conservation facilities in Uruguay.⁴⁷⁴⁵ This action demonstrates bilateral cooperation for biodiversity conservation under Law 22421, and aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 27 November 2024, President Javier Milei violated Law 27.270 (the ratification of the Paris Agreement) by ordering Argentina's withdrawal from climate negotiations, rejecting multilateral climate and biodiversity agreements.⁴⁷⁴⁶ This move directly contradicts KM-GBF's principle of "swift, full, and effective implementation" and undermines Argentina's international commitments.

On 2 December 2024, the federal government approved the FLNG gas liquefaction project in Río Negro province, following an incomprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment.⁴⁷⁴⁷ This development threatens KM-GBF compliance through three major impacts: (1) thermal pollution from water discharges 5-7°C above ambient temperatures in the San Matías Gulf, a critical habitat for southern right whales; (2) exclusion of Indigenous communities from consultations, violating the Tehuelche-Mapuche sacred site "Chenque" protected under INAI Resolution 2022; and (3) projected doubling of greenhouse gas emissions compared to conventional gas, contradicting Argentina's COP15 commitments.

On 26 January 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment participated in an awareness campaign to promote the sustainability and protection of coastal ecosystems, as well as public-private-civic society partnerships to meet international environmental sustainability standards.⁴⁷⁴⁸

On 28 January 2025, the Director of Innovation for Sustainable Development Juan Rodrigo Walsh met with Ambassador of Portugal Gonçalo Teles Gomes to discuss bilateral environmental cooperation to address

⁴⁷⁴⁵ Ambiente trasladó seis pumas provenientes del tráfico de fauna a Uruguay, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025.

⁴⁷⁴⁶ COP 29: otro fracaso de la diplomacia ambiental y un retroceso histórico para Argentina, Agencia Tierra Viva (Buenos Aires) 27 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025.

⁴⁷⁴⁷ Las Grutas bajo presión: el GNL busca avanzar en las costas rionegrinas, Agencia de Noticias RedAcción (Buenos Aires) 3 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.anred.org/las-grutas-bajo-presion-el-gnl-busca-avanzar-en-las-costas-rionegrinas/>

⁴⁷⁴⁸ Ambiente participó de una jornada para promover el cuidado de los recursos costeros en Mar del Plata, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 26 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-participo-de-una-jornada-para-promover-el-cuidado-de-los-recursos-costeros-en-mar>

restoration of land degraded by fires and opportunities for public-private sector partnerships.⁴⁷⁴⁹ This demonstrates Argentina's commitment to advancing Goal A and D of the KM-GBF.

On 29 January 2025, Undersecretary of the Environment Ana Lamas and the National Director of Sustainable Development and Climate Management Cristina Goyenechea met with representatives from the Wildlife Foundation, the New Generation Argentina Foundation, the Avina Foundation, the CREA Foundation and the Argentine Chamber of Renewable Energy (CADER) to discuss collaborative opportunities to meet climate goals, develop tools to promote sustainable development and strengthen Argentina's environmental commitments.⁴⁷⁵⁰

On 31 January 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment met with Chaco's Ministry of Sustainable Economic Development to discuss advancing the agenda for native forest protection.⁴⁷⁵¹ The initiative aims to bolster local biodiversity conservation efforts, focusing on the Chaco Forest and the reforestation of degraded areas. This meeting is consistent with KM-GBF Goal A, directly aligning with protecting and restoring forests and degraded ecosystems and Goal D, implicitly supporting collaboration with local governments and stakeholders for biodiversity management.

On 2 February 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment designated Península Mitre in Tierra del Fuego as a Ramsar site, protecting 369,417 hectares of peatlands and marine ecosystems.⁴⁷⁵² This initiative directly contributes to Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 28 February 2025, Argentina's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁴⁷⁵³ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 11 March 2025, Undersecretary of the Environment Fernando Bloom, Director of Forests Octavio Pérez Pardo and Director of Environmental Coordination Paula Monteserin participated in a meeting with representatives from the Food and Agriculture Organization to evaluate progress on the Payment for Results (REDD+) project which aims to improve the sustainable management and environmental quality of native forests.⁴⁷⁵⁴

On 27 March 2025, the Federal Environment Council held its first 2025 assembly, during which representatives from the provinces and federal government discussed new conservation measures such as biodiversity

⁴⁷⁴⁹ Continúa la agenda de cooperación bilateral en materia ambiental entre Argentina y Portugal, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 28 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025.

⁴⁷⁵⁰ Lamas recibió a diferentes organizaciones para fortalecer los compromisos ambientales, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 29 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025.

⁴⁷⁵¹ Lamas recibió al ministro de Producción y Desarrollo Económico Sostenible de la provincia del Chaco, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 31 January 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 May 2025.

⁴⁷⁵² Argentina suma un nuevo sitio Ramsar en Tierra del Fuego, Gobierno de Argentina (Buenos Aires) 2 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-suma-un-nuevo-sitio-ramsar-en-tierra-del-fuego>

⁴⁷⁵³ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁴⁷⁵⁴ Ambiente y la FAO evaluaron los avances en la iniciativa para el manejo sustentable de los bosques nativos, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 11 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-y-la-fao-evaluaron-los-avances-en-la-iniciativa-para-el-manejo-sustentable-de-0>

financing, coastal management strategies and gender-responsive policies.⁴⁷⁵⁵ Such measures support efforts to increase investments for biodiversity and collaboration between federal and provincial governments, demonstrating compliance with Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 1 April 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment met with environmental non-governmental organizations to review the implementation of Law 26.331, which aims to protect native forests.⁴⁷⁵⁶ This law provides a framework for deforestation prevention, land zoning and forest restoration funding, thus serving as a key step in fulfilling KM-GBF's Goal A.

On 14 April 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment participated in a knowledge-exchange session at the National Institute of Industrial Technology focusing on furthering collaboration on bolstering technical capabilities and joint environmental efforts.⁴⁷⁵⁷ This initiative demonstrates Argentina's commitment to advancing Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 16 April 2025, the Environmental Control Brigade (BCA) relocated two black howler monkeys to a wildlife sanctuary in Córdoba after they were confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade.⁴⁷⁵⁸ This action, by tackling wildlife trafficking, supports KM-GBF's Goal B, which addresses the sustainable use of biodiversity and its integration into local economies.

On 25 April 2025, the BCA carried out an operation in Buenos Aires, seizing illegal wildlife trophies as part of a wider anti-poaching and wildlife trafficking initiative.⁴⁷⁵⁹ This operation underscores Argentina's commitment to enforcing wildlife protection laws and fighting the illegal trade of biodiversity, which aligns with KM-GBF's Goal A.

On 26 April 2025, the Ministry of Tourism and Protected Areas established the Patagonia Azul Provincial Park as a new protected area covering 295,135 hectares of land.⁴⁷⁶⁰ The action serves to protect the coastal marine ecosystems and local biodiversity.

On 30 April 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment coordinated a focal points meeting with representatives from various government agencies on national climate management strategies.⁴⁷⁶¹ This initiative meets Goal D of the KM-GBF through leveraging data to inform inter-ministerial work and strengthening coordinated efforts for sustainable development and climate management.

⁴⁷⁵⁵ Scioli inauguró la primera asamblea del año del Consejo Federal de Medio Ambiente, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 27 March 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 11 May 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/scioli-inauguro-la-primera-asamblea-del-ano-del-consejo-federal-de-medio-ambiente>
⁴⁷⁵⁶ Ambiente recibió a referentes de organizaciones ambientales para dialogar sobre la implementación de la ley de bosques, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 1 April 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 May 2025.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-recibio-referentes-de-organizaciones-ambientales-para-dialogar-sobre-la>
⁴⁷⁵⁷ La Subsecretaría de Ambiente participó de una jornada de intercambio en el Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Industrial, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 14 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-participo-de-una-jornada-de-intercambio-en-el-instituto>

⁴⁷⁵⁸ Ambiente trasladó a Córdoba monos carayá víctimas del tráfico de fauna, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 16 April 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-traslado-cordoba-monos-caraya-victimas-del-trafico-de-fauna>

⁴⁷⁵⁹ Operativo ambiental en la provincia de Buenos Aires, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 25 April 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/operativo-ambiental-en-la-provincia-de-buenos-aires>

⁴⁷⁶⁰ Argentina: Chubut creates Patagonia Azul Provincial Park, MercoPress (Chubut) 26 April 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://en.mercopress.com/2025/04/26/argentina-chubut-creates-patagonia-azul-provincial-park>

⁴⁷⁶¹ La Subsecretaría de Ambiente de la Nación coordinó la mesa de puntos focales para la gestión climática, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 30 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-coordino-la-mesa-de-puntos-focales-para-la>

On 5 May 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment organized a meeting on implementing a Memorandum of Understanding on the conservation of High Andean Flamingos and their habitats.⁴⁷⁶² Representatives from provincial and national governments, academic and non-governmental organizations participated in the event to strengthen collaboration on conservation efforts of species and water sources.

On 22 May 2025, the Federal Environment Subsecretariat participated in the fifth National Wetlands Forum held in Santa Fe province.⁴⁷⁶³ National officials presented updates on the comprehensive National Wetlands Inventory and reaffirmed Argentina's pledge to protect Ramsar sites and wetlands, crucial to maintaining resilient ecosystems, sustainable use of biodiversity, and scientific cooperation under KM-GBF Goals A, B, and D.

On 26 May 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment participated in the 5th National Wetlands Forum to discuss policy measures for environmental preservation and the sustainable use of wetlands.⁴⁷⁶⁴ The forum convened representatives from the government, technical and scientific experts, non-governmental organizations and civil society to discuss tools and management cases to improve wetland planning, conversation and governance.

On 26 May 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment chaired the Ordinary Meeting of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) Working Subgroup No. 6 Environment to discuss topics related to biodiversity and climate management.⁴⁷⁶⁵ The delegations exchanged views on national biodiversity strategies, shared priorities on species repatriation action and adaptation measures for climate management.

On 29 May 2025, the Undersecretariat of Environment conducted a survey on palm groves in Córdoba to identify their conservation status, update mapping information and evaluate the effectiveness of environment management practices.⁴⁷⁶⁶

On 30 May 2025, the Minister of National Security Patricia Bullrich and the Undersecretary of the Environment Fernando Brom signed a Letter of Agreement of the Fire Prevention Plan for the north-central part of San Luis to strengthen the capacity of forest or interface fire mitigation and prevention.⁴⁷⁶⁷ It includes measures for early response capacities, strategic planning, environmental planning and sustainable environmental management. This initiative aims to reduce the loss of land and biodiversity.

⁴⁷⁶² La Subsecretaría de Ambiente de la Nación organizó el Primer encuentro acerca de la aplicación del memorando de entendimiento sobre la conservación de flamencos altoandinos y sus hábitats, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 5 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025.

⁴⁷⁶³ La Subsecretaría de Ambiente de la Nación presente en el V Foro Nacional de Humedales, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 July 2025.

⁴⁷⁶⁴ La Subsecretaría de Ambiente de la Nación presente en el V Foro Nacional de Humedales, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025.

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⁴⁷⁶⁶ La Subsecretaría de Ambiente de la Nación realizó un relevamiento de palmares en la provincia de Córdoba, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 29 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025.

⁴⁷⁶⁷ Con presencia de la ministra de Seguridad y el subsecretario de Ambiente de la Nación, se firmó la carta de Acuerdo del Plan de Prevención de Incendios para el centro-norte de San Luis, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 30 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/con-presencia-de-la-ministra-de-seguridad-y-el-subsecretario-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-se>

On 6 June 2025, Argentina participated in the sixth Global Conference on Biodiversity Finance in Santiago, Chile, organized by the United Nations Development Programme.⁴⁷⁶⁸ Argentina presented progress on its Biodiversity Finance Plan for Misiones province, which incorporates financial instruments such as a proposed “Jaguar Conservation Insurance” mechanism to channel public-private funds into protecting Atlantic rainforest ecosystems. The plan, valued at approximately USD420 million, positions Argentina as a regional leader in closing biodiversity funding gaps under KM-GBF Goal D.

On 12 June 2025, the Environment Subsecretariat organized technical meetings with the Development Bank of Latin America and teams from the National Parks Administration to finalize operational frameworks for a USD6.3 million restoration project.⁴⁷⁶⁹ Covering seven key national parks, the project aims to restore degraded forest, grassland, and wetland ecosystems, advancing KM-GBF’s 30x30 target and Goals A and D.

On 24 June 2025, the National Desertification Committee, chaired by the Environment Subsecretariat, held its 11th session. The meeting gathered officials to review the National Action Plan to Combat Desertification.⁴⁷⁷⁰ Participants highlighted current programs rehabilitating degraded soils, combating drought and agreed to coordinate tighter reporting standards across provinces. These efforts align with KM-GBF Goals B, and D by integrating biodiversity into sustainable land use, and strengthening technical cooperation.

On 22 July 2025, the National Agricultural Technology Institute (INTA) announced its leadership role in the international CurveBend project, which aims to prove that livestock production and biodiversity conservation can coexist.⁴⁷⁷¹ In Argentina, activities will focus on native forests in Entre Ríos and grasslands in Buenos Aires, where INTA and partners will test regenerative livestock practices.

On 5 August 2025, the Subsecretariat of Environment launched a public bidding process to eliminate 180 tonnes of polychlorinated biphenyls waste and 20 tonnes of pesticides under a UNDP-supported initiative.⁴⁷⁷² The project aims to safely dispose of hazardous chemical stockpiles accumulated over decades, preventing soil and water contamination in affected ecosystems. By preventing soil and water contamination, this action works to improve biodiversity in affected regions advancing KM-GBF goals A and D.

On 20 August 2025, the Environment Subsecretariat confirmed at a Federal Environment Council’s (COFEMA) Native Forests Commission meeting that the National Fund for Native Forest Conservation would continue transferring resources to provinces.⁴⁷⁷³ The decision secures long-term financial support for sustainable forest management and accountability in conservation spending, advancing KM-GBF goal D.

⁴⁷⁶⁸ Over 130 countries come together in Chile to boost nature finance and support global biodiversity targets, UNDP (Santiago) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <https://www.undp.org/indonesia/press-releases/over-130-countries-come-together-chile-boost-nature-finance-and-support-global-biodiversity-targets>

⁴⁷⁶⁹ Nuevo proyecto de restauración 788apan788sia788788788mum en áreas protegidas nacionales de Argentina, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 25 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/nuevo-proyecto-de-restauracion-de-ecosistemas-en-areas-protegidas-nacionales-de-argentina>

⁴⁷⁷⁰ La Subsecretaría de Ambiente fue sede de la XI Reunión de la Comisión Asesora Nacional del PAN para la lucha contra la desertificación, Vicejefatura de Gabinete del Interior (Buenos Aires) 24 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-fue-sede-de-la-xi-reunion-de-la-comision-asesora-nacional-del>

⁴⁷⁷¹ Ganadería regenerativa y biodiversidad: alianza internacional en marcha, Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (Buenos Aires) 22 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 August 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ganaderia-regenerativa-y-biodiversidad-alianza-internacional-en-marcha>

⁴⁷⁷² La Subsecretaría de Ambiente avanza en la eliminación adecuada 788apan788siiduos peligrosos del país, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 5 August 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-avanza-en-la-eliminacion-adecuada-de-residuos-peligrosos-del>

⁴⁷⁷³ El subsecretario de Ambiente de la Na788apan788salizó el cierre de la Comisión de Bosques Nativos del COFEMA, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 20 August 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 October 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/el-subsecretario-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-realizo-el-cierre-de-la-comision-de-bosques>

On 21 August 2025, during the national COFEMA Assembly 112, the Integrated Environmental Information System was launched to consolidate national biodiversity and climate data.⁴⁷⁷⁴ During the same session, Argentina signed cooperation agreements with the FAO and the Green Climate Fund to advance sustainable forestry and wildfire prevention through new technical and financial support, advancing KM-GBF goal D.

On 25 August 2025, The Secretary of Tourism, Environment and Sports, Daniel Scioli, signed resolution 446/2025 which recognizes “other effective conservation measures” (OMEC) as a tool to support biodiversity.⁴⁷⁷⁵ OMEC’s are defined as special areas that, while not protected, are managed in a way conducive to the conservation of biodiversity and the ecosystem, advancing KM-GBF goal A.

On 7 October 2025, the Environment Subsecretariat signed a cooperation agreement with Freeland Brazil to coordinate anti-trafficking operations and training initiatives.⁴⁷⁷⁶ The partnership formalizes collaboration between government agencies and NGOs to enhance intelligence sharing and border enforcement against illegal wildlife trade, advancing KM-GBF goals A and B.

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. The member has made significant strides in restoring ecosystems, protecting endangered species, and enhancing international cooperation for biodiversity conservation. While challenges remain in ensuring the sustainability of these efforts, particularly in securing adequate funding for restoration projects, the progress made thus far demonstrates the member’s unwavering commitment to the global biodiversity agenda.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 25 February 2025, the Native Vegetation Council of South Australia committed AUD9,400,000 toward funding for native vegetation restoration projects.⁴⁷⁷⁷ This action directly supports the conservation and rehabilitation of threatened ecosystems and species, aligning with Goal A – Protect and Restore, and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate, by enhancing ecological resilience and enabling community-led restoration efforts.

On 28 February 2025, Australia’s delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁴⁷⁷⁸ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral

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⁴⁷⁷⁵ El Gobierno nacional reconoce la figura de OMEC para fortalecer la conservación de la biodiversidad, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 25 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: October 28 2025.

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⁴⁷⁷⁶ La Secretaría de Turismo, Ambiente y Deportes y Freeland Brasil firmaron un convenio para fortalecer la lucha contra el tráfico de fauna, Ministerio del Interior (Buenos Aires) 7 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 October 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-secretaria-de-turismo-ambiente-y-deportes-y-freeland-brasil-firmaron-un-convenio-para>

⁴⁷⁷⁷ \$9.4 million available for native vegetation restoration projects, Department for Environment and Water South Australia (Adelaide) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 13 May 2025. <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/news-hub/news/articles/2025/02/9-4-million-available-for-native-vegetation-restoration-projects>

⁴⁷⁷⁸ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 12 March 2025, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water added 21 new species to the database of threatened species, making them eligible for greater protection and conservation efforts under national legislation.⁴⁷⁷⁹ The action aligns with Goal A, particularly concerning the extinction and abundance of species.

On 21 March 2025, the government allocated AUD250 million in the federal budget for land and water protection.⁴⁷⁸⁰ This action supports conservation efforts around the preservation of at-risk species and ecosystems, aligning with the Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 25 March 2025, the government passed legislation to bolster Tasmania's salmon farming industry through the weakening of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation.⁴⁷⁸¹ This initiative aligns with Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 29 March 2025, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Minister for Emergency Management Jenny McAllister announced an AUD2.1 million Environmental Recovery Package for the restoration of north Queensland's coastline and land ecosystems as a part of a joint Commonwealth-state Disaster recovery Funding Arrangements.⁴⁷⁸² This initiative demonstrates Australia's commitment to advancing Goal A of the KM-GBF.

On 15 May 2025, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade announced a renewed allotment of AUD24.75 million to the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme.⁴⁷⁸³ The funding will support biodiversity preservation in critical ecosystems, such as mangroves and coral reefs, and the integration of traditional knowledge in environmental governance across the Pacific in line with KM-GBF Goal A and B.

On 6 June 2025, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water released a national environmental research update on offshore wind development.⁴⁷⁸⁴ The update featured progress on projects led by federal agencies and universities to strengthen biodiversity impact assessments for offshore wind farms, including research on whale migration, seabird foraging patterns, and underwater noise. This work aligns infrastructure with marine biodiversity protection, advancing Australia's scientific capacity and investment collaboration under KM-GBF Goal B and D.

⁴⁷⁷⁹ Dolphins, giant burrowing frogs and turtle named after Steve Irwin join national threatened species list, Biodiversity Council (Melbourne) 12 March 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://biodiversitycouncil.org.au/news/21-species-added-to-national-threatened-species-list>

⁴⁷⁸⁰ Bushland the size of New Zealand to be protected under federal budget boost, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Sydney) 21 March 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-22/federal-budget-boost-to-serve-bushland/105081336>

⁴⁷⁸¹ Bill to protect Tasmanian salmon farming passes House despite fears of "alarming environmental protections rollback, Guardian (Tasmania) 25 March 2025. Access Date: 30 March 2025. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2025/mar/25/alarming-bill-to-protect-tasmanian-salmon-farming-could-stop-communities-challenging-other-projects-ntwnfb>

⁴⁷⁸² Another \$269 million to build a stronger North Queensland, Prime Minister of Australia (Canberra) 29 March 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/another-269-million-build-stronger-north-queensland>

⁴⁷⁸³ New Chapter, Shared Future: Australia commits \$24.75m to SPREP, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (Apia) 15 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.sprep.org/news/new-chapter-shared-future-australia-commits-2475m-to-sprep>

⁴⁷⁸⁴ Marine and Coastal Hub offshore wind farm environmental research update, National Environmental Science Program (Canberra) 6 June 2025. Access Date: 12 July 2025. <https://www.nespmarinecoastal.edu.au/story/marine-and-coastal-hub-offshore-wind-farm-environmental-research-update-june-2025/>

On 17 June 2025, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and Parks Australia co-hosted a two-day national workshop in Canberra on offshore wind environmental research.⁴⁷⁸⁵ The event launched the Renewable Energy Environmental Research Initiative, supporting 17 federally funded projects to guide biodiversity-safe infrastructure rollout. These actions promote technical cooperation and capacity-building for biodiversity-aligned investment under KM-GBF Goal D.

On 25 July 2025, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water announced a AUD2.25 million investment in wetlands management and conservation projects, including enhanced monitoring and data collection.⁴⁷⁸⁶ This investment furthers KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 4 September 2025, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder concluded its Flow-MER Annual Forum to discuss the preservation of the Murray–Darling Basin.⁴⁷⁸⁷ The event’s focus on the protection of the basin’s water and wildlife furthers KM-GBF Goal A.

On 10 September 2025, Minister for the Environment and Water Murray Watt announced the government’s AUD4.3 million contribution to citizen-led scientific exploration through the Great Barrier Reef Citizen Science Program.⁴⁷⁸⁸ By mobilizing new resources for scientific collaboration, the financing promotes KM-GBF Goal D.

On 18 September 2025, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water participated in a series of meetings hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, including the 2nd Partners Dialogue, 32nd Senior Officials Meeting, Noumea Convention 18th Conference of Parties and Waigani Convention 13th Conference of Parties.⁴⁷⁸⁹ The collection of Pacific nations discussed environmental collaboration in line with KM-GBF Goal D.

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Australia has taken moderate to strong action in halting biodiversity loss through the expansion of marine protected areas and increased conservation funding, however, there is insufficient evidence of strong action that aligns with Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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⁴⁷⁸⁶ Wetlands to receive funding boost, Australia Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Canberra) 25 July 2025. Access Date: 27 August 2025. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/news/wetlands-receive-funding-boost>

⁴⁷⁸⁷ Flow-MER Annual Forum: working together for the environment, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Canberra) 12 September 2025. Access Date: 20 October 2025. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/cewh/resources-media/news/flow-mer-annual-forum>

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⁴⁷⁸⁹ Pacific voices united for our shared environment, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Apia) 18 September 2025. Access Date: 20 October 2025. <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/about/news/pacific-voices-united-for-our-shared-environment>

On 27 November 2024, the National Bank for Economic and Social Development launched a BRL61 million reforestation initiative under the Living Forest program, targeting degraded areas in the Atlantic Forest biome.⁴⁷⁹⁰ The project aims to restore 5,000 hectares across four watersheds, aligning with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 11 December 2024, Brazil launched the National Plan for the Recovery of Native Vegetation (Planaveg), aiming to restore 12 million hectares of native vegetation by 2030.⁴⁷⁹¹ The plan prioritizes degraded areas in the Amazon, Cerrado and Atlantic forests through agroforestry systems and sustainable land use practices. Planaveg directly advances Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 24 January 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and the Brazilian Development Bank announced a BRL45 million investment from the Amazon Fund to strengthen firefighting capacity in Mato Grosso, a critical frontier for deforestation and wildfires.⁴⁷⁹² By prioritizing early detection systems and community-led prevention campaigns, the project directly addresses KM-GBF Target eight (climate change mitigation) and Target twelve (ecosystem resilience). Environment Minister Marina Silva emphasized that the strategy not only combats illegal fires but also protects biodiversity hotspots and Indigenous territories, aligning with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 10 February 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and the Brazilian Forest Service launched the concession of the Jatuarana National Forest to promote sustainable forest management.⁴⁷⁹³ The project is expected to preserve 453,401 hectares of forest. The concession includes mandatory investments in research, forest protection and community support, reinforcing Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 20 February 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change proposed 23 National Biodiversity Targets for 2030, including zero deforestation, ecosystem restoration and sustainable land use planning.⁴⁷⁹⁴ The resolution emphasizes Brazil's commitment to halting biodiversity loss through measurable actions. It aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore. This policy framework strengthens Brazil's compliance with the KM-GBF by institutionalizing its goals at the national level.

On 20 February 2025, the National Biodiversity Commission published Resolution No. 9/2025, outlining 23 National Biodiversity Targets (2025–2030).⁴⁷⁹⁵ Targets include zero deforestation, halting conversion of native vegetation, restoring at least 30 per cent of degraded areas in each biome, preventing species extinctions, controlling invasive species, reducing pollution and ensuring benefit-sharing from genetic resources. This resolution integrates Brazil's KM-GBF commitments into its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

⁴⁷⁹⁰ Caatinga Viva: BNDES e BNB apoiam projetos de restauração do bioma, Agência BNDES de Notícias (Brasília) 27 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/detalhe/noticia/Caatinga-Viva-BNDES-e-BNB-apoiam-projetos-de-restauracao-do-bioma-brasileiro-unico-no-mundo/>

⁴⁷⁹¹ Governo promove lançamento nacional de plano para restaurar vegetação nativa, Agência BNDES de Notícias Gov (Brasília) 11 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/governo-promove-lancamento-nacional-de-plano-para-restaurar-vegetacao-nativa>

⁴⁷⁹² Governo Federal destina 45 milhões para fortalecer combate e prevenção a incêndios no Mato Grosso, Agência BNDES de Notícias (Brasília) 24 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://agenciadenoticias.bndes.gov.br/detalhe/noticia/Governo-Federal-destina-45-milhoes-para-fortalecer-combate-e-prevencao-a-incendios-no-Mato-Grosso/>

⁴⁷⁹³ Concessão da Floresta Nacional do Jatuarana (AM) vai à Bolsa de Valores, Agência BNDES de Notícias (Brasília) 10 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://agenciagov.etc.com.br/noticias/202502/mma-e-sfb-lancam-edital-para-concessao-da-floresta-nacional-do-jatuarana-no-amazonas>

⁴⁷⁹⁴ Ministério do Meio Ambiente propõe Metas Nacionais de Biodiversidade até 2030, Diário Oficial da União (Brasília) 20 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.in.gov.br/web/dou/-/resolucao-conabio-n-9-de-28-de-novembro-de-2024-613697262>

⁴⁷⁹⁵ Ministério do Meio Ambiente propõe Metas Nacionais de Biodiversidade até 2030, Empresa Brasil de Comunicação (Brasília) 20 February 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 8 May 2025. <https://agenciagov.etc.com.br/noticias/202502/ministerio-do-meio-ambiente-propoe-metas-nacionais-de-biodiversidade-ate-2030>

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On 28 February 2025, Brazil finalised a multilateral initiative led by the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) to earmark USD200 billion in annual financing for nature protection.⁴⁷⁹⁷ The funding aims to preserve biodiversity and natural environments in light of climate change.

On 28 April 2025, Brazil launched the second Eco Invest Auction, aimed at raising funds for the restoration of one million hectares of degraded land across the Atlantic Forest, Cerrado, Caatinga, Pampas and Pantanal biomes.⁴⁷⁹⁸ The auction seeks to mobilize up to USD2 billion in private capital to restore lands using sustainable practices, promoting soil recovery and environmental conservation.⁴⁷⁹⁹ The program aligns with KM-GBF Goal D by generating resources for long-term conservation and boosting Brazil's commitment to sustainable development.

On 26 May 2025, the Brazilian Ministry of Environment and Climate Change awarded BRL900,000 to 20 organizations representing Brazil's indigenous communities.⁴⁸⁰⁰ This award promotes the work of organizations that aim to protect and sustainably use traditional knowledge associated with genetic heritage to benefit the environment.

On 2 June 2025, the Ministry of Agrarian Development launched the National Program for Strengthening Sociobiodiversity (Pró-Sociobio).⁴⁸⁰¹ The program seeks to develop sustainable supply chains for products such as native fruits, nuts, latex and medicinal plants, by offering credit lines, rural extension and market access. This initiative aims to generate income for Indigenous communities through activities that conserve Brazil's biomes, directly advancing KM-GBF Goal A.

On 3 June 2025, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva signed decrees establishing three new federal conservation units and formally launched Brazil's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (EPANB).⁴⁸⁰² The EPANB serves as the guiding instrument to implement conservation targets, sustainable use goals and

⁴⁷⁹⁶ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

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⁴⁷⁹⁸ Governo Federal anuncia o 2º Leilão Eco Invest, voltado à recuperação de terras degradadas, Secretaria de Comunicação Social (Brasília) 28 April 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 10 May 2025. https://www.gov.br/secom/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/04/governo-federal-anuncia-o-2o-leilao-eco-invest-voltado-a-recuperacao-de-terras-degradadas?set_language=pt-br

⁴⁷⁹⁹ B'azil's government aims to raise \$2 billion in financing with new Eco Invest auction, Reuters (London) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/brazils-government-aims-raise-2-billion-financing-with-new-eco-invest-auction-2025-04-28/>

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⁴⁸⁰² Brasil lança nova estratégia para proteger biodiversidade, Assessoria Especial de Comunicação Social do MMA (Brasília) 3 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 3 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/brasil-lanca-nova-estrategia-para-proteger-biodiversidade>

ecosystem restoration commitments. This new strategy integrates Brazil's 23 national biodiversity targets for 2025–2030.

On 3 June 2025, the Ministry of Economy and the Brazilian National Development Bank announced that the Amazon Fund disbursed BRL825.7 million, the largest biodiversity-focused release in the Fund's history, to Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA).⁴⁸⁰³ These resources will bolster IBAMA's forest surveillance with helicopters, drones, and ground teams to enforce Brazil's zero illegal deforestation goal by 2030, a critical measure under KM-GBF Goal A.

On 4 June 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change held a joint press briefing detailing how the updated EPANB aligns Brazil's restoration efforts under the National Native Vegetation Recovery Plan (Planaveg), which targets the recovery of 12 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.⁴⁸⁰⁴ Officials highlighted that Planaveg's spatial planning and financing will be managed to explicitly support the KM-GBF's 30x30 targets (protecting 30 per cent of land, sea, and inland water and restoring 30 per cent of degraded ecosystems).

On 8 June 2025, Environment Minister Marina Silva announced that Brazil was expanding the Amazon Protected Areas program and rolling out the National Strategy for Conservation and Sustainable Use of Coral Reefs.⁴⁸⁰⁵ These measures aim to protect marine and coastal biodiversity while creating sustainable tourism and small-scale fishing opportunities, furthering KM-GBF Goal A and Goal B.

On 9 June 2025, the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples collaborated with Forest Trends and Greendata launched the Strengthening Indigenous Territories: Governance, Climate Finance, and Biodiversity Value Chains project.⁴⁸⁰⁶ The project adopts a socio-environmental approach to sustainability that couples the goals of Indigenous territorial stewardship and biodiversity conversation, particularly through preventing deforestation, in accordance with KM-GBF Goal A and Goal B.

On 10 June 2025, Minister Silva shared Brazil's endorsement of the Mangrove Breakthrough Initiative, a multilateral effort to mobilise USD4 billion in private and public sector investment for the protection of mangrove ecosystems by 2030.⁴⁸⁰⁷ With an explicit focus on the biodiversity benefits of mangrove protection, Brazil's political and financial contribution to this initiative furthers KM-GBF Goal D.

On 18 June 2025, Conabio and the Ministry of Agrarian Development formalized contracts with cooperative associations under the Pró-Sociobio program, focusing on sociobiodiversity products like açai and babaçu.⁴⁸⁰⁸ This marks the operational phase of direct investment into community-led sustainable harvesting.

⁴⁸⁰³ Governo Federal anuncia financiamento histórico para combate ao desmatamento, Agência Gov (Brasília) 3 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <https://agenciagov.ebc.com.br/noticias/202506/lula-anuncia-r-825-7-milhoes-do-fundo-amazonia-para-projeto-de-combate-ao-desmatamento-ilegal-do-ibama>

⁴⁸⁰⁴ Lula anuncia R\$ 825,7 milhões do Fundo Amazônia para projeto de combate ao desmatamento ilegal do Ibama, Assessoria Especial de Comunicação Social do MMA (Brasília) 3 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/lula-anuncia-r-825-7-milhoes-do-fundo-amazonia-para-projeto-de-combate-ao-desmatamento-ilegal-do-ibama>

⁴⁸⁰⁵ Lula e Marina anunciam apoio recorde do Fundo Amazônia ao Ibama e criação de novas unidades de conservação, Assessoria Especial de Comunicação Social do MMA (Brasília) 4 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/lula-e-marina-anunciam-apoio-recorde-do-fundo-amazonia-ao-ibama-e-criacao-de-novas-unidades-de-conservacao>

⁴⁸⁰⁶ Release: Forest Trends, the Brazilian Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, and GreenData Join Together for a Historic Project, Forest Trends (Brasília) 9 June 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.forest-trends.org/pressroom/release-forest-trends-the-brazilian-ministry-of-indigenous-peoples-and-greendata-join-together-for-a-historic-project/>

⁴⁸⁰⁷ Brasil reaffirms its leadership in protecting the ocean and mangroves at the UN Conference, COP30 Brasil Amazônia Belém (Nice) 10 June 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://cop30.br/en/news-about-cop30/brasil-reaffirms-its-leadership-in-protecting-the-ocean-and-mangroves-at-the-un-conference>

⁴⁸⁰⁸ Plano Safra 25/26: Governo vai rebatizar programa de subvenção de produtos extrativistas, Globo Rural (Brasília) 30 June 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <https://globorural.globo.com/credito-e-investimento/noticia/2025/06/plano-safra-2526-governo-vai-rebatizar-programa-de-subvencao-de-produtos-extrativistas.ghtml>

On 1 July 2025, the Ministry of Agrarian Development launched the Program for Valorization of Sociobiodiversity and Extractivism, which guarantees minimum prices and subsidies for sociobiodiverse products harvested by indigenous and other extractivist communities.⁴⁸⁰⁹ The program aims to conserve forest ecosystems and strengthen rural livelihoods, explicitly encouraging sustainable harvesting practices, forest restoration, agroforestry and food security.

On 17 July 2025, the Chamber of Deputies passed the General Environmental Licensing Bill (Bill 2159/202), which modifies the country's environmental licensing system to minimise monitoring, evaluation and built-in protections for the natural environment.⁴⁸¹⁰ Pending Presidential approval, this bill would negatively impact progress toward the KM-GBF targets.

On 25 July 2025, President Silva signed Law No. 15,180, creating a National Policy to Incentivize Visitation in Conservation Units, which authorizes partnerships and a public fund to improve infrastructure and services in protected areas.⁴⁸¹¹ The law seeks to reconcile conservation and economic development by promoting sustainable tourism, environmental education and recreation, advancing KM-GBF Goal B and Goal C.

On 27 July 2025, ICMBio debuted the Plan for Reducing Mining Impacts on Biodiversity and Speleological Heritage, which outlines strategies to mitigate, prevent and compensate for biodiversity impacts from mining.⁴⁸¹² It identifies 690 fauna and 1,205 flora species threatened by mining and provides spatial guidelines for emergency preparedness (e.g., tailings dams), supporting KM-GBF Goal A and Goal B.

On 30 July 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change convened a major Union with Municipalities meeting in Manaus to present new satellite monitoring tools and training for local officials.⁴⁸¹³ It confirmed approximately BRL758 million in funding, with performance-based disbursements tied to reductions in deforestation. This initiative aims to strengthen land regularization, forest restoration and sustainable livelihoods to meet Brazil's target of ending Amazon deforestation by 2030.

On 8 September 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change reinstated the Brazilian Commission for the "Man and the Biosphere" Program to coordinate biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in key regions.⁴⁸¹⁴ The commission seeks to promote prosperous human-nature relations in promotion of KM-GBF Goal B.

⁴⁸⁰⁹ Sociobio Mais – Governo Federal institui Programa de Valorização da Sociobiodiversidade e do Extrativismo, Companhia Nacional de Abastecimento (Brasília) 3 July 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 15 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/conab/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/sociobio-mais-2013-governo-federal-institui-programa-de-valorizacao-da-sociobiodiversidade-e-do-extrativismo>

⁴⁸¹⁰ UN experts urge Brazil to halt serious regression on environmental licensing, United Nations Officer of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (Geneva) 25 July 2025. Access Date: 27 August 2025. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/07/un-experts-urge-brazil-halt-serious-regression-environmental-licensing>

⁴⁸¹¹ LEI Nº 15.180, DE 25 DE JULHO DE 2025, Câmara dos Deputados (Brasília) 28 July 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 17 August 2025. <https://www2.camara.leg.br/legin/fed/lei/2025/lei-15180-25-julho-2025-797783-publicacaooriginal-176003-pl.html>

⁴⁸¹² Instituto Chico Mendes lança plano para conciliar mineração e preservação ambiental, Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade (Brasília) 18 August 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 19 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/icmbio/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/ultimas-noticias/instituto-chico-mendes-lanca-plano-para-conciliar-mineracao-e-preservacao-ambiental>

⁴⁸¹³ MMA promove encontro para apresentar sistemas de monitoramento do desmatamento na Amazônia, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 29 July 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 14 August 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/mma-promove-encontro-para-apresentar-sistemas-de-monitoramento-do-desmatamento-na-amazonia>

⁴⁸¹⁴ MMA realiza primeira reunião da comissão brasileira responsável pelas reservas da biosfera, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 25 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/mma-realiza-primeira-reuniao-da-comissao-brasileira-responsavel-pelas-reservas-da-biosfera>

On 9 September 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change signed two agreements with the Cerrado das Águas Consortium and the Ecological Research Institute to further the sustainable management of rural landscapes.⁴⁸¹⁵ The plans include a focus on biodiversity gains and environmental improvement, advancing KM-GBF Goal A.

On 9 September 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change announced a joint investment with the UNDP and Green Climate Fund of BRL1.5 million to the Floresta+ Amazon Project.⁴⁸¹⁶ The project financially supports the forest conservation efforts of small-scale farmers in line with KM-GBF Goal B.

On 10 September 2025, the National Commission to Combat Desertification instituted the Brazilian Action Plan to Combat Desertification and Mitigate the Effects of Drought.⁴⁸¹⁷ The plan contributes to ecosystem and habitat protection under KM-GBF Goal A.

On 15 September 2025, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the National Institute for Space Research launched the Deter Não Floresta initiative to monitor the entirety of the Amazon biome for deforestation.⁴⁸¹⁸ The collaborative effort furthers KM-GBF Goal D.

On 16 September 2025, the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBio), under the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, launched the “Natureza com as Pessoas” program through Portaria ICMBio N° 3.689/2025.⁴⁸¹⁹ The administrative ordinance promotes sustainable tourism in federal conservation units by fostering community-based visitation co-created with traditional and Indigenous communities.

On 17 September 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change unveiled the Environmental Monitoring Project for Mercury Exposure in Munduruku Territories.⁴⁸²⁰ The project aims to measure and counter mercury contamination from illegal mining in line with KM-GBF Goal A.

On 23 September 2025, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva pledged USD1 billion as Brazil’s initial contribution to the Tropical Forests Forever Facility, a South-South initiative designed to mobilize long-term, results-based finance for tropical forest conservation and restoration during the UN General Assembly in New York.⁴⁸²¹ This

⁴⁸¹⁵ MMA assina protocolos de intenções para impulsionar gestão ambiental de áreas rurais, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 15 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/mma-assina-protocolos-de-intencoes-para-impulsionar-gestao-ambiental-de-areas-rurais>

⁴⁸¹⁶ UNDP and Government of Brazil expand forest conservation in the Amazon with support from the Green Climate Fund, UNDP (Manaus) 26 September 2025. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://climatepromise.undp.org/news-and-stories/undp-and-government-brazil-expand-forest-conservation-amazon-support-green-climate>

⁴⁸¹⁷ Plano de Ação Brasileiro de Combate à Desertificação é aprovado por unanimidade, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 11 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 October 2025.

⁴⁸¹⁸ MMA e Inpe lançam sistema Deter Não Floresta para monitoramento diário de todo o bioma Amazônia, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 15 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/mma-e-inpe-lancam-sistema-deter-nao-floresta-para-monitoramento-diario-de-todo-o-bioma-amazonia>

⁴⁸¹⁹ Governo institui programa para fortalecer turismo sustentável em Unidades de Conservação, Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis (Brasília) 16 September 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/secom/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2025/09/governo-institui-programa-para-fortalecer-turismo-sustentavel-em-unidades-de-conservacao>

⁴⁸²⁰ MMA apresenta projeto de monitoramento da exposição ao mercúrio para Terra Indígena Munduruku, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Caroçal Cururu) 26 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/mma-apresenta-projeto-de-monitoramento-da-exposicao-ao-mercuro-para-terra-indigena-munduruku>

⁴⁸²¹ Exclusive: B’azil’s Lula announces \$1 billion investment in global forest fund, Reuters (Brasília) 23 September 2025. Access Date: 7 October 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/cop/brazil-invest-1-billion-global-forest-fund-sources-say-2025-09-23/>

financial commitment positions Brazil as the first investor in the fund and demonstrates its leadership under KM-GBF Goal D.

On 26 September 2025, the Ministry of Agrarian Development launched the National Productive Forests Program to restore degraded lands through agroforestry systems that integrate crops, livestock, and native trees while strengthening rural livelihoods.⁴⁸²² The federal program secured BRL200 million in funding and aims to restore 30,000 hectares by 2030.

On 2 October 2024, President Lula created the National Strategy for the Ocean Without Plastic for 2025-2030.⁴⁸²³ The initiative seeks to protect marine biodiversity in line with KM-GBF Goal A.

On 4 October 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change concluded its participation in the second international exchange on National Strategies and Action Plans for Biodiversity.⁴⁸²⁴ Representatives discussed biodiversity hotspots and the sharing of genetic resources in accordance with KM-GBF Goal A and Goal C.

On 16 October 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Farming and National Bank for Economic and Social Development announced the beneficiaries of BRL126 million in funding for Amazon recovery efforts as part of the Restaura Amazônia program.⁴⁸²⁵ These land restoration efforts support KM-GBF Goal A.

On 17 October 2025, Extraordinary Secretary for Deforestation Control and Territorial Environmental Planning André Lima convened a workshop of state environmental departments to coordinate strategies on deforestation.⁴⁸²⁶ This workshop contributes to forest protection efforts under KM-GBF Goal A.

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Between May and June 2025, Brazil advanced substantial actions across all four goals: creating new protected areas and restoration plans under Goal A, fostering sustainable value chains and marine conservation programs under Goal B, implementing legal and financial mechanisms to ensure equitable benefit-sharing under Goal C, and mobilizing record domestic and international biodiversity funding under Goal D.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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⁴⁸²² MDA apresenta Programa Nacional de Florestas Produtivas à FAO, Ministério do Desenvolvimento Agrário e Agricultura Familiar (Brasília) 23 September 2025. Translation provided by Analyst. Access Date: 9 October 2025.

⁴⁸²³ Brasil institui estratégia de enfrentamento à poluição plástica no oceano, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 2 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date : 18 October 2025.

<https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/brasil-institui-estrategia-de-enfrentamento-a-poluicao-plastica-no-oceano>

⁴⁸²⁴ Brasil participa de intercâmbio internacional sobre estratégias nacionais de biodiversidade, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Jakarta) 15 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date : 18 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/brasil-participa-de-intercambio-internacional-sobre-estrategias-nacionais-de-biodiversidade>

⁴⁸²⁵ MMA, MDA e BNDES anunciam aporte de R\$ 126 milhões do Fundo Amazônia para restauração de florestas, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 16 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date : 18 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/mma-mda-e-bndes-anunciam-aporte-de-r-126-milhoes-do-fundo-amazonia-para-restauracao-de-florestas>

⁴⁸²⁶ MMA promove workshop com secretarias da Amazônia Legal para alinhar ações contra o desmatamento, Ministério do Meio Ambiente e Mudança do Clima (Brasília) 17 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://www.gov.br/mma/pt-br/noticias/mma-promove-workshop-com-secretarias-da-amazonia-legal-para-alinhar-acoes-contra-o-desmatamento>

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 22 November 2024, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Stephen Guilbeault announced CDN5.7 million in funding to enhance ecological connectivity in eight areas marked for conservation priority.⁴⁸²⁷ This action supports Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 5 December 2024, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada added five new species to the list of at-risk wildlife, bringing the total to 860.⁴⁸²⁸ This increase demonstrates ongoing challenges in preserving at-risk species. However, the initiative advances Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 15 January 2025, Minister Guilbeault announced the designation of new National Wildlife Areas in Nova Scotia's Country Island, Isle Haute and St. Paul Island by the Government of Canada.⁴⁸²⁹ The designations aim to provide protection for at-risk species and bolsters biodiversity conservation efforts. This demonstrates Canada's commitment to halting and reversing biodiversity loss, aligning with Goal A of the KM-GBF.

On 17 February 2025, the government announced a CAD12.2 million funding scheme through the Environmental Damages Fund to support 22 conservation and restoration projects nationwide.⁴⁸³⁰ This investment strengthens nature protection efforts, including habitat restoration and species-at-risk recovery, aligning with Goals A, B and Goal D under the KM-GBF 2050 vision.

On 24 February 2025, Member of Parliament for Northwest Territories Michael McLeod and Minister of Environment and Climate Change for the Government of Northwest Territories Jay Macdonald signed the Canada-Northwest Territories Nature Agreement to address biodiversity loss, support Indigenous conservation efforts and facilitate knowledge-exchange.⁴⁸³¹

On 27 February 2025, the government of Canada announced a CDN23.4 million federal investment to support the Inuit economy and protect northern ecosystems, in partnership with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.⁴⁸³² The funding includes support for the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area and the Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area, enabling sustainable Inuit-led stewardship, economic development, and biodiversity protection across Canada's High Arctic region. This initiative exemplifies national leadership in advancing Indigenous rights, marine conservation, and inclusive biodiversity financing under KM-GBF Goals A, B, and D.

⁴⁸²⁷ Parks Canada contributes nearly \$6 million to support ecological corridors in Canada, Parks Canada (Gatineau) 22 November 2024. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2024/11/parks-canada-contributes-nearly-6-million-to-support-ecological-corridors-in-canada.html>

⁴⁸²⁸ Canada Gazette, Part I, Volume 158, Number 51: Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 21 December 2024. Access Date: 30 March 2025. <https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2024/2024-12-21/html/reg6-eng.html>

⁴⁸²⁹ Government of Canada designates Nova Scotia's Country Island, Isle Haute, and St. Paul Island as Canada's newest National Wildlife Areas, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 15 January 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/01/government-of-canada-designates-nova-scotias-country-island-isle-haute-and-st-paul-island-as-canadas-newest-national-wildlife-areas.html>

⁴⁸³⁰ Canada's Environmental Damages Fund supports 22 vital nature conservation and restoration projects, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 February 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/02/canadas-environmental-damages-fund-supports-22-vital-nature-conservation-and-restoration-projects.html>

⁴⁸³¹ Canada and Northwest Territories sign nature agreement, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Yellowknife) 24 February 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/02/canada-and-northwest-territories-sign-nature-agreement.html>

⁴⁸³² Investing in the Inuit economy and protecting Canada's Northern ecosystems, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 February 2025. Access Date: 12 July 2025. <https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2025/02/27/investing-inuit-economy-and-protecting-canadas-northern-ecosystems>

On 28 February 2025, Minister Guilbeault participated in the resumed session 16th United Nations Biodiversity Conference to advance the implementation of the KM-GBF through engaging with ministers, partners and civil society representatives.⁴⁸³³ Minister Guilbeault committed to working with key partners in advancing biodiversity efforts and global conservation goals through nature-based climate solutions.

On 28 February 2025, Canada's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁴⁸³⁴ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 5 March 2025, the Canadian government along with the First Nations Leadership Council and the British Columbia government established the Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation.⁴⁸³⁵ This agreement aims to advance ecosystem health and biodiversity conservation through a cooperative approach that respects Indigenous rights and stewardship roles. The initiative aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 7 March 2025, Minister Guilbeault announced a Memorandum of Understanding between the governments of Canada and Manitoba to advance nature conservation and support nature agreements that protect at-risk species, reduce biodiversity loss through establishing Protected and Conserved Areas and bolster climate resilience.⁴⁸³⁶ This initiative also includes a CAD2 million commitment in partnerships with Indigenous communities to facilitate knowledge-sharing and the development of a nature agreement. This action demonstrates Canada's commitment to supporting Goal A and D of the KM-GBF.

On 10 March 2025, Minister Guilbeault announced a Canada-Quebec accord devoting CAD100 million by 2027 to conservation activities.⁴⁸³⁷ The action furthers KM-GBF targets by protecting forests, wetlands and other keystone habitats in the province of Quebec.

On 20 March 2025, the government announced new recovery actions to protect five aquatic species at risk in British Columbia, including the endangered North Pacific Right Whale and Southern Resident Killer Whale.⁴⁸³⁸ This initiative enhances habitat protection and species recovery, supporting Goals A, B and D under the KM-GBF 2050 framework.

⁴⁸³³ Minister Guilbeault advances Canadian leadership on nature and biodiversity at home and internationally, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Gatineau) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/02/minister-guilbeault-advances-canadian-leadership-on-nature-and-biodiversity-at-home-and-internationally.html>

⁴⁸³⁴ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁴⁸³⁵ Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation, Government of British Columbia (Vancouver) 5 March 2025. Access Date: 30 March 2025. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/tripartite-framework-agreement-on-nature-conservation>

⁴⁸³⁶ Canada and Manitoba collaborating to advance nature protection and climate adaptation, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Winnipeg) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/03/canada-and-manitoba-collaborating-to-advance-nature-protection-and-climate-adaptation.html>

⁴⁸³⁷ Canada and Quebec sign historic agreement to protect and conserve nature, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Québec) 10 March 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/03/canada-and-quebec-sign-historic-agreement-to-protect-and-conserve-nature.html>

⁴⁸³⁸ The Government of Canada takes action to protect aquatic species at risk in British Columbia, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Vancouver) 5 March 2025. Access Date: 13 May 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2025/03/the-government-of-canada-takes-action-to-protect-aquatic-species-at-risk-in-british-columbia.html>

On 15 May 2025, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada released its updated wildlife species assessments, designating several species with new or confirmed statuses, indicating ongoing efforts to assess and identify at-risk species.⁴⁸³⁹ The action benefits species resilience in line with KM-GBF Goal A.

On 9 July 2025, Parks Canada and Secretary of State for Defense Procurement Stephen Fuhr pledged CAD5.3 million in federal funding to expand ecological corridor projects, nature conservation and Indigenous stewardship across British Columbia.⁴⁸⁴⁰ The initiative strengthens habitat connectivity as a measure of ecosystem restoration under KM-GBF Goal A.

On 15 July 2025, the government approved a contribution of CAD16.9 million to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund, which will be dispersed among 27 tree-planting and local biodiversity projects.⁴⁸⁴¹ The fund contributes to Canada's efforts under KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 21 July 2025, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Julie Dabrusin, signed a partnership with the Our Land for the Future Trust to allocate CAD300 million for an Indigenous-led stewardship and conservation framework covering 380,000 square kilometres of land and inland water.⁴⁸⁴² Representing two per cent of Canadian land and freshwater areas, the program effectively supports KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly.

On 22 July 2025, Minister Dabrusin pledged CAD14.4 million to support environmental literacy projects targeting youth across Canada.⁴⁸⁴³ With a key objective to empower young people to improve biodiversity in local environments, the investment aligns with KM-GBF Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 29 September 2025, President of the Canadian Space Agency Lisa Campbell announced the allocation of CAD5 million to support twenty companies tracking Canadian biodiversity with satellite technology.⁴⁸⁴⁴ The grants encourage scientific and technical collaboration to manage a variety of biodiversity challenges as prescribed by KM-GBF Goal D.

⁴⁸³⁹ COSEWIC wildlife species assessments (detailed version), May 2025, COSEWIC (Gatineau) 15 May 2025. Access Date: 7 July 2025. <https://cosewic.ca/index.php/en/assessment-process/detailed-version-may-2025.html>

⁴⁸⁴⁰ Parks Canada and British Columbia invest more than \$8 M to improve ecological connectivity, Parks Canada (Kelowna) 9 July 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/parks-canada/news/2025/07/parks-canada-and-british-columbia-invest-more-than-8-m-to-improve-ecological-connectivity.html>

⁴⁸⁴¹ Backgrounder: Government of Canada and FCM Invest \$16.9 million to Grow Greener Communities and Enhance Wellbeing with Tree Planting Projects, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Ottawa) 15 July 2025. Access Date: 27 August 2025. <https://fcm.ca/en/news-media/news-release/government-canada-fcm-invest-169-million-grow-greener-communities-enhance-wellbeing-tree-planting-projects/backgrounder>

⁴⁸⁴² Canada signs \$300 million grant to launch one of the world's largest Indigenous-led land conservation projects, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Yellowknife) 21 July 2025. Access Date: 27 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/07/canada-signs-300-million-grant-to-launch-one-of-the-worlds-largest-indigenous-led-land-conservation-projects.html>

⁴⁸⁴³ The Government of Canada invests over \$14.4 million to empower young Canadians to address climate change and support a healthy environment, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Vancouver) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 27 August 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2025/07/the-government-of-canada-invests-over-144-million-to-empower-young-canadians-to-address-climate-change-and-support-a-healthy-environment.html>

⁴⁸⁴⁴ smartEarth: Using satellite data to preserve C'nada's natural heritage, Canadian Space Agency (Longueuil) 29 September 2025. Access Date: 20 October 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/space-agency/news/2025/09/smartearth-using-satellite-data-to-preserve-canadas-natural-heritage.html>

On 9 October 2025, the Council of the Canada-Chile Commission for Environmental Cooperation met for their 23rd session.⁴⁸⁴⁵ Here the council discussed cooperation in several areas including biodiversity conservation in line with KM-GBF goal A.

On 13 October 2025, Minister of Foreign Affairs Anita Anand and India's Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar issued a joint statement outlining plans to improve bilateral cooperation.⁴⁸⁴⁶ They pledged to, among other things, address biodiversity loss contributing to KM-GBF goal A and D.

On 17 October 2025, Minister of Fisheries Joanne Thompson joined President of the Haida Nation Gaagwiis Jason Alsop to recognize the Gaw Káahlíi and Xaana Kaahlíi Marine Refuges as protected areas.⁴⁸⁴⁷ The expansion of protected areas contributes to KM-GBF goal A.

On 31 October 2025, G7 members under Canada's 2025 G7 Presidency announced the G7 Water Coalition Workplan.⁴⁸⁴⁸ The Workplan covers a 3-year period between 2025 to 2028, advancing intergovernmental action and supporting technical exchange to support international water efforts. It identifies areas to expand integrated approaches that acknowledge the interconnections between water and ecosystems. Further, it discusses best practice principles and barriers to biodiversity conversation including "conserving, protecting, restoring, and building resilience" for ecosystems. This initiative aligns with Goal A and D.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Canada has initiated several policies and agreements aimed at halting biodiversity loss, preserving at-risk species, expanding protected areas, and restoring degraded ecosystems. However, it has not taken action that align with Goal C of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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China: 0

China has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 15 December 2024, China hosted the third China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Blue Economy Development Cooperation, a three-day conference that facilitated normalized cooperation mechanisms between China and 17 Indian Ocean region countries, improving their remote sensing technology, maritime monitoring implementation and research focus.⁴⁸⁴⁹ This international collaboration strengthens biodiversity protection and disaster reduction regarding the sea. The initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

⁴⁸⁴⁵ Joint Public Declaration—Canada-Chile Commission for Environmental Cooperation—Twenty-Third Council Session, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Ottawa) 9 October 2025. Access Date: 28 October 2025.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/corporate/international-affairs/partnerships-countries-regions/latin-america-caribbean/canada-chile-environmental-agreement/commission/council-documents/joint-public-declaration-canada-chile-commission-environmental-cooperation-latest-council-session.html>

⁴⁸⁴⁶ Canada-India Joint Statement: Renewing momentum towards a stronger partnership (New Delhi) 13 October 2025. Access Date: 28 October 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/10/canada-india-joint-statement-renewing-momentum-towards-a-stronger-partnership.html>

⁴⁸⁴⁷ Two New Marine Refuges Protect Marine Biodiversity in Haida Gwaii, B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Haida Gwaii) 17 October 2025. Access Date: 20 October 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2025/10/two-new-marine-refuges-protect-marine-biodiversity-in-haida-gwaii-bc.html>

⁴⁸⁴⁸ G7 Water Coalition Workplan, G7 (Kananaskis) 31 October 2025. Access Date: 12 November 2025. <https://g7.canada.ca/en/news-and-media/news/g7-water-coalition-workplan>

⁴⁸⁴⁹ China-Indian Ocean forum held, launching joint project, training center, Global Times (Kunming) 16 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202412/1325180.shtml>

On 19 February 2025, the Ministry of Finance published a framework for sovereign green bonds, presenting opportunities for global capital to support its green development.⁴⁸⁵⁰ This framework is intended to support climate change mitigation, pollution control and biodiversity preservation.

On 28 February 2025, China's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁴⁸⁵¹ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 28 February 2025, China finalised a multilateral initiative led by the BRICS countries to earmark USD200 billion in annual funding for nature protection.⁴⁸⁵² The funding aims to preserve biodiversity and natural environments in light of climate change.

On 27 March 2025, China and France signed a joint agreement on addressing issues related to climate change.⁴⁸⁵³ Key areas of cooperation include biodiversity, ecosystem protection and legal enforcement.

On 28 March 2025, representatives from the Ministry of Science and Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, National Science and Technology Infrastructure Center and Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research participated in the Trans-Himalaya Earth Science International Cooperation Forum to discuss joint biodiversity efforts.⁴⁸⁵⁴

On 25 April 2025, the China Coast Guard began a campaign with various targeted inspections regarding marine industries to address critical environmental issues.⁴⁸⁵⁵ This campaign tightens restrictions on activities such as shoreline modifications, offshore oil exploration, and undersea pipeline construction, demonstrating China's conservation efforts to marine ecosystems in compliance with KM-GBF Goal B.

On 27 April 2025, China released a draft of its environmental code with provisions on ecological protection, filling gaps in legislation and facilitating the enforcement of and compliance to ecological conservation efforts.⁴⁸⁵⁶ The draft contains provisions on safeguarding ecosystems and enhancing conservation efforts in a variety of ecosystems, while advancing ecosystem protection and restoration efforts.

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⁴⁸⁵⁰ China releases framework for sovereign green bonds, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 20 February 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202502/21/content_WS67b7b7e4c6d0868f4e8efd8e.html

⁴⁸⁵¹ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁴⁸⁵² Nations agree plan to finance nature protection, at second attempt, Reuters (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/nations-agree-plan-finance-nature-protection-second-attempt-2025-02-28/>

⁴⁸⁵³ Joint statement between the people's republic of China and the French Republic on climate change on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Paris agreement, France Diplomacy (Paris) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/china/news/2025/article/joint-statement-between-the-people-s-republic-of-china-and-the-french-republic>

⁴⁸⁵⁴ Xinhua Headlines: China fuels global innovation through sci-tech cooperation, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 29 March 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250329/26fabfa6adb4447381cee04cc32cfd2f/c.html>

⁴⁸⁵⁵ China cracks down on marine pollution, ecological damage, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202504/24/content_WS6809d614c6d0868f4e8f2094.html

⁴⁸⁵⁶ Xinhua Headlines: China unveils draft of its first-ever environmental code, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 27 April 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250427/459eeb7e39714e22be203d22d9bb7086/c.html>

⁴⁸⁵⁷ China rolls out new regulations on eco-environmental protection inspections, Xinhua News Agency (Beijing) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250512/a925ccb3ca9949bf9b122bd62c1f192a/c.html>

On 21 May 2025, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment joint with other departments announced China's two-year action plan to improve the quality of their aquatic ecosystems, including rivers and lakes.⁴⁸⁵⁸ Outlining 19 specific measures and including 2,573 water bodies, this plan aims to maintain and restore biodiversity in waters, ensure the presence of native species and control pollution. This announcement promises progress in KM-GBF Goal A by protecting ecosystems, habitats and species.

On 22 May 2025, China launched the first digital platform containing tropical biodiversity data in partnership with the Xishuangbanna ecology and environment bureau.⁴⁸⁵⁹ This initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 23 May 2025, Minister of Science and Technology Yin Hejun struck an agreement with Croatian officials to boost bilateral collaboration on knowledge and technology for biodiversity conservation and green development.⁴⁸⁶⁰ As a measure of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation between China and Croatia, the action supports KM-GBF Goal D.

On 26 May 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs co-chaired the China-Japan Fishery Cooperation Dialogue in Shanghai, where the two countries shared achievements in promoting green aquaculture, reducing illegal fishing and conserving aquatic resources.⁴⁸⁶¹ This international meeting demonstrates China's efforts in achieving KM-GBF Goal C.

On 9 June 2025, the Chinese vice president attended the third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), presenting proposals for sustainable ocean governance, expressing commitment to sustainable development and providing training opportunities for increasing maritime sustainable development to developing countries.⁴⁸⁶² The focus on developing countries demonstrates moderate action toward KM-GBF Goal C.

On 13 June 2025, the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and the National Religious Affairs Administration published guidelines on the re-introduction of wildlife into natural ecosystems.⁴⁸⁶³ The action seeks to preserve species diversity by limiting biological invasions and disease transmission.

On 17 June 2025, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment renewed China's commitment to environmental cooperation with the EU in Brussels during the 10th environment policy ministerial dialogue.⁴⁸⁶⁴ This dialogue centred around implementing the KM-GBF, creating discourse for international plastic pollution agreement, environmental pollution control, and multilateral environmental governance. This diplomatic action demonstrates China's efforts towards Goals A and D as it intends to halt global biodiversity loss and preserve land and water areas through international cooperation.

⁴⁸⁵⁸ China releases plan to protect rivers, lakes, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202506/17/content_WS6851316cc6d0868f4e8f3696.html

⁴⁸⁵⁹ China launches first digital platform for tropical biodiversity, Xinhua News Agency (Kunming) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250522/43a5e7f3288844ddb11586b5a2825ff9/c.html>

⁴⁸⁶⁰ Croatia, China agree on joint development of green technologies, Xinhua News Agency (Zagreb) 23 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250524/cfda3ce93e384f2ebbfcece10ab28b01/c.html>

⁴⁸⁶¹ China-Japan Fishery Cooperation Dialogue Held in Shanghai, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (Beijing) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. https://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202505/t20250530_301505.html

⁴⁸⁶² Chinese VP lays out proposals on sustainable ocean governance at UN conference, Global Times (Beijing) 10 June 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. https://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202505/t20250530_301505.html

⁴⁸⁶³ Guideline to monitor animal release, China Daily (Beijing) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 14 July 2025.

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⁴⁸⁶⁴ China and EU agree to deepen environmental cooperation at ministerial dialogue, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 17 June 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025.

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On 4 July 2025, the first batch of Chinese national parks completed their registration of natural resources, a new system introduced by the Ministry of Natural Resources to clarify ownership, management responsibilities and ecological boundaries of these parks to better protect and supervise natural resources.⁴⁸⁶⁵ This milestone serves Goal A as it helps maintain ecosystems and informs efforts to increase the abundance of natural resources.

On 5 July 2025, China launched “Eco Forum Global Guiyang 2025,” an international forum focused on ecological civilization.⁴⁸⁶⁶ This event gathered many leaders in many countries to discuss topics on sustainable development, climate change, biodiversity conservation and environmental governance, exemplifying Goal D as countries share their findings and successes in protecting the environment.

On 4 September 2025, 17 government bodies in China, including the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, issued a bird-protection initiative that entails a three-year campaign of enhancing habitat conservation, combating illegal hunting and promoting public awareness.⁴⁸⁶⁷ This new plan will introduce policies that reduce human impact on wildlife, strengthening China’s compliance to KM-GBF goal B.

On 10 September 2025, the State Council approved the Ministry of Natural Resources’ request to establish a national-level nature reserve at Huangyan Dao, taking an important step to safeguarding the biodiversity, stability and sustainability of the island's natural ecosystem.⁴⁸⁶⁸ This new land management measure demonstrates China’s effort towards KM-GBF goal A.

On 28 September 2025, the government participated in the 26th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Japan, Korea and China, during which the Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2026-2030) was adopted.⁴⁸⁶⁹ The cooperative agreement’s inclusion of biodiversity as a priority area furthers KM-GBF goal A.

China has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. China has taken strong action under Goal A – Protect and Restore, such as through its comprehensive aquatic ecosystem protections, but the prominence of dialogues and expressions of verbal support in lieu of concrete actions and financial contributions in the other three goal areas represents only moderate commitment.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 20 November 2024, the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the General Secretariat for Investment pledged EUR18 million in financing for eight winning projects supporting transitions toward more

⁴⁸⁶⁵ China releases mandate on natural assets at national parks, Asia News Network (Beijing) 13 August 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://asianews.network/china-releases-mandate-on-natural-assets-at-national-parks/>

⁴⁸⁶⁶ Global eco forum in 'hina's Guiyang highlights green transformation, The State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 6 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202507/06/content_WS6869ebb6c6d0868f4e8f3e1f.html

⁴⁸⁶⁷ China to launch three-year campaign to strengthen bird protection, The State Council of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 4 September 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202509/04/content_WS68ba505ec6d0868f4e8f55bc.html

⁴⁸⁶⁸ China’s State Council approves establishment of national-level nature reserve at Huangyan Dao, Global Times (Beijing) 10 September 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202509/1343157.shtml>

⁴⁸⁶⁹ Outcome of the 26th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Japan, Korea and China, Ministry of the Environment (Yantai) 29 September 2025. Access Date: 19 October 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press_00006.html

resilient, sustainable and inclusive cities as part of the “Sustainable City and Innovative buildings” research program.⁴⁸⁷⁰ The funding aligns with the KM-GBF targets by responding to biodiversity preservation, specifically Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 3 December 2024, the French Development Agency pledged EUR1.35 million to sustainable water management in Kazakhstan’s Lake Balkhash.⁴⁸⁷¹ The funding seeks to promote water and ecosystem preservation beyond France’s borders. The initiative aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 8 January 2025, the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), a joint initiative of l’Agence Française de Développement, announced its partnership with Conservation International to implement the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program.⁴⁸⁷² The CEPF serves to empower civil society organisations to better conserve global biodiversity hotspots. The initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 14 January 2025, Prime Minister François Bayrou delivered his general policy statement to the National Assembly, calling for the continuation and expansion of efforts to address environmental challenges.⁴⁸⁷³ Key pledges included the organisation of a national conference on water, in line with KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity including Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 23 January 2025, Minister of Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forests, the Sea and Fisheries Agnès Pannier-Runacher and Secretary General for Investment Bruno Bonnell announced the 26 winning projects of the France 2030 “Innov Eau” initiative.⁴⁸⁷⁴ A total of EUR25.2 million will be given to the selected projects in improving recourse quality and water-use efficiency. The initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 13 February 2025, various French ministries launched the CONRIMER Low Carbon Ships initiative aiming to decarbonize maritime transport by encouraging innovative solutions and developing new components and equipment.⁴⁸⁷⁵ It represents the government’s commitment to reducing maritime emissions and pollution, which will contribute to the protection and sustainable development of marine ecosystems.

⁴⁸⁷⁰ France 2030 : 8 premiers lauréats du programme de recherche « Ville Durable et Bâtiments Innovants » pour accompagner les transitions vers des villes plus résilientes, sobres et inclusives, Gouvernement français (Paris) 20 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/france-2030-8-premiers-laureats-du-programme-de-recherche-ville-durable-et-batiments-innovants-pour-accompagner-les-transitions-vers-des-villes-plus-resilientes-sobres-et-inclusives>

⁴⁸⁷¹ The French Development Agency announces its support to the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the sustainable management of the lake Balkhash, Agence française de développement (Paris) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communiqu-de-presse/french-development-agency-announces-its-support-ministry-water-resources-and-irrigation-republic-kazakhstan-sustainable-management-lake-balkhash>

⁴⁸⁷² CEPF to Collaborate With Conservation International for GEF Small Grants Program, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (Arlington) 8 January 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.cepf.net/stories/cepf-collaborate-conservation-international-gef-small-grants-program>

⁴⁸⁷³ Ce qu’il faut retenir de la déclaration de politique générale de François Bayrou, Gouvernement français (Paris) 14 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/ce-quil-faut-retenir-de-la-declaration-de-politique-generale-de-francois-bayrou>

⁴⁸⁷⁴ France 2030 : Annonce des lauréats des deux premières vagues de l’appel à projets « Innov Eau », Gouvernement français (Paris) 23 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/france-2030-annonce-des-laureats-des-deux-premieres-vagues-de-lappel-a-projets-innov-eau>

⁴⁸⁷⁵ France 2030 : Un nouvel appel à projets à venir pour soutenir des innovations dans la décarbonation de transport maritime, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 13 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/france-2030-un-nouvel-appel-a-projets-a-venir-pour-soutenir-des-innovations-dans-la-decarbonation-du-transport-maritime>

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On 3 March 2025, the government announced a series of initiatives, aimed at strengthening food independence and accelerating the environmental transition.⁴⁸⁷⁷ Key actions included developing agreements and a collective approach to improving the nutritional quality and sustainability of food products, creating public-private funds to support the modernization and ecological transition of the agri-food sector, and developing bio-sourced materials.

On 27 March 2025, France and China signed a joint agreement on addressing issues related to climate change.⁴⁸⁷⁸ Key areas of cooperation include biodiversity, ecosystem protection and legal enforcement.

On 28 April 2025, the French Office for Biodiversity launched the third edition of the “Mission Nature” scratch card game, aimed at preserving biodiversity and raising public awareness.⁴⁸⁷⁹ It supports 21 new projects throughout France in favor of the restoration of degraded ecosystems, preservation of endangered species and the elimination of exotic plants.

On 7 May 2025, Prime Minister Bayrou and the Minister Pannier-Runacher launched the “Water in our Territories” conferences.⁴⁸⁸⁰ These conferences aim to address climate adaptation challenges, through territorial dialogue on water cycle, its impacts and improving water management strategies. It reflects government’s commitment on sustainable water management and its response to current ecological pressures.

On 23 May 2025, the government launched the “Acting to Restore Nature” national plan, inviting citizens to engage in discourses related to biodiversity loss and ecosystem restoration.⁴⁸⁸¹ Initiatives included a preliminary consultation with guarantors and the 19th edition of the nature festival. This action contributes to KM-GBF biodiversity goal by promoting public engagement and raising awareness on ecological current ecological challenges.

On 26 May 2025, Prime Minister Bayrou held an interministerial committee meeting on the sea.⁴⁸⁸² Key discussions included addressing illegal fishing, plastic pollution, decarbonization and developing renewable

⁴⁸⁷⁶ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁴⁸⁷⁷ SIA: 2025: le Gouvernement annonce de nouvelles mesures, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 3 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/sia-2025-le-gouvernement-annonce-de-nouvelles-mesures>

⁴⁸⁷⁸ Joint statement between the people’s republic of China and the French Republic on climate change on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Paris agreement, France Diplomacy (Paris) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/country-files/china/news/2025/article/joint-statement-between-the-people-s-republic-of-china-and-the-french-republic>

⁴⁸⁷⁹ Mission nature 2025: le jeu de grattage en faveur de la biodiversité, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 28 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 May 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/mission-nature-2025-le-jeu-de-grattage-en-faveur-de-la-biodiversite>

⁴⁸⁸⁰ Lancement des conférences territoriales sur l’eau, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 7 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 June 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/communiquelancement-des-conferences-territoriales-sur-leau>

⁴⁸⁸¹ Restauration de la nature : comment vous pouvez agir, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 23 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/restauration-de-la-nature-comment-vous-pouvez-agir>

⁴⁸⁸² Décarbonation, lutte contre la pêche illégale et les pollumns... Un plan pour garantir notre souveraineté maritime, Gouvernement Français (Saint Nazaire) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/decarbonation-lutte-contre-la-peche-illegale-et-les-pollutions-un-plan-pour-garantir-notre-souverainete-maritime>

marine energy. This action underscores the government's approach to protecting marine ecosystem while strengthening scientific cooperation.

On 28 May 2025, President Emmanuel Macron met with the President of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto where the leaders welcomed the commencement of the UN Convention on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction.⁴⁸⁸³

On 5 June 2025, various ministries signed a national strategy to fight against fires in forest, vegetation, and other non-wood areas.⁴⁸⁸⁴ The strategy is built on four guiding principles: focusing on international cooperation, continuous scientific development, enhancing national capacity for fire anticipation and resilience to the impacts of climate change. It highlights France's continuous commitment to biodiversity protection and its call to scientific advancement through collaboration across different regions and territories.

On 9 June 2025, France and Costa Rica co-hosted the Third United Nations Ocean Conference, in support of Sustainable Development Goal 14, which focuses on the conservation and sustainable use of marine resources.⁴⁸⁸⁵ Key topics included ocean protection, financial investments in building a strong maritime economy and support for scientific research to enhance policy-making capacity. This action aligns with KM-GBF Goals B and D by advancing marine management and promoting long-term sustainable development.

On 10 June 2025, the Interministerial Delegation for Mediterranean coordinated the Mediterranean Day at the Centre universitaire méditerranéen, along with high-level private and public stakeholders.⁴⁸⁸⁶ The event aimed to foster discussion on marine conservation and to promote practical, concrete solutions for building a sustainable, inclusive blue economy in the Mediterranean region. This action is in line with KM-GBF Goals B and D through developing sustainable strategies focusing on biodiversity protection and pollution reduction through international collaboration.

On 19 June 2025, various ministries announced eleven new winners of the call for projects "Support for the development of an innovative, circular, and lower environmental impact digital economy (ECONUM)," alongside the launch of a research program on sustainable digital technologies.⁴⁸⁸⁷ These initiatives promote sustainable digital technologies to address challenges beyond the technical and material dimensions. They align with KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity by fostering scientific collaboration on sustainable development and supporting innovative projects.

⁴⁸⁸³ Joint statement between the President of the Republic of Indonesia h.e. Prabowo Subianto and the President of the french Republic h.e. Emmanuel Macron on the state visit by h.e. Emmanuel Macron to Indonesia Politics, Boutique officielle de l'Élysée de la Présidence de la République (Paris) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2025/05/28/joint-statement-between-the-president-of-the-republic-of-indonesia-h-e-prabowo-subianto-and-the-president-of-the-french-republic-h-e-emmanuel-macron-on-the-state-visit-by-h-e-emmanuel-macron-to-indonesia-politics>

⁴⁸⁸⁴ Stratégie nationale de défense des forêts et des surfaces non boisées contre les incendies, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 5 June 2025. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 June 2025. <https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/actualites/communiqués-de-presse/strategie-nationale-de-defense-des-forets-et-des-surfaces-non-boisees-contre-incendies>

⁴⁸⁸⁵ Third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) (Nice, 9-13 2025), Permanent Mission of France (Paris) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 29 June 2025. <https://onu.delegfrance.org/third-un-ocean-conference-unoc3-nice-9-13-june-2025>

⁴⁸⁸⁶ Mediterranean day (Nice, 8-10 June 2025), French Diplomacy (Paris) 8 June 2025. Access Date: 7 June 2025. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/france-foreign-policy/climate-and-environment/protecting-the-environment-and-combating-pollution/third-un-ocean-conference-unoc3-nice-9-13-june-2025-65853/article/mediterranean-day-nice-8-10-june-2025>

⁴⁸⁸⁷ France 2030 : 11 nouveaux lauréats de l'appel à projets ECONUM pour un numérique plus écoresponsable et lancement du programme de recherche « Numérique Écoresponsable », Gouvernement Français (Paris) 19 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 June 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/france-2030-11-nouveaux-laureats-de-lappel-a-projets-econum-pour-un-numerique-plus-ecoresponsable-et-lancement-du-programme-de-recherche-numerique-ecoresponsable>

On 24 June 2025, various ministries launched the second Green Engineering Roadmap 2030.⁴⁸⁸⁸ This initiative aims for laying a foundation for a forthcoming public policy that promotes biodiversity in mainland France and overseas territories. It outlines concrete measures to encourage investment, foster innovation and to integrate ecological engineering into territorial planning and public procurement. It meets KM-GBF Goal B by implementing policies focused on sustainable biodiversity conservation.

On 1 July 2025, Minister of Transport Philippe Tabarot and Minister of Labour and Employment Astrid Panosyan-Bouvet presented a national report focused on fighting social dumping in the maritime sector.⁴⁸⁸⁹ This initiative contributes to KM-GBF Goals A and D by reinforcing regulatory tools to reduce environmentally harmful activities, while enhancing institutional cooperation.

On 11 July 2025, Minister Delegate for Francophonie and International Partnerships Thani Mohamed-Soilihi, Ambassador for the Environment Barbara Pompili and Deputy CEO of the French Development Agency Bertrand Walckenaer met with Director General of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Grethel Aguilar to solidify a new partnership between France and the IUCN for the 2026-2029 period.⁴⁸⁹⁰ The agreement facilitates French contributions to various international conservation regimes and institutions, in line with KM-GBF Goal D.

On 11 July 2025, the Ministry of Environment and the French Treasury pledged EUR580,000 to the International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits, which aims to mobilise global climate financing.⁴⁸⁹¹ The commitment contributes to KM-GBF Goal D.

On 17 July 2025, Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Annie Genevard met with stakeholders in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region to promote measures in favour of food sovereignty and climate action in the agricultural sector.⁴⁸⁹² This action contributes to KM-GBF Goals A, C and D by promoting climate-resilient practices, supporting agricultural systems integral to local ecosystems and closely cooperating with local stakeholders.

On 23 July 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty raised awareness on the presence of the Japanese beetle, while emphasizing its threat to plants and potential economic impacts.⁴⁸⁹³ Key measures include establishing a quarantine zone, using traps to detect the beetle's presence and demarcating the infested area with increased surveillance. This action aligns with KM-GBF Goals A and D by taking pest-control measures and collaborating with authorities in deploying alert systems that reflect governance over biodiversity-harmful factors.

⁴⁸⁸⁸ Feuille de route ingénierie et génie écologiques horizon 2030, Ministère de la Transition Écologique, de la biodiversité, de la Forêt, de la Mer et de la Pêche, et ministère de L'aménagement, du Territoire et de la Décentralisation (Paris) 24 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date : July 6 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/politiques-publiques/feuille-route-ingenierie-genie-ecologiques-horizon-2030>

⁴⁸⁸⁹ Lutte contre le dumping social aritime : le Gouvernement renforce les contrôles, ministère de L'aménagement du Territoire et de la décentralisation (Paris) 4 July 2025. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 August 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/808apase/lutte-contre-dumping-social-maritime-gouvernement-renforce-controles>

⁴⁸⁹⁰ Environment – France and the IUCN celebrate 20 years of partnership by signing a new framework agreement, France Diplomacy (Paris) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/808apan808n/french-foreign-policy/climate-and-environment/news/2025/article/environment-france-and-the-iucn-celebrate-20-years-of-partnership-by-signing-a>

⁴⁸⁹¹ UK and France pledge joint funding for international biodiversity, UK Government (London) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-france-pledge-joint-funding-for-international-biodiversity>

⁴⁸⁹² Annie Genevard fait des annonces en faveur de la souveraineté alimentaire et de l'adaption au changement climatique en Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, ministère de l'agriculture et de la souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 18 July 2025. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date : 20 August 2025. <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/annie-genevard-fait-des-annonces-en-faveur-de-la-souverainete-alimentaire-et-de-ladaptation-au>

⁴⁸⁹³ Le scarabée japonais, une menace pour les plantes, ministère de l'agriculture et de la souveraineté alimentaire (Paris) 23 July 2025. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-scarabee-japonais-une-menace-pour-les-plantes>

On 24 July 2025, the Ministry of Regional Planning and Decentralization released an action plan aimed at preserving forest soils.⁴⁸⁹⁴ The plan seeks to maintain the chemical fertility and the integrity of forest soils, restore the carbon sink and preserve the biodiversity and its role in the water cycle, as a response to climate change and current challenges to biodiversity and forest ecosystems. This action aligns with KM-GBF Goals A and D by establishing actionable plans for ecosystem restoration, which involve the participation of multiple stakeholders.

On 29 July 2025, Minister Pannier-Runacher visited the Beauval Nature Care Centre to discuss strategies for raising public awareness of species and ecosystem conservation.⁴⁸⁹⁵ This action aligns with KM-GBF biodiversity Goal B by fostering public engagement and promoting an understanding of biodiversity issues through the development of plans with local educational institutions.

On 30 July 2025, the Ministry of Ecology, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, launched an action plan on PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances), allowing public access to information regarding the impacts of these chemicals on ecosystems and human health.⁴⁸⁹⁶ This action contributes to KM-GBF Goal B by raising awareness and promoting the public's understanding of issues related to biodiversity.

On 25 August 2025, the French Office of Biodiversity released ten captive-bred European minks into the wild as part of the National Action Plan for endangered mink population in France.⁴⁸⁹⁷ This action contributes to the conservation of endangered species by establishing a scientific program for European mink breeding, aligning with KM-GBF goal B.

On 3 September 2025, various ministries announced forty new winners for France 2030, with a total state funding of EUR120 million allocated to selected training programs.⁴⁸⁹⁸ This initiative aims at upskilling individuals who seek trainings in ecological and digital sector, as well as strengthening the adaptability of the training programs for future career needs, aligning with KM-GBF Goal D by financially supporting the development of ecological training programs.

On 5 September 2025, Minister Pannier-Runacher launched a project dedicated to establishing a dolphin shelter and protection centre in response to the closure of Marineland dolphinariums and other similar establishments across Europe.⁴⁸⁹⁹ This initiative contributes to KM-GBF goals C and D by accommodating nearly 65 dolphins through funding allocation and strengthening international cooperation on this matter.

⁴⁸⁹⁴ Sols forestiers: un plan pour préserver leur santé, ministère de L'aménagement du Territoire et de la décentralisation (Paris) 24 July 2025. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025.

<https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/actualites/sols-forestiers-plan-preserver-leur-sante>

⁴⁸⁹⁵ Protection de la faune sauvage : déplacement d'Agnès Pannier-Runacher dans le Loir-et-Cher ce mardi 29 juillet 2025, ministère de L'aménagement du Territoire et de la décentralisation (Paris) 28 July 2025. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/presse/protection-faune-sauvage-deplacement-dagnes-pannier-runacher-loir-cher-ce-mardi-29-juillet>

⁴⁸⁹⁶ PFAS: surveillance de l'état des eaux de la France, ministère de L'aménagement du Territoire et de la décentralisation (Paris) 30 July 2025. Translation Provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/politiques-publiques/pfas-surveillance-letat-eaux-france>

⁴⁸⁹⁷ Une étape clé dans la réintroduction du Vison d'Europe France, République Française et Office Français de la Biodiversité (Paris) 25 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 October 2025.

<https://www.ofb.gouv.fr/actualites/une-etape-cle-dans-la-reintroduction-du-vison-deurope-en-f>

⁴⁸⁹⁸ France 2030, Compétences et Métiers d'Avenir: clôture de la Saison 2 et annonce de 40 nouveaux lauréats, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 3 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 October 2025. <https://www.info.gouv.fr/actualite/france-2030-competences-et-metiers-d-avenir-cloture-de-la-saison-2-et-annonce-de-40-nouveaux-laureats>

⁴⁸⁹⁹ Agnès PANNIER-RUNACHER annonce une avancée majeure pour la protection des dauphins en captivité : vers la création d'un centre d'accueil France, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 5 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 October 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/presse/agnes-pannier-runacher-annonce-avancee-majeure-protection-dauphins-captivite-creation-dun>

On 7 September 2025, Minister Pennier-Runacher allocated EUR500,000 for forest fire protection following the Ribaute fire incident that happened in Corbières.⁴⁹⁰⁰ This action contributes to KM-GBF Goals A and D by implementing special measures in response to natural disasters and financially supporting local stakeholders.

On 23 September 2025, President Macron signed an agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.⁴⁹⁰¹ This action aligns with GM-GBF Goal C by facilitating the ecological transition and the protection of marine biodiversity through international cooperation, while enhancing the accountability of these actions through transnational regulations.

On 25 September 2025, various ministries launched the DOM Water Plan, aiming at improving the quality of drinking water and sanitation services of French overseas communities.⁴⁹⁰² This initiative aligns with KM-GBF Goal A through integrating water and sanitation related policies into regional planning and development strategies.

On 7 October 2025, the first edition of Climate Mariannes initiative announced fifteen winners who committed to an equitable and sustainable ecological transition in all French territories.⁴⁹⁰³ This action contributes to KM-GBF Goal A through promoting sustainable use of natural resources and effective waste management practices.

On 31 October 2025, G7 members under Canada's 2025 G7 Presidency announced the G7 Water Coalition Workplan.⁴⁹⁰⁴ The Workplan covers a 3-year period between 2025 to 2028, advancing intergovernmental action and supporting technical exchange to support international water efforts. It identifies areas to expand integrated approaches that acknowledge the interconnections between water and ecosystems. Further, it discusses best practice principles and barriers to biodiversity conservation including "conserving, protecting, restoring, and building resilience" for ecosystems. This initiative aligns with Goal A and D.

France has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. France has mobilised financing to support strong action in the domain of water preservation and action in biodiversity preservation, aligning with Goal A, Goal B and Goal D of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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⁴⁹⁰⁰ Suites de l'incendie d Ribaute : Agnès PANNIER RUNACHER apporte son soutien aux élus et aux acteurs locaux et mobilise son ministère sur la sécurisation des zones incendiées et la préparation de l'avenir, Gouvernement Français (Paris) 7 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 October 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/presse/suites-lincendie-ribaute-agnes-pannier-runacher-apporte-son-soutien-aux-elus-aux-acteurs>

⁴⁹⁰¹ Entrée en vigueur de l'Accord sur la conservation et l'utilisation durable de la diversité biologique marine des zones ne relevant pas de la juridiction nationale (dit « BBNJ »), Gouvernement Français (Paris) 24 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 October 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/actualites/entree-vigueur-laccord-conservation-utilisation-durable-diversite-biologique-marine-zones>

⁴⁹⁰² Plan Eau DOM: pour une gestion durable de l'eau potable et de l'assainissement dans les outre-mer, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 25 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 October 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/politiques-publiques/plan-eau-dom-gestion-durable-leau-potable-l-assainissement-outre-mer#quest-ce-que-le-plan-eau-dom-pedom-0>

⁴⁹⁰³ Les Mariannes du climat 2025, Ministère de l'Aménagement du territoire, de la Décentralisation et du Logement, Ministère de la Transition écologique, de la Biodiversité, de la Forêt, de la Mer et de la pêche, Ministère des Transports (Paris) 7 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 9 October 2025. <https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/actualites/mariannes-du-climat-2025>

⁴⁹⁰⁴ G7 Water Coalition Workplan, G7 (Kananaskis) 31 October 2025. Access Date: 12 November 2025. <https://g7.canada.ca/en/news-and-media/news/g7-water-coalition-workplan>

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 20 November 2024, the Federal Environment Ministry and the Federal Foreign Office announced a contribution of EUR60 million to the Adaptation Fund, which helps at-risk nations to develop resilient infrastructure and strategies to combat climate change.⁴⁹⁰⁵ The approach aims to combine climate resilience with ecosystem-focused initiatives to prioritize the protection of local biodiversity in the affected nations. This initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 21 November 2024, Federal Environment Minister Steffi Lemke participated in the Nature Day at the UN climate conference in Baku, where she discussed the importance of intertwining climate change and nature conservation goals into a coherent agenda.⁴⁹⁰⁶ Minister Lemke stressed that biodiversity remains an essential first step to pursuing climate adaptation.

On 25 November 2024, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, along with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention and the European Coordinator of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, hosted a workshop on National Wetland Inventories.⁴⁹⁰⁷ The participants discussed strategies for developing wetland inventories and the utility of remote sensing methods to facilitate the mapping and management of these resources. The workshop illustrated the importance of wetland inventories as essential sites of biodiversity and their applications for furthering environmental commitments such as the KM-GBF.

On 28 November 2024, the European Commission adopted increased regulations to protect marine habitats in the Baltic Sea, after joint efforts from the Federal Environment Agency, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Germany's joint efforts with other nations in the Baltic region.⁴⁹⁰⁸ Minister Lemke noted that these regulations, which include the prohibition of trawl fishing in protected areas, would contribute to the preservation of biodiversity and the conservation of endangered habitats and species.

On 29 November 2024, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, concluded an expert meeting discussing the importance of the World Heritage Convention in upholding the KM-GBF.⁴⁹⁰⁹ The participants outlined 19 priority actions for the conservation of biodiversity, including the recommendation that States Parties should integrate the World Heritage Convention into their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, in order to ensure access to biodiversity funding for World Heritage Sites.

⁴⁹⁰⁵ COP29: Germany to invest in global resilience and stability with a contribution to the international Adaptation Fund, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 20 November 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/cop29-germany-to-invest-in-global-resilience-and-stability-with-a-contribution-to-the-international-adaptation-fund>

⁴⁹⁰⁶ Von Cali über Baku nach Busan: Klimakrise untrennbar mit Artenaussterben und Rohstoffverbrauch verknüpft, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 21 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/von-cali-ueber-baku-nach-busan-klimakrise-untrennbar-mit-artenaussterben-und-rohstoffverbrauch-verknuepft>

⁴⁹⁰⁷ Strengthening national wetland inventory efforts in Europe, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (Bonn) 6 December 2024. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/en/latest-news/strengthening-national-wetland-inventory-efforts-europe>

⁴⁹⁰⁸ Besserer Schutz für Meeresschutzgebiete der Ostsee, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 28 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/besserer-schutz-fuer-meeresschutzgebiete-der-ostsee>

⁴⁹⁰⁹ Experts offer guidance on using the World Heritage Convention in support of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, UNESCO World Heritage Convention (Vilm) 24 February 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2748>

On 2 December 2024, the International Climate Initiative announced the successful establishment of spirulina farms in Indonesia through their Seagrass Ecosystem Service Project.⁴⁹¹⁰ The International Climate Initiative was conceived by the Federal Government to support biodiversity projects in developing nations.⁴⁹¹¹ Their work in Indonesia promotes the conservation of seagrass meadows, which act as valuable marine habitats and houses endangered species such as the dugong. This initiative aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 4 December 2024, the Federal Cabinet enacted the National Circular Economy Strategy, with the goal of reducing the extraction of raw materials and shifting Germany's consumption to recyclable products.⁴⁹¹² This plan aims to reduce environmental degradation by working towards a more sustainable form of resource management. This initiative aligns with Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 12 December 2024, Parliamentary State Secretary Bettina Hoffmann, on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, gave a subsidy check of EUR1.5 million towards sustainable climate protection efforts at the Bad Sulza park in Thuringia.⁴⁹¹³ This initiative aims to increase biodiversity by promoting tree and soil health, which increases water retention to combat floods and contributes to the long-term preservation of a diverse ecosystem in the area.

On 18 December 2024, the Federal Cabinet adopted the National Strategy on Biological Diversity 2030, which details 21 fields of action and 64 specific goals relating to environmental conservation.⁴⁹¹⁴ In light of increased environmental challenges caused by global warming and pollution, Minister Lemke stressed the urgent need to protect natural resources and endangered species through ecosystem restoration. The National Biodiversity Strategy 2030 is Germany's key instrument for implementing the KM-GBF on the national level and contributes to all four goals.

On 16 January 2025, the Federal Ministry announced its donation of EUR5 million to an initiative aiming to combat environmental crime, as pioneered by INTERPOL and the World Wildlife Fund.⁴⁹¹⁵ This three-year project targets offences such as illegal mining and wildlife crime, which lead to biodiversity loss and the destruction of natural resources. This initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 18 January 2025, Germany hosted the 17th Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference with ministers from 62 nations to discuss their goals for creating a sustainable bioeconomy, particularly in African nations and Small

⁴⁹¹⁰ Community-led spirulina farms set to boost seagrass and dugong conservation, International Climate Initiative (Berlin) 2 December 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/iki-media/news/community-led-spirulina-farms-set-to-boost-seagrass-and-dugong-conservation/>

⁴⁹¹¹ The Strategy of the International Climate Initiative up to 2030, International Climate Initiative (Berlin) 29 November 2023. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/iki-media/news/the-strategy-of-the-international-climate-initiative-up-to-2030/>

⁴⁹¹² Federal Cabinet adopts National Circular Economy Strategy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 4 December 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/federal-cabinet-adopts-national-circular-economy-strategy>

⁴⁹¹³ Naturnah und klimaresilient: Kurpark Bad Sulza wird zum wertvollen Lebensraum für alle, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 12 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/naturnah-und-klimaresilient-kurpark-bad-sulza-wird-zum-wertvollen-lebensraum-fuer-alle>

⁴⁹¹⁴ Eine Strategie, die unsere natürlichen Lebensgrundlagen schützt, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 18 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/eine-strategie-die-unsere-natuerlichen-lebensgrundlagen-schuetzt>

⁴⁹¹⁵ Federal Environment Ministry, INTERPOL and WWF launch collaboration on environmental crime, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (Berlin) 16 January 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/en/pressrelease/federal-environment-ministry-interpol-and-wwf-launch-collaboration-on-environmental-crime>

Island Developing States.⁴⁹¹⁶ The move aligns with the KM-GBF through using alternative water resources, the reversal of land degradation and the regeneration of ecosystems.

On 23 January 2025, Parliamentary State Secretary Jan-Niclas Gesenhues presented a EUR1 million scheme to support revitalization projects in the Lobach and Eschbach valleys, as part of the Federal Environment Ministry's Federal Action Plan on Nature-based Solutions for Climate and Biodiversity (ANK) program.⁴⁹¹⁷ This initiative intends to promote biodiversity and climate resilience by eliminating non-native plant species, creating new habitats and implementing flood-prevention initiatives.

On 24 January 2025, Minister Lemke presented EUR26 million in funding from the Federal Ministry for the Environment, which will go towards eight projects in Germany's coastal states, falling under the ANK program.⁴⁹¹⁸ These projects aim to restore algae forests, seagrass meadows and other marine ecosystems found in the North and Baltic Seas, thus contributing to the goals of climate protection, habitat restoration and biodiversity.

On 12 February 2025, the Federal Cabinet adopted a General Administrative Regulation on the Protection of Species, which aims to apply uniform nationwide regulations for protecting wild bird species.⁴⁹¹⁹ Given the risks that electric railway lines pose to birds' well-being, this regulation intends to align the goals of railway modernization and animal conservation so that both objectives are made more efficient.

On 27 February 2025, Germany participated in the continuation of the World Conservation Conference (CBD COP 16) in Rome, which succeeded in implementing monitoring mechanisms to facilitate the measurement of biodiversity strategies.⁴⁹²⁰

On 28 February 2025, Germany's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁴⁹²¹ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 5 March 2025, the Federal Ministry for the Environment announced the expansion of its Natural Climate Protection in Municipalities program, in which municipalities may receive subsidies for the implementation and

⁴⁹¹⁶ 17th Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 18 January 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/_International-Affairs/gffa-2025-communique-en.pdf

⁴⁹¹⁷ Neue Lebensräume, mehr Klimaschutz: Aktivierung des Remscheider Eschbach- und Lobachtals, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 23 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/neue-lebensraeume-mehr-klimaschutz-aktivierung-des-remscheider-eschbach-und-lobachtals>

⁴⁹¹⁸ BMUV fördert natürlichen Klimaschutz und Lebensräume an Nord- und Ostseeküste, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 24 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/bmuv-foerdert-natuerlichen-klimaschutz-und-lebensraeume-an-nord-und-ostseekueste>

⁴⁹¹⁹ Einheitlicher Vogelschutz beschleunigt Modernisierung des Schienennetzes in Deutschland, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 12 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/einheitlicher-vogelschutz-beschleunigt-modernisierung-des-schienennetzes-in-deutschland>

⁴⁹²⁰ Erfolgreicher Abschluss der Weltnaturkonferenz, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 28 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/erfolgreicher-abschluss-der-weltnaturkonferenz>

⁴⁹²¹ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

development of green areas in cities, which can represent up to 90 per cent of financing costs.⁴⁹²² The program now includes funding for desalination measures to restore and preserve natural soils, which works towards increased water retention and biodiversity in cities.

On 18 March 2025, the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation announced a EUR10 million funding scheme for a biodiversity project on the East Pomeranian coast, which falls under the wider ANK program.⁴⁹²³ Minister Lemke stated that the project would allow for human activities and natural ecosystems to coexist, as it includes measures to conserve ray populations, restore vital coastal habitats and render the area less vulnerable to extreme climate events.

On 19 March 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation announced the selection of 25 students from different nationalities to participate in a course about international nature conservation and environmental protection, which took place on Vilm Island.⁴⁹²⁴ This initiative aims to promote education and capacity-building that contributes to international biodiversity.

On 21 March 2025, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture published its National Strategy on Genetic Resources for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, which details measures to ensure the sustainable management of agricultural resources that aligns with sustainable development.⁴⁹²⁵ In particular, the strategy aims to comply with the KM-GBF through the preservation of genetic resources in the environment, the funding of research and conservation initiatives, as well as increased regional and international cooperation in matters relating to biodiversity.

On 1 April 2025, Minister Lemke and Minister Özdemir approved the launch of the “toMOORow” initiative in the Brandenburg-Sernitz Moor, with the aim of re-wetting bogs to allow for more sustainable agriculture practices, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the re-establishment of native flora and fauna in the ecosystem.⁴⁹²⁶ The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture provided EUR2 million in funding for this initiative, as it recognizes the role of environmental conservation in ensuring equitable long-term access to genetic resources for rural populations.

On 7 April 2025, Minister Lemke visited a wildcat conservation project in Saxony-Anhalt called “Wildcat Forests of Tomorrow,” in which he announced a EUR6.9 million funding scheme from the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the Federal Ministry for the Environment until 2028.⁴⁹²⁷ This project seeks to protect endangered European wildcat populations in Germany and illustrates the intertwined nature of forest revitalization and species protection to pursue biodiversity goals.

⁴⁹²² Natürlicher Klimaschutz in Kommunen: Neustart und Erweiterung des BMUV-Förderprogramms, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 5 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/natuerlicher-klimaschutz-in-kommunen-neustart-und-erweiterung-des-bmuv-foerderprogramms>

⁴⁹²³ Gemeinsam Mee(h)r Natur wagen, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 18 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/gemeinsam-meehr-natur-wagen>

⁴⁹²⁴ Students completed the “Module on International Nature Conservation”, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (Vilm) 19 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/en/latest-news/students-completed-module-international-nature-conservation>

⁴⁹²⁵ Strengthening Biodiversity – Natural Strategy on Genetic Resources for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Berlin) 21 March 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Publications/national-strategy-genetic-ressources.pdf>

⁴⁹²⁶ Lemke und Özdemir starten Projekt für Moorschutz und Wertschöpfung im Sernitz-Moor, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 1 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/lemke-und-oezdemir-starten-projekt-fuer-moorschutz-und-wertschoepfung-im-sernitz-moor>

⁴⁹²⁷ Klimastabile Wälder für die Wildkatze, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 7 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/klimastabile-waelder-fuer-die-wildkatze>

On 8 April 2025, the Federal Ministry for the Environment announced the launch of regional offices for their ANK program in 13 of Germany's federal states, as a way to facilitate the implementation of climate protection projects across the country.⁴⁹²⁸ These regional offices allow for a more efficient management of the Ministry's various biodiversity initiatives and allows regional actors to better identify local environmental challenges in collaboration with federal institutions.

On 1 May 2025, Germany enacted new regulations for the disposal of compost under the pre-existing Biowaste Ordinance, specifying that organic waste cannot contain more than 0.5 per cent plastic.⁴⁹²⁹ By limiting the amount of microplastics that seep into the environment, this legislation effectively prevents the degradation of soil and water, thus working towards the preservation of biodiversity.

On 5 May 2025, Germany and the International Trade Centre (ITC) funded the ABS Workshop in Abidjan focussed on the improvement of the global conservation and sustainable use of coffee genetic resources by implementing the global strategy for their conservation and access.⁴⁹³⁰ The workshop focussed on enabling conditions for the effective exchange of genetic material for research and breeding and the sharing of benefits from its utilization, through strengthening the policy framework and building equal partnerships with stakeholders.

On 6 May 2025, Minister Lemke took part in the first National Ocean Conference in Berlin, to discuss marine protection initiatives with high-profile regional and international actors.⁴⁹³¹ This conference, which was organized by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, featured presentations of various initiatives in the North and Baltic Seas relating to marine pollution and munition recovery. The participants, including Minister Lemke and UN Special Envoy for the Ocean Peter Thomson, emphasized Germany's crucial role in preserving aquatic biodiversity through marine conservation projects.

On 10 May 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, along with the Bavarian Nature Conservation Association, the Bavarian State Office for the Environment and the Federation of German Avifaunists, held an Alpine Bird Symposium, which gathered around 90 participants in Berchtesgaden.⁴⁹³² The event served to launch the new bird monitoring system established by these institutions, which aims to collect data to better protect the various bird species that exist in the Bavarian Alps. This initiative aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 12 May 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation organized a conference in Hamburg, which was attended by around 100 marine experts, to discuss the importance of the Baltic and North Seas in natural climate protection measures.⁴⁹³³ The conference specifically focused on establishing methods to measure the

⁴⁹²⁸ Natürlicher Klimaschutz geht weiter in die Fläche, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 8 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2025.

<https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/natuerlicher-klimaschutz-geht-weiter-in-die-flaeche>

⁴⁹²⁹ Weniger Kunststoffe im Bioabfall ab Mai 2025, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 22 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2025.

<https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/weniger-kunststoffe-im-bioabfall-ab-mai-2025>

⁴⁹³⁰ International Coffee Organization's Post, LinkedIn (Abidjan) n.d. Access Date: 3 September 2025.

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7328143834939310085>; Unlocking the Future of Coffee: Why the Nagoya Protocol Matters Now More Than Ever, LinkedIn (Mannheim) 4 August 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025.

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/unlocking-future-coffee-why-nagoya-protocol-matters-now-schwarz-uxbte/>

⁴⁹³¹ Nationale Meereskonferenz setzt Zeichen für starken Meeresschutz, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 6 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2025.

<https://www.bmuv.de/pressemitteilung/nationale-meereskonferenz-setzt-zeichen-fuer-starken-meeresschutz>

⁴⁹³² Hoch hinaus für den Vogelschutz, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Berchtesgaden/Bonn) 12 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/pressemitteilungen/hoch-hinaus-fuer-den-vogelschutz>

⁴⁹³³ Fachtagung: Meere als Klimaschützer, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Hamburg) 12 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 6 July 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/fachtagung-meere-als-klimaschuetzer>

carbon storing capacities of marine ecosystems, which will be further investigated by over 20 ANK-funded projects in Germany's coastal regions. This action falls under Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 16 May 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the Federal Environmental Foundation organized a Youth Biodiversity Congress with funding from the Federal Ministry for the Environment, which gathered 100 youth aged 16 to 27 to discuss issues of marine conservation.⁴⁹³⁴ This initiative aimed to involve youth in creating solutions to biodiversity loss, and featured presentations of 11 conservation projects created by the participants. This initiative falls under Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 19 May 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation began *NaturschutzDigital*, a three-day conference with the goal of preventing violations of nature conservation rules during leisure and tourism activities.⁴⁹³⁵ The conference aims to make the rules of conduct for protected areas more widely accessible, gathering around 60 professionals at the state and local level to discuss the digitization of nature conservation information. This conference focuses on Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 27 May 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation began a long-term research project on the German Green Belt and its relevance in preserving ecosystems and biodiversity.⁴⁹³⁶ This research, funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, intends to facilitate conservation initiatives through its particular focus on flying insect species such as wild bees. This initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

From 9 to 13 June 2025, Federal Environment Minister Carsten Schneider took part in the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, which gathered over 40 heads of state to discuss international issues in marine conservation.⁴⁹³⁷ At this summit, the German delegation emphasised progress to reduce marine plastic waste, further pushing for the establishment of marine protected areas and advocating for a precautionary break in deep-sea mining.⁴⁹³⁸ Germany's participation in this event corresponds with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 10 June 2025, Minister Schneider signed an intergovernmental agreement with French Minister for Ecological Change Agnès Pannier-Runacher at the UN Ocean Conference.⁴⁹³⁹ This agreement was dedicated to marine protection, as both governments reaffirmed their commitment to reduce plastic waste, recover old ammunition and pursue marine research initiatives. Both countries also agreed that a precautionary break in deep sea mining was necessary and ultimately remained committed to the international goal of protecting at least 30 per cent of sea area by 2030. This agreement fulfills the requirements of Goal A – Protect and Restore.

⁴⁹³⁴ Gemeinsam für den Schutz von Moor und Meer, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Bonn) 19 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 July 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/gemeinsam-fuer-den-schutz-von-moor-und-meer>

⁴⁹³⁵ NaturschutzDigital 2025: Freizeitrelevante Naturschutzinformationen, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Leipzig) 27 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/naturschutzdigital-2025-freizeitrelevante-naturschutzinformationen>

⁴⁹³⁶ Grünes Band: längste Erfassung der Artenvielfalt Deutschlands gestartet, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Rhön, Birk) 27 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/gruenes-band-laengste-erfassung-der-artenvielfalt-deutschlands-gestartet>

⁴⁹³⁷ Schneider bei der UN-Ozeankonferenz in Nizza: Deutschland treibt weltweiten Meeresschutz voran, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 9 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/schneider-bei-der-un-ozeankonferenz-in-nizza-deutschland-treibt-weltweiten-meeresschutz-voran>

⁴⁹³⁸ Weltgemeinschaft setzt Zeichen für regelbasierte Ordnung und Schutz der Weltmeere, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 13 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/weltgemeinschaft-setzt-zeichen-fuer-regelbasierte-ordnung-und-schutz-der-weltmeere>

⁴⁹³⁹ Starkes Duo für den Meeresschutz: Deutschland und Frankreich vereinbaren gemeinsame Ozeanagenda, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 10 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/starkes-duo-fuer-den-meeresschutz-deutschland-und-frankreich-vereinbaren-gemeinsame-ozeanagenda>

On 16 June 2025, the Federal Ministry for the Environment announced that it would be launching a collaborative research initiative on soil biodiversity.⁴⁹⁴⁰ This project is funded by the ANK program and seeks to overcome the lack of knowledge related to biological soil condition, which will allow government agencies to effectively combat soil pollution and biodiversity loss. As such, this project aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 2 July 2025, Minister Schneider visited various environmental conservation projects in the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, including various bog restoration sites as well as the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Südost-Rügen.⁴⁹⁴¹ Minister Schneider specifically noted the importance of bog re-wetting initiatives under the ANK program, both as a source of natural climate protection to combat droughts and as a crucial habitat for various wildlife species. This action aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 2 July 2025, State Secretary Jochen Flasbarth travelled to Brasília to meet with the presidency of the World Climate Conference (2030) to be held in Brazil this year.⁴⁹⁴² In addition to reiterating Germany's support for the conference, Minister Flasbarth took the opportunity to strengthen bilateral collaboration in conserving Brazil's unique forest ecosystems and habitats. As such, this action falls under Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 4 July 2025, the Thuringian Nature Conservation Foundation and the Waterways and Shipping Administration launched the "Blue Ribbon meets Green Belt" project with the help of EUR2.7 million in funding from the Federal Ministry for the Environment.⁴⁹⁴³ This project aims to renaturalize the floodplains around the Werra River, resulting in enhanced flood protection and the revitalization of key habitats for rare plant and animal species. This initiative aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 20 July 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation wrapped up a two-week biodiversity monitoring excursion in the German North Sea, which led a group of scientists to take soil samples and take recordings of relevant species.⁴⁹⁴⁴ These findings are crucial for monitoring the success of nature conservation measures and assessing the current state of marine habitat biodiversity. This initiative aims to fulfill Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 21 July 2025, Minister Schneider launched a new forest restoration and bog rewetting project to provide additional water storage and drought prevention in both rural and urban environments.⁴⁹⁴⁵ Minister Schneider also allocated increased funding for conservation and climate protection initiatives, including an additional

⁴⁹⁴⁰ Wie viel Leben steckt in unseren Böden?, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 16 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 July 2025.

<https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/wie-viel-leben-steckt-in-unseren-boeden>

⁴⁹⁴¹ Bundesumweltminister Carsten Schneider besucht Klima- und Naturschutzprojekte in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 2 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 August 2025.

<https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/bundesumweltminister-carsten-schneider-besucht-klima-und-naturschutzprojekte-in-mecklenburg-vorpommern>

⁴⁹⁴² Deutschland intensiviert Klimadiplomatie im Vorfeld der Weltklimakonferenz, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 2 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate.

<https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/deutschland-intensiviert-klimadiplomatie-im-vorfeld-der-weltklimakonferenz>

⁴⁹⁴³ "Blaues Band trifft Grünes Band": Gemeinsam für die Aufwertung der Werra, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 4 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 17 August 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/blaues-band-trifft-gruenes-band-gemeinsam-fuer-die-aufwertung-der-werra>

⁴⁹⁴⁴ Ausfahrt: Lebewesen am und im Meeresboden im Fokus, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Vilm) 25 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 15 August 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/ausfahrt-lebewesen-am-und-im-meeresboden-im-fokus>

⁴⁹⁴⁵ Bundesumweltminister Schneider startet Initiative für mehr Wasserspeicher und Abkühlung, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 21 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 August 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/bundesumweltminister-schneider-startet-initiative-fuer-mehr-wasserspeicher-und-abkuehlung>

EUR205 million for the “Natural Climate Protection in Municipalities” project, and a EUR10 million yearly increase in funding for the “Climate-Adapter Forest Management” initiative. This action falls under both Goal D – Invest and Collaborate and Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 22 July 2025, Germany participated in the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) at the United Nations in New York, delivering a presentation evaluating current progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁴⁹⁴⁶ Germany also hosted a side event titled “Unlocking the Power of the Ocean: Turning the Tide,” in which researchers, activists, and government officials gathered to discuss methods to improve the protection of the world’s ocean ecosystems. Therefore, this action falls under Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 22 July 2025, Parliamentary State Secretary Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter signed the Women Ocean Guardians Voluntary Commitment at the United Nations HLPF on Sustainable Development in New York.⁴⁹⁴⁷ This commitment aims to enhance women’s participation in marine conservation projects and research, thereby increasing inclusivity and amplifying female voices in the sector. Thus, this action aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 23 July 2025, Minister Schneider visited Romania and Moldova to meet with local political representatives and strengthen pre-existing partnerships towards environmental protection.⁴⁹⁴⁸ As part of this trip, Minister Schneider visited forest conservation projects in the Carpathians to gain a better understanding of how conservation laws can help restore vital forest ecosystems. This visit falls under Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 30 July 2025, the Federal Cabinet adopted the draft of the 2026 budget, which includes significant financial contributions to environmental conservation and climate protection projects.⁴⁹⁴⁹ Notably, the budget allots around EUR2.85 billion to the Federal Ministry for the Environment in the coming year. It provides EUR500 million for nature-based climate protection through the newly created Climate and Transformation Fund (KTF). Thus, this funding aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 31 July 2025, the Federal Ministry for the Environment as well as the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation concluded their participation in the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.⁴⁹⁵⁰ During this conference, participants succeeded in establishing a plan for the sustainable use and restoration of wetlands by 2034, as well as awarding cities that remain dedicated to the preservation of urban wetlands. This action helps to fulfil Goal A – Protect and Restore.

⁴⁹⁴⁶ Germany calls for stronger international cooperation to implement the 2030 Agenda, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 21 August 2025. <https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/hlpf-in-new-york-258296>

⁴⁹⁴⁷ Deutschland setzt Zeichen für Meeresschutz und Geschlechtergerechtigkeit, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 22 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/deutschland-setzt-zeichen-fuer-meeresschutz-und-geschlechtergerechtigkeit>

⁴⁹⁴⁸ Bundesumweltminister Schneider reist nach Moldau und Rumänien: Ost und West zusammenhalten für Umwelt und Klima in Europa, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 23 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/bundesumweltminister-schneider-reist-nach-moldau-und-rumaenien-ost-und-west-zusammenhalten-fuer-umwelt-und-klima-in-europa>

⁴⁹⁴⁹ Haushaltsentwurf setzt starke Zeichen für mehr Umwelt-, Natur- und Klimaschutz, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 30 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 21 August 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/haushaltsentwurf-setzt-starke-zeichen-fuer-mehr-umwelt-natur-und-klimaschutz>

⁴⁹⁵⁰ Plan für weltweiten Schutz von Feuchtgebieten, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 1 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 October 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/plan-fuer-weltweiten-schutz-von-feuchtgebieten>

On 4 August 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation helped organize a four-day seminar on “Putting Nature on a Path to Recovery – Innovations in Ecosystem Restoration.”⁴⁹⁵¹ This meeting brought guests from 16 countries to discuss the role of environmental conservation to promote sustainable development and is part of a wider seminar series seeking to promote international cooperation and exchange around the topic of biodiversity. This action aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 1 September 2025, the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation established an online platform for citizens, organizations and other stakeholders to participate in the development of Germany’s National Recovery Plan.⁴⁹⁵² This plan must comply with the EU Nature Restoration Regulation, and should include measures to preserve biodiversity in forests, wetlands, soils and a variety of other natural ecosystems. This measure complies with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 1 September 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation gathered 31 students from German universities to participate in an Interdisciplinary Science Conference on Biodiversity Research.⁴⁹⁵³ The participants took part in a variety of discussions surrounding conservation initiatives around the world, particularly through the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This event complies with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 3 September 2025, the Federal Cabinet drafted an amendment to the Federal Nature Conservation Act, which seeks to prohibit the extraction of oil and natural gas within the protected areas of Germany’s exclusive economic zone in the North and Baltic Seas.⁴⁹⁵⁴ This draft law intends to reduce human activity in vital marine ecosystems, in hopes of improving marine conservation and protecting endangered aquatic species. As such, this aligns with Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 5 September 2025, Minister Schneider allocated EUR2.5 million towards forest management projects in the city of Cologne, which will be spread out over the next ten years.⁴⁹⁵⁵ These projects aim to pursue reforestation to restore biodiversity, preserve groundwater sources and create a healthy urban climate. Thus, this initiative falls under Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 8 September 2025, the Federal Ministry for the Environment and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation held an online event to discuss the application of the EU Nature Restoration Regulation, specifically in relation to marine environments.⁴⁹⁵⁶ The event, attended by over 190 stakeholders, produced valuable inputs for the development of Germany’s National Recovery Plan and illustrated the need for

⁴⁹⁵¹ Seminarreihe: Naturschutz in der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Vilm) 12 August 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/seminarreihe-naturschutz-der-entwicklungszusammenarbeit>

⁴⁹⁵² Jetzt Ideen einbringen: Öffentlichkeitsbeteiligung zur Wiederherstellung der Natur geht an den Start, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 1 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 8 October 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/jetzt-ideen-einbringen-oeffentlichkeitsbeteiligung-zur-wiederherstellung-der-natur-geht-an-den-start>

⁴⁹⁵³ Interdisziplinäre Tagung für Studierende und Nachwuchswissenschaftler*innen auf der Insel Vilm, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Vilm) 15 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/interdisziplinaere-tagung-fuer-studierende-und-nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen-auf-der>

⁴⁹⁵⁴ Ausschluss von Öl- und Gasförderung in Meeresschutzgebieten von Nord- und Ostsee, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 3 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/ausschluss-von-oel-und-gasfoerderung-in-meeresschutzgebieten-von-nord-und-ostsee>

⁴⁹⁵⁵ Sc“neider: “Stadtwald wirkt wie eine natürliche Kl”maanlage”, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 5 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/schneider-stadtwald-wirkt-wie-eine-natuerliche-klimaanlage>

⁴⁹⁵⁶ Stakeholder-Veranstaltung zur Wiederherstellung von Meeresökosystemen, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Bonn) 11 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/stakeholder-veranstaltung-zur-wiederherstellung-von-meeresoekosystemen>

collaboration to overcome competing interests in the aquatic sector. This action thus aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 25 September 2025, the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation organized a panel discussion at the Berlin Zoo, gathering approximately 100 participants from scientific and political fields to discuss the importance of environmental education for the public.⁴⁹⁵⁷ The guests agreed that zoos and botanical gardens can raise awareness about biodiversity topics within society, thus helping to counteract environmental degradation and climate change. Thus, this initiative falls under Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 29 September 2025, Minister Schneider presented his proposal for the second implementation phase of the ANK program, with an emphasis on restoring soils, forests and bogs.⁴⁹⁵⁸ Among other measures, this initiative seeks to improve natural water storage in these areas, to preserve habitats and increase carbon dioxide absorption. This aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 11 October 2025, the KfW Development Bank and the International Union for Conservation of Nature signed a cooperation agreement for the next four years.⁴⁹⁵⁹ The agreement continues the bodies' collaboration to halt global biodiversity loss.

On 31 October 2025, G7 members under Canada's 2025 G7 Presidency announced the G7 Water Coalition Workplan.⁴⁹⁶⁰ The Workplan covers a 3-year period between 2025 to 2028, advancing intergovernmental action and supporting technical exchange to support international water efforts. It identifies areas to expand integrated approaches that acknowledge the interconnections between water and ecosystems. Further, it discusses best practice principles and barriers to biodiversity conservation including "conserving, protecting, restoring, and building resilience" for ecosystems. This initiative aligns with Goal A and D.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Germany has taken strong action in protecting and restoring ecosystems, through the ANK program, which has succeeded in restoring crucial habitats such as bogs and algae forests, as well as its efforts to preserve the European wild cat. Germany has also taken strong action in promoting peaceful co-existence between humans and wildlife, through policies targeting the protection of wild birds from railway electrification, as well as the implementation of sustainable agricultural practices in moorlands. Finally, Germany has taken strong action in its goal to invest and collaborate to achieve biodiversity goals, as shown by the robust funding opportunities offered by the Natural Climate Protection in Municipalities program, as well as its support for environmental projects in developing nations. Germany has taken strong action to advance Goal A, Goal B and Goal D of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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⁴⁹⁵⁷ Zoos als Lernorte im urbanen Raum: Gartengespräch des BfN im Zoo Berlin, Bundesamt für Naturschutz (Berlin) 26 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.bfn.de/aktuelles/zoos-als-lernorte-im-urbanen-raum-gartengespraech-des-bfn-im-zoo-berlin>

⁴⁹⁵⁸ Schneider: Wälder, Moore und Böden sollen wieder zu Verbündeten beim Klimaschutz werden, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Klimaschutz, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit (Berlin) 29 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://www.bundesumweltministerium.de/pressemitteilung/schneider-waelder-moore-und-boeden-sollen-wieder-zu-verbuendeten-beim-klimaschutz-werden>

⁴⁹⁵⁹ IUCN and Germany's KfW Development Bank renew strategic partnership to scale up action for nature, International Union for Conservation of Nature (Abu Dhabi) 11 October 2025. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://iucncongress2025.org/newsroom/all-news/iucn-and-germanys-kfw-development-bank-renew-strategic-partnership-scale-action>

⁴⁹⁶⁰ G7 Water Coalition Workplan, G7 (Kananaskis) 31 October 2025. Access Date: 12 November 2025. <https://g7.canada.ca/en/news-and-media/news/g7-water-coalition-workplan>

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 17 December 2024, the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change and the Central Zoo Authority proposed a National Wildlife Health Policy.⁴⁹⁶¹ The policy supports KM-GBF's Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 1 February 2025, India allocated INR27 billion to the fisheries sector in the Union Budget to promote sustainable marine fishing practices, including the harnessing of fish in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), enhancing financial inclusion and reducing customs duties to ease the financial burden on fishers.⁴⁹⁶²

On 2 February 2025, the Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh held the Regional Workshop on Conservation and Wise Use of Wetlands in Ayodhya.⁴⁹⁶³ The event featured education related to 89 important wetland sites around the country, the announcement of various state-level programs related to wetland conservation and discussions around the sustainable use of wetland environments.

On 3 February 2025, the Ministry of External Affairs officially established the International Big Cat Alliance (ICBA), providing a regulatory standard for big cat conservation practices.⁴⁹⁶⁴ The IBCA aims to facilitate collaboration between stakeholders, international and national wildlife conservation organizations and 27 different countries for the purpose of conserving seven big cat species including tigers, lions, leopards, snow leopards, cheetahs, jaguars and pumas.

On 4 February 2025, the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries implemented the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), which will support the development of modern coastal fishing villages using an investment of INR200 billion for a five-year period.⁴⁹⁶⁵ The development of 100 coastal villages aims promote sustainable practices within the new fisheries, such as deploying artificial reefs to support conservation efforts, promoting green fuel, seaweed cultivation and marine ranching, which will allow for enhanced marine biodiversity.

On 28 February 2025, India's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁴⁹⁶⁶ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and

⁴⁹⁶¹ Central Zoo Authority Organizes a Workshop on Development of the National Wildlife Health Policy: Stakeholder Consultation, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Delhi) 17 December 2024. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2085404>

⁴⁹⁶² Budget 2025-26 Proposes Framework For Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries from Indian EEZ and High Seas, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 1 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2098615>

⁴⁹⁶³ MoS (MoEFCC), Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh inaugurates the 'Regional Workshop on Conservation and Wise Use of Wetlands' at Ayodhya, under the Sahbhagita Mission for States of North India, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 1 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2098813>

⁴⁹⁶⁴ International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) officially comes into force as a full-fledged Treaty based Inter-governmental International Organization, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 3 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2099279>

⁴⁹⁶⁵ Development of Model Fishermen Villages, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 4 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2099610>; Casting Nets, Catching Success, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 15 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2103444>; Fish Processing Industries, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2101794>

⁴⁹⁶⁶ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 28 February 2025, India finalized a multilateral initiative led by the BRICS countries to earmark USD200 billion in annual financing for nature protection.⁴⁹⁶⁷ The funding aims to preserve biodiversity and natural environments in light of climate change.

On 11 March 2025, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying George Kurian approved proposals to support fisheries in reducing water and land use while enabling fish farmers to cultivate a more diverse range of species.⁴⁹⁶⁸ The initiative includes the establishment of 12,000 Recirculatory Aquaculture Systems at a cost of INR9 billion and 4,205 biofloc units at a cost of INR5.2 billion.

On 12 March 2025, the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries announced funding of INR2 billion towards the development of Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages within 100 currently existing coastal villages.⁴⁹⁶⁹ This will promote biodiversity and sustainability initiatives such as establishing biofloc ponds, open sea cage culture, artificial reefs, seaweed units, integrated aquaparks and fish landing centers.

On 25 March 2025, India established the National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases framework to survey aquatic ecosystems around the country and identify risk factors for disease, thus improving disease management among aquatic animals.⁴⁹⁷⁰ This initiative, which also provides fish farmers direct access to experts through a mobile app, supports Goal B and Goal D under the KM-GBF 2050 framework.

On 1 April 2025, the Department of Fisheries announced several initiatives in the Bay of Bengal region to promote sustainable fishing practices.⁴⁹⁷¹ Initiatives include two-month fishing bans to allow the protection of breeding fish species, an increase in financial assistance to support traditional fishers during the fishing ban periods, prohibition of destructive fishing practices such as the use of artificial lights in EEZ, installation of sea turtle-detecting devices to protect species from capture and co-operative practices with other countries to protect and support shark populations through the National Plan of Action for Sharks.

On 29 April 2025, the government greenlit the National Biodiversity Authority's Biological Diversity Regulation 2025.⁴⁹⁷² The regulation outlines technical guidelines for the sharing of benefits from biological resources, consistent with KM-GBF Goal C.

On 16 May 2025, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav participated in the global dialogue "Sagarmatha Sambaad," to discuss key priority issues related to regional and global initiatives on climate change and conservation.⁴⁹⁷³ Minister Yadav met with the Minister for Forests and Environment of Nepal Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri to discuss progress on regional and bilateral environment initiatives and reiterated their commitment to further cooperation on climate action and environmental conservation. In

⁴⁹⁶⁷ Nations agree plan to finance nature protection, at second attempt, Reuters (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/nations-agree-plan-finance-nature-protection-second-attempt-2025-02-28/>

⁴⁹⁶⁸ Re-Circulatory Aquaculture System, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 11 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025, <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2110275>

⁴⁹⁶⁹ Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages (CRCFV) in Andhra Pradesh, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 12 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025, <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2110681>

⁴⁹⁷⁰ Control Aquatic Animal Diseases, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 25 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025, <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2114949>

⁴⁹⁷¹ Fisheries Practices in the Bay of Bengal, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 1 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025, <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2117252>

⁴⁹⁷² Access and Benefit Sharing: New rules for use of biodiversity put in place by Centre, Down To Earth (New Delhi) 3 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/wildlife-biodiversity/access-and-benefit-sharing-new-rules-for-use-of-biodiversity-put-in-place-by-centre>

⁴⁹⁷³ Visit of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, to Nepal (May 15-17, 2025), Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=2129186>

addition, Minister Yadav discussed opportunities to strengthen India and Nepal's cooperation on environmental cooperation.

On 22 May 2025, the Ministry of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched the "One Nation, One Mission: End Plastic Pollution" campaign.⁴⁹⁷⁴ The campaign, which marks World Environment Day, aims to promote Goal B - Prosper with Nature by increasing awareness about plastic use and pollution while also organizing clean up drives.

On 5 June 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change marked World Environment Day by calling for the reduction of plastic pollution as a strategy of biodiversity conservation.⁴⁹⁷⁵ The Ministry launched a series of initiatives, including the Government Initiatives on Ending Plastic Pollution publication, the Compendium on Eco alternatives to banned single use plastics, the National Plastic Waste Reporting Portal and the National Plastic Pollution Reduction Campaign. The event supported KM-GBF Goal A.

On 23 July 2025, the Department of Fisheries requested a review and amendment of the Marine Fisheries Regulation Act of all coastal states and Union Territories to integrate the marine turtle conservation program.⁴⁹⁷⁶ In addition to the use of Turtle Excluder Devices, coastal states and UTs were asked to designate turtle conservation zones and ensure the fishermen's compliance with conservation measures. This initiative meets Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 28 July 2025, Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences Jitendra Singh announced 14 new scientific initiatives, including reports on marine biodiversity and updated seabed charts.⁴⁹⁷⁷ These services, developed by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, will aim to increase citizen engagement and interest in climate and biodiversity-related topics. These services meet Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 29 July 2025, the Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav announced several initiatives including an effort to plant 2,000 indigenous plant saplings in each of 58 tiger reservation sites to promote habitat restoration, eliminate single-use plastics in tiger reserves as part of the "Plastic-Free Tiger Reserves" campaign and establish three forest nurseries which will foster ecological resilience.⁴⁹⁷⁸ These initiatives satisfy Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 31 July 2025, Union Minister Singh announced collaborative initiatives across ocean-related sectors, bringing together 25 central ministries and departments, coastal states and union territory partners to invest in and advance research on blue infrastructure and innovation projects. Such projects include income-supplementing seaweed cultivation, single-use plastic bans and eco-friendly infrastructure to protect coral reefs. This collaborative effort satisfies Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

⁴⁹⁷⁴ Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launches campaign to mark World Environment Day 2025 (WED 2025) celebrations, Government of India Press Information Bureau (New Delhi) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 29 May 2025.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=2130464s>

⁴⁹⁷⁵ India Leads Global Fight on World Environment Day 2025 with the theme: 'One Nation, One Mission: End Plastic Pollution', Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (New Delhi) 5 June 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=2134392>

⁴⁹⁷⁶ Turtle Excluder Devices On Fishing Boats, Press Information Bureau (Delhi) 23 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2147333>

⁴⁹⁷⁷ India's Climate Preparedness Gets a Boost as Dr. Jitendra Singh Unveils Major Initiatives on Earth Sciences Ministry's Foundation Day, Press Information Bureau (Delhi) 28 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2149296>

⁴⁹⁷⁸ Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav presided over Global Tiger Day 2025 celebrations in New Delhi today, Press Information Bureau (Delhi) 29 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025.

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2149581>

On 26 September 2025, Minister Yadav announced the addition of two new Ramsar conservation sites from Bihar and Udaipur Jheel.⁴⁹⁷⁹ This initiative protects the biodiversity of wetland ecosystems and works towards Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 29 September 2025, the National Biodiversity Authority approved INR8,200,000 in funding for the Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board's Red Sanders conservation initiative.⁴⁹⁸⁰ With the involvement of local and indigenous communities, 100,000 of these threatened native trees are expected to be planted and conserved. This initiative works towards Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 9 October 2025, Union Minister of State Singh launched the National Red List Roadmap and Vision 2025-2030 at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025.⁴⁹⁸¹ This species assessment and conservation policy aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 13 October 2025, Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs Anita Anand issued a joint statement outlining plans to improve bilateral cooperation.⁴⁹⁸² They pledged to, among other things, address biodiversity loss contributing to KM-GBF goal A and D.

India has fully complied with its commitment to the KM-GBF. India has taken strong action toward Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate through initiatives such as PMMSY, climate-resilient fishing villages and marine conservation programs. However, India has not demonstrated meaningful progress toward Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly, nor has it taken significant steps to protect inland ecosystems or support at-risk non-marine communities. The current scope of biodiversity efforts remains heavily concentrated in coastal and aquatic sectors, leaving a gap in ecosystem coverage and equitable benefit distribution.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

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Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 12 December 2024, the Ministry of Forestry partnered with the United States Agency for International Development to host the Orangutan Symposium.⁴⁹⁸³ The symposium convened various actors to build

⁴⁹⁷⁹ India's Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve in Himachal Pradesh included in UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves, PIB Delhi and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Delhi) 27 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2172428>

⁴⁹⁸⁰ National Biodiversity Authority sanctions ₹82 Lakh for Red Sanders Conservation in Andhra Pradesh under Access and Benefit Sharing Mechanism, PIB Delhi and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Delhi) 29 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2172620>

⁴⁹⁸¹ India Launches National Red List Roadmap to Strengthen Biodiversity Conservation, News On Air (Abu Dhabi) 9 October 2025. Access Date: 18 October 2025. <https://www.newsonair.gov.in/india-unveils-national-red-list-roadmap-and-vision-2025-2030-at-iucn-world-conservation-congress/>

⁴⁹⁸² Canada-India Joint Statement: Renewing momentum towards a stronger partnership (New Delhi) 13 October 2025. Access Date: 28 October 2025. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2025/10/canada-india-joint-statement-renewing-momentum-towards-a-stronger-partnership.html>

⁴⁹⁸³ Press Release: The United States and Indonesia Advance Orangutan Conservation in Indonesia, U.S. Embassy Jakarta (Jakarta) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://id.usembassy.gov/press-release-the-united-states-and-indonesia-advance-orangutan-conservation-in-indonesia/>

strategies for the protection of orangutan in Indonesia and aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 30 December 2024, Minister of Forestry Raja Juli Antoni announced the designation of 20 million hectares of forest as sites of conversion to food and energy production.⁴⁹⁸⁴ This directly contradicts KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 25 January 2025, President Prabowo Subianto instructed the initiation of a large-scale seawall project valued at USD13.3 million.⁴⁹⁸⁵ The initiative aims to preserve land in coastal areas facing flooding, abrasion and subsidence. It aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 21 February 2025, the Ministry of Education launched the “Research Call for Wallacea 2025” to support biodiversity conservation and ecotourism in Wallacea.⁴⁹⁸⁶ Wallacea is a key site due to its endemic biodiversity. This funding scheme aims to increase Indonesia’s research capacity and bolster sustainable development initiatives. The initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 25 February 2025, the House of Representatives initiated revisions of the Forestry Law to emphasize Indigenous rights and integrated governance.⁴⁹⁸⁷ This revision aims to ensure Indigenous peoples’ rights, participation and traditional knowledge in biodiversity governance and promotes the integration of biodiversity into policies across sectors through inclusive and equitable governance systems.

On 28 February 2025, Indonesia’s delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁴⁹⁸⁸ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention’s financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 4 March 2025, the National Research and Innovative Agency collaborated with researchers at the University of British Columbia to conserve endangered species like seahorses.⁴⁹⁸⁹ This demonstrates a commitment to biodiversity protection and aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 12 March 2025, President Prabowo instructed Minister of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning of Indonesia, Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono, to form a waste management task force.⁴⁹⁹⁰ As part of its mandate, the

⁴⁹⁸⁴ Menhut Raja Juli Ungkap 20 Juta Hektare Hutan akan Jadi Lahan Pangan dan Energi, Media Indonesia (Jakarta) 2 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://mediaindonesia.com/humaniora/730919/menhut-raja-juli-ungkap-20-juta-hektare-hutan-akan-jadi-lahan-pangan-dan-energi>

⁴⁹⁸⁵ Prabowo instructs minister to begin giant seawall project, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 19 March 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://www.thejakartapost.com/indonesia/2025/03/19/prabowo-instructs-minister-to-begin-giant-seawall-project.html>

⁴⁹⁸⁶ Dukung Biodiversitas Wallacea Jadi Fokus Riset: Indonesia Perkuat Konservasi dan Ekowisata, Kementrian Pendidikan Tinggi, Sains, dan Teknologi (Jakarta) 25 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2025. <https://kemdiktisaintek.go.id/kabar-dikti/kabar/dukung-biodiversitas-wallacea-jadi-fokus-riset-indonesia-perkuat-konservasi-dan-ekowisata/>

⁴⁹⁸⁷ Forestry Law revision centers on green energy, indigenous peoples’ rights, Indonesia Business Post (Jakarta) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://indonesiabusinesspost.com/3744/capitol-influence-and-lobbying/forestry-law-revision-centers-on-green-energy-indigenous-peoples-rights>

⁴⁹⁸⁸ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁴⁹⁸⁹ Cegah Kepunahan Spesies, BRIN Dorong Upaya Konservasi Kuda Laut, Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional (Jakarta) 5 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2025. <https://www.brin.go.id/news/122468/cegah-kepunahan-spesies-brin-dorong-upaya-konservasi-kuda-laut>

⁴⁹⁹⁰ Prabowo tugaskan Menko AHY bentuk satgas percepatan pengelolaan sampah, Antara News (Jakarta) 12 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 18 March 2025. <https://www.antaranews.com/berita/4706569/prabowo-tugaskan-menko-ahy-bentuk-satgas-percepatan-pengelolaan-sampah>

taskforce was charged with cleaning up wastes from the natural environment, contributing to the restoration of ecosystems. The initiative aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 19 April 2025, representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry began the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) on “Improving Forest Management.”⁴⁹⁹¹ The IVLP serves to facilitate collaborative forest management learning that bolsters biodiversity and wildlife protection, furthering KM-GBF Goal D.

On 5 May 2025, Indonesian forestry professionals, government officials and journalists participated in the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership program.⁴⁹⁹² The program aims to promote sustainable forest governance and use within Indonesia. This demonstrates Indonesia’s commitment to supporting with Goal B – Prosper with Nature of the KM-GBF.

On 22 May 2025, Environment Minister Hanif Faisol Nurofiq announced the Indonesia Biodiversity Strategy and action plan to support biodiversity-related initiatives and regulations.⁴⁹⁹³ Minister Nurofiq underscored the importance of public and private sector, and central and regional government engagement with biodiversity policies and challenges. This demonstrates Indonesia’s commitment to meeting Goal A and D of the KM-GBF.

On 9 June 2025, the Ministry of Forestry gained official endorsement from the Global Environment Facility to proceed with its collaborative projects, “Excelling Protected Area Management Effectiveness for Biodiversity Conservation through Landscape-Based Approach” (ENABLE) and “Spatial-based Natural Forest Planning and Governance for Robust Ecosystems” (SPARE).⁴⁹⁹⁴ The projects seek to conserve critical landscapes to boost species protection and counter unsustainable land use practices in line with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

On 10 June 2025, the government formally terminated four mining permits in the Raja Ampat area following violations of environmental regulations and the geopark’s area status.⁴⁹⁹⁵ This action is deemed as a commitment to preserving Indonesia’s biodiversity whilst strengthening Raja Ampat’s position as a world centre for marine conservation. Hence, this action supports Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

On 15 June 2025, the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Sakti Wahyu Trenggono announced the launch of a new financial instrument called the Coral Reef Bond which aims at raising funds for marine conservation.⁴⁹⁹⁶ The funding targets three priority conservation areas: the National Conservation Area of Raja Ampat, the Regional Conservation Area of Raja Ampat and the Regional Conservation Area in the Alor Islands. This bond seeks to aid in generating USD 200 million annually to support the management and protection of marine conservation areas across Indonesia. This action supports Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

⁴⁹⁹¹ Indonesian Forestry Leaders Visit the United States to Advance Sound Forest Management, U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Indonesia (Jakarta) 5 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://id.usembassy.gov/indonesian-forestry-leaders-visit-the-united-states-to-advance-sustainable-forest-management/>

⁴⁹⁹² Indonesian Forestry Leaders Visit the United States to Advance Sound Forest Management, United States Embassy Jakarta (Jakarta) 5 May 2025. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://id.usembassy.gov/indonesian-forestry-leaders-visit-the-united-states-to-advance-sustainable-forest-management/>

⁴⁹⁹³ Indonesia prepares national biodiversity strategy plan, Antara News (Jakarta) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/356213/indonesia-prepares-national-biodiversity-strategy-plan>

⁴⁹⁹⁴ Indonesia Secures Major Opportunity to Safeguard its Rich Biodiversity and Natural Resources, United Nations Development Programme (Jakarta) 9 June 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.undp.org/indonesia/press-releases/indonesia-secures-major-opportunity-safeguard-its-rich-biodiversity-and-natural-resources>

⁴⁹⁹⁵ Konservasi Indonesia: ‘Raja Ampat Should Be Protected, Not Mined’, Tempo English (Jakarta) 11 June 2025. Access Date: 30 June 2025. <https://en.tempo.co/read/2016551/konservasi-indonesia-raja-ampat-should-be-protected-not-mined>

⁴⁹⁹⁶ Indonesia luncurkan instrumen pendanaan untuk konservasi laut, Antara News (Jakarta) 16 June 2025. Access Date: 30 June 2025. <https://www.antaranews.com/berita/4902449/indonesia-luncurkan-instrumen-pendanaan-untuk-konservasi-laut>

On 18 June 2025, Minister Antoni alongside British Ambassador to Indonesia Dominic Jermy visited the Central Aceh Regency to assess progress on the Peusangan Elephant Conservation Initiative (PECI).⁴⁹⁹⁷ PEGI seeks to protect the endangered Sumatran elephant (*Elephas maximus sumatranus*) across 20000 of habitat. This action supports Goal A – Protect and Restore of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

On 18 June 2025, Minister Antoni visited the Central Aceh Regency to assess progress on the Peusangan Elephant Conservation Initiative.⁴⁹⁹⁸ This collaborative effort mobilises the Indonesian government, WWF-Indonesia, PT Tusam Hutani Lestari and local and international partners to protect the endangered Sumatran elephant. This action supports Goal A – Protect and Restore of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

On 22 July 2025, Minister Antoni signed a MoU with non-profit organisation Muhammadiyah to bolster civil society partnerships in favour of the restoration and protection of forest resources.⁴⁹⁹⁹ The agreement aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 30 July 2025, Deputy Minister of Forestry Sulaiman Umar Siddiq commemorated World Mangrove Day with Mangrofest 2025 in Alas Purwo National Park.⁵⁰⁰⁰ The event aimed to promote cross-sectoral collaboration in the protection of mangroves in line with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 10 September 2025, Minister Antoni announced the start of Mangroves for Coastal Resilience program in North Sumatra.⁵⁰⁰¹ Through this program, the Ministry aims to rehabilitate 15,387 hectares of mangroves in 2025. The restoration of mangrove ecosystems aligns with KM-GBF Goal A.

On 14 September 2025, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries found 226 mining permits operating on 477 small islands, in violation of Indonesian law prohibiting mining activities on islands under 100 kilometres in size.⁵⁰⁰² The issuance of these mining permits opposes Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

On 9 October 2025, Head of the Center for Socio-Economic Development of Forest Communities of the Ministry of Forestry Dodi Sumardi announced the Ministry's contribution to the establishment of the Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu Biosphere Reserve Management Coordination and Communication Forum.⁵⁰⁰³ This forum will serve to protect the biosphere reserve which supports KM-GBF Goal A.

Indonesia fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. While the country has taken strong action through initiatives such as research and legal reforms, these developments have only been undertaken in Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B - Prosper with Nature and

⁴⁹⁹⁷ Tiba di Aceh Tengah, Menhut Serius Tindakanjuti Arahan Presiden Prabowo untuk Konservasi Gajah, AgroIndonesia (Jakarta) 19 June 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://agroindonesia.co.id/tiba-di-aceh-tengah-menhut-serius-tindakanjuti-arahan-presiden-prabowo-untuk-konservasi-gajah/>

⁴⁹⁹⁸ Tiba di Aceh Tengah, Menhut Serius Tindakanjuti Arahan Presiden Prabowo untuk Konservasi Gajah, AgroIndonesia (Jakarta) 19 June 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://agroindonesia.co.id/tiba-di-aceh-tengah-menhut-serius-tindakanjuti-arahan-presiden-prabowo-untuk-konservasi-gajah/>

⁴⁹⁹⁹ Menhut dan Ketua Umum Muhammadiyah Tandatangani Kerja Sama Pemanfaatan, Pengelolaan dan Rehabilitasi Hutan, Kementerian Kehutanan (Jakarta) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. <https://www.kehutan.go.id/news/menhut-dan-ketua-umum-muhammadiyah-tandatangani-kerja-sama-pemanfaatan-pengelolaan-dan-rehabilitasi-hutan>

⁵⁰⁰⁰ Mangrove Festival 2025: Indonesia Perkuat Konsolidasi Nasional Rehabilitasi Ekosistem Mangrove, Kementerian Kehutanan (Jakarta) 30 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. <https://www.kehutan.go.id/news/mangrove-festival-2025-indonesia-perkuat-konsolidasi-nasional-rehabilitasi-ekosistem-mangrove>

⁵⁰⁰¹ Menhut Targetkan Penanaman Mangrove 15.387 Hektare di 4 Provinsi Selama 2025, Kementerian Kehutanan Republik Indonesia (Medan) 10 September 2025. <https://www.kehutan.go.id/news/menhut-targetkan-penanaman-mangrove-15-387-hektare-di-4-provinsi-selama-2025>

⁵⁰⁰² KKP Ungkap Ratusan Izin Tambang Kuasai Hampir 500 Pulau Kecil, Mongabay (Jakarta) 14 September 2025. Access Date: 5 October 2025. <https://mongabay.co.id/2025/09/14/kkp-ungkap-266-izin-tambang-beroperasi-di-477-pulau-kecil/>

⁵⁰⁰³ Revitalisasi Pengelolaan Cagar Biosfer Giam Siak Kecil-Bukit Batu, Kementerian Kehutanan Republik Indonesia (Pekanbaru) 9 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 19 October 2025. <https://www.kehutan.go.id/news/revitalisasi-pengelolaan-cagar-biosfer-giam-siak-kecil-bukit-batu>

Goal D - Invest and collaborate. However, Indonesia has not taken action to promote Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

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Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 25 November 2024, Italy formed the Italian Network for Ecological Restoration (INER/RIRE), connecting experts from academia, public institutions, businesses and NGOs to ensure the enforcement of the European Union's Nature Restoration Regulation.⁵⁰⁰⁴ This platform promotes the principles and standards of ecological restoration, aiming to facilitate long-term and sustained recovery of biodiversity and resilience. The initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 17 December 2024, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security in collaboration with Federparchi-Europarc Italia held the General Assembly of Protected Areas to facilitate discussions between key stakeholders to protect and enhance protected areas national parks, marine protected areas, state nature reserves, regional parks, regional reserves and geomineral parks.⁵⁰⁰⁵ This initiative aligns with Goal B of the KM-GBF.

On 24 December 2024, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry allocated approximately EUR290,000 for the implementation of the National Forest Sector Activity Plan.⁵⁰⁰⁶ This initiative improves the management of forests, addresses climate change, water scarcity and biodiversity loss in the Mediterranean region and promotes sustainable processes in Italy's wood industry. This decree furthers government commitment and financial capacity in achieving biodiversity conservation. The initiative aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 22 January 2025, Italy hosted XVIII Alpine Conference and began their two-year command of the Alpine Convention, promising to conserve the Alps through four pillars: biodiversity, climate change, Alpine population and culture and international cooperation.⁵⁰⁰⁷ Italian leadership committed to the development of an Action Plan for Alpine Biodiversity, careful territorial planning, involvement of local communities and relations with other mountain regions of the world to implement effective practices to protect the Alps.

On 24 January 2025, the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS) contributed EUR3 million to the project, “Shar Dinaric,” to support sustainable development, protection and preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of the Dinaric Alps region located between North Macedonia and Kosovo.⁵⁰⁰⁸

⁵⁰⁰⁴ Italy Launches National Network for Ecological Restoration to Support EU Nature Restoration Goals, SER-Europe (Rome) 25 November 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025 <https://ser-europe.org/2025/02/04/italy-launches-national-network-for-ecological-restoration-to-support-eu-nature-restoration-goals/>

⁵⁰⁰⁵ Ambiente: MASE, il 17 e 18 dicembre gli Stati Generali delle aree protette, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 10 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.mase.gov.it/portale/-/ambiente-mase-il-17-e-18-dicembre-gli-stati-general-delle-aree-protette>

⁵⁰⁰⁶ Ministero dell'agricoltura della sovranità alimentare e delle forest, Minis'ero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Rome) 30 December 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/22596>

⁵⁰⁰⁷ La Convenzione delle Alpi, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza energetica (Rome) 28 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/la-convenzione-delle-alpi-0>

⁵⁰⁰⁸ SHAR–DINARIC - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE TRANSBORDER DINARIC ALPS, Agenzia Italiana Per La Cooperazione Allo Sviluppo (Rome) n.d. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.openaid.aics.gov.it/it/iati-activity/XM-DAC-6-4-013071-01-0#_blank

On 29 January 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security extended the Implementation Agreement No. 56 of 21 December 2023 between DG-VA and Sogesid for the provision of “Technical-specialist service to support the General Directorate for Environmental Assessments.”⁵⁰⁰⁹ The continued collaboration between the government and Sogesid allows the government to access specialized technical support when approaching environmental strategy.

On 25 February 2025, representatives from the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security, the Ministry for the Environment and the Protection of Land and Sea, the National Research Council and the Agency for Development Cooperation attended the second session of COP16.⁵⁰¹⁰ This active international participation demonstrates Italy’s commitment to ecological conservation efforts and effective sustainability policies.

On 28 February 2025, Italy along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵⁰¹¹ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention’s financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 13 March 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security launched the “RiforestAzione” project to enhance urban and suburban green spaces as a part of its National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR).⁵⁰¹² As a part of the project, the Ministry invested EUR210 million to plant 4.5 million trees, aligning with the broader European Union Forest Strategy for 2030. The initiative also features educational campaigns, a digital information platform and a two-year observatory to monitor public perception of urban greenery.

On 21 March 2025, the General Directorate of Mountain Economy and Forests launched the National Network of Ancient Forests, which protects Italian forest heritage by identifying old growths, increasing research and regulations for identified forest and elevating public awareness.⁵⁰¹³ This program contributes to preservation of natural land and biodiversity.

On 28 March 2025, the Banca d’Italia and the Carabinieri Forestry, Environmental and Agrifood Command Unit began efforts to plant 2700 trees in the Bergamo and Mezzocammino areas.⁵⁰¹⁴ The action contributes to reforestation and urban biodiversity.

⁵⁰⁰⁹ Atto di proroga n. 1 del 29 gennaio 2025 alla Convenzione Attuativa n. 56 del 21 dicembre 2023 fra DG-VA e Sogesid per la presta“ione di “Servizio tecnico-specialistico a supporto della Direzione Generale Valutazioni A”bientali”, Ministero dell’Ambiente e della Sicurezza energetica (Rome) 21 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025

⁵⁰¹⁰ Biodiversità: è partita la seconda sessione della COP16, delegazione italiana –on MASE - ISPRA – AICS, Ministero dell’Ambiente e della Sicurezza energetica (Roma) 25 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/la-convenzione-delle-alpi-0>

⁵⁰¹¹ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁵⁰¹² Ambiente, il MASE lancia il progetto “RiforestAzione” a tutela e per la valorizzazione del verde urbano ed extraurbano in 13 città metropolitane d’Italia, Ministero dell’Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Rome) 13 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.mase.gov.it/portale/-/ambiente-il-mase-lancia-il-progetto-riforestazione-a-tutela-e-per-la-valorizzazione-del-verde-urbano-ed-extraurbano-in-13-citta-metropolitane-d-italia>

⁵⁰¹³ Giornata internazionale delle foreste. Avvio ufficiale della Rete Nazionale dei Boschi Vetusti, Minis’ero dell’agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (Roma) 21 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.masaf.gov.it/giornata-foreste-boschi-vetusti>

⁵⁰¹⁴ Environmental sustainability’ Banca d’Italia’s reforestation efforts continue, Banca d’Italia (Roma) 28 March 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/media/notizia/environmental-sustainability-banca-d-italia-s-reforestation-efforts-continue/>

On 22 April 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security created the nation's 25th national park, identifying the perimeter, zoning and safeguard measures of the Matese National Park.⁵⁰¹⁵ This action contributes to the preservation of land and biodiversity as federally protected areas in the nation is expanded.

On 1 May 2025, the AIC committed EUR1,999,185 to project “CAMBIO!” which aims to mitigate the impacts of human activity on biodiversity in Mozambique.⁵⁰¹⁶

On 19 May 2025, the government funded the National Biodiversity Future Centre to host the National Biodiversity Forum in Milan, gathering researchers, businesses and representatives from across the EU to discuss and debate topics of biodiversity while presenting joint scientific publications, reports and Key Exploitable Results.⁵⁰¹⁷ By facilitating international discourse, Italy contributes to KM-GBF Goal C.

On 20 June 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests presented a draft bill translated to “Rules for the protection of warm-blooded wildlife and hunting,” beginning the parliamentary journey for better protection of biodiversity and local species.⁵⁰¹⁸ This action affirms Goal B as the government works to implement rules against overexploitation of nature.

On 20 June 2025, President Sergio Mattarella co-chaired the Mattei Plan for Africa and Global Gateway: A common effort with the African Continent, committing to sustainable agriculture and development.⁵⁰¹⁹ This international effort contributes to Goal C and halting global biodiversity loss.

On 23 June 2025, Italy committed EUR6.5 million at the United Nations Ocean Conference to strengthen surveillance by the Coast Guard in marine protected areas, increasing efficiency of oil spill detection.⁵⁰²⁰ The involvement in the international convention demonstrates effort in Goal C while the specific financial commitment aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 1 July 2025, the Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security commenced the National Program for General Mineral Exploration, relaunching Italy's mining sector and initiating extraction processes of natural resources in various areas across the country.⁵⁰²¹ This is a harmful practice to the environment, fragmenting or destroying natural habitats, creating pollution and endangering wildlife.⁵⁰²² Thus, this action undermines Goals A and B by increasing dangers to biodiversity.

On 17 July 2025, Minister of Environment and Energy Security Pichetto Fratin met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment of Slovakia Tomáš Taraba to finalise a Technical Memorandum of

⁵⁰¹⁵ Aree protette: decreto Pichetto, nasce il 25mo Parco, è quello del Matese, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza energetica (Roma) 22 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 May 2025.

<https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/la-convenzione-delle-alpi-0>

⁵⁰¹⁶ CAM-BIO: for an approach to adaptation to climate change that preserves Biodiversity, Agenzia Italiana Per La Cooperazione Allo Sviluppo (Rome) n.d. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 3 September 2025.

https://www.openaid.aics.gov.it/it/iati-activity/XM-DAC-6-4-013244-08-8#_blank

⁵⁰¹⁷ National Biodiversity Forum 2025 (Palermo) 18 April 2025. Access Date: 6 July 2025. <https://www.nbfc.it/en/news/national-biodiversity-forum-2025>

⁵⁰¹⁸ Caccia: Lollobrigida rende informativa a Cdm. Oggi presentata proposta di legge in Senato (Roma) 20 June 2025. Access Date: 6 July. https://www.masaf.gov.it/Caccia_informativa_Cdm

⁵⁰¹⁹ Joint press release by the European Commission and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy (Roma) 19 June 2025. Access Date: 6 July 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/es/statement_25_1582

⁵⁰²⁰ Nice Ocean Action Plan signals political will for global action to protect the ocean (Nice) 13 June 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2025/06/closing-press-release-2025-unoc/>

⁵⁰²¹ National Mineral Exploration Program Approved. Investigations Begin Across Italy, Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (Roma) 1 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025.

<https://www.isprambiente.gov.it/en/news/national-mineral-exploration-program-approved-investigations-begin-across-italy>

⁵⁰²² The Environmental Problems Caused by Mining, Earth Org (Hong Kong) 3 April 2022. Access Date: 20 August 2025.

<https://earth.org/environmental-problems-caused-by-mining/>

Understanding on environmental cooperation and the restoration of polluted areas.⁵⁰²³ The collaboration supports Goal D.

On 31 July 2025, Undersecretary for the Environment and Energy Security Claudius Barbaro participated in a bilateral dialogue on environmental sustainability and biodiversity protection with the Japanese Vice Minister of Environment Kiyoshi Igarashi in a conference held at the Italian Pavilion.⁵⁰²⁴ This conference focused on the protection of terrestrial and marine biodiversity and the implementation of the KM-GBF, demonstrating Italy's active participation and efforts in complying with this framework and aligning with Goal C.

On 31 October 2025, G7 members under Canada's 2025 G7 Presidency announced the G7 Water Coalition Workplan.⁵⁰²⁵ The Workplan covers a 3-year period between 2025 to 2028, advancing intergovernmental action and supporting technical exchange to support international water efforts. It identifies areas to expand integrated approaches that acknowledge the interconnections between water and ecosystems. Further, it discusses best practice principles and barriers to biodiversity conservation including "conserving, protecting, restoring, and building resilience" for ecosystems. This initiative aligns with Goal A and D.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Italy has taken strong action in aligning with Goal A, B and D of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity by allocating fundings for related projects and continuing environmental assessment partnerships with experts. However, Italy's actions in the mining sector detract from KM-GBF biodiversity objectives and its overall progress is also mitigated by its few substantial actions under Goal B. Still, they have taken multiple substantial actions towards the promotion of biodiversity globally.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 1 December 2024, the government contributed JPY690 million to a United Nations Development Programme initiative seeking to conserve wetlands in the Islamic Republic of Iran.⁵⁰²⁶ The action aligns with the KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 8 January 2025, the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), a joint initiative of the national government, announced its partnership with Conservation International to implement the Global Environment

⁵⁰²³ Italia-Slovacchia: pro'ocollo d'intesa su cooperazione per tutela ambientale, focus su bonifiche, Minis'ero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (Roma) 17 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. https://www.mase.gov.it/portale/-/italia-slovacchia-protocollo-d-intesa-su-cooperazione-per-tutela-ambientale-focus-su-bonifiche?p_l_back_url=%2Fportale%2Fweb%2Fguest%2Fcomunicati-stampa

⁵⁰²⁴ Expo Osaka, Barbaro (Mase) at the Italian Pavilion: "Italy and Japan together to protect biodiversity." (Osaka) 31 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/expo-osaka-barbaro-mase-al-padiglione-italia-italia-e-giappone-insieme-per-tutelare-la-biodiversita/>

⁵⁰²⁵ G7 Water Coalition Workplan, G7 (Kananaskis) 31 October 2025. Access Date: 12 November 2025. <https://g7.canada.ca/en/news-and-media/news/g7-water-coalition-workplan>

⁵⁰²⁶ UNDP Welcomes New Contribution from Japan to Strengthen Wetland Management and Climate Resilience in Iran, United Nations Development Programme Iran (Tehran) 1 December 2024. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.undp.org/iran/news/undp-welcomes-new-contribution-japan-strengthen-wetland-management-and-climate-resilience-iran>

Facility Small Grants Program.⁵⁰²⁷ The CEPF serves to empower civil society organisations to better conserve global biodiversity hotspots.

On 13 January 2025, the Ministry of the Environment represented by State Minister of the Environment Kobayashi Fumiaki participated in the 2nd Philippines-Japan Environment Week and Environmental Policy Dialogue where the two ministries exchanged views and future cooperation on biodiversity cooperation.⁵⁰²⁸

On 19 February 2025, the Ministry of the Environment discussed peatland conservation as a key of interest for future projects during the 4th Meeting of Joint Crediting Mechanism Global Partnership.⁵⁰²⁹ The meeting included government representatives and organizations from 19 partner countries. This demonstrates Japan's commitment to advancing Goal A and D of the KM-GBF.

On 28 February 2025, Japan's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵⁰³⁰ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 25 March 2025, Minister of the Environment Asao Keiichiro held a meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil Marina Silva where they signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) to advance cooperation in key environmental areas.⁵⁰³¹ The ministers underscored the urgency of addressing biodiversity loss. Japan further committed to facilitating cooperation and information sharing on biodiversity-related challenges.

On 28 March 2025, the Japan International Cooperation Agency signed new loan agreements to provide JPY191.736 billion in Official Development Assistance to the government of India for environmentally sustainable initiatives.⁵⁰³² The loans will target forest management, aquaculture, biodiversity conservation and investment promotion in line with KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 13 May 2025, the Ministry of the Environment and the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoU) reaffirming the two governments' commitment to advancing environmental cooperation.⁵⁰³³ The MoU includes "biodiversity conservation as nature-based solutions",

⁵⁰²⁷ CEPF to Collaborate With Conservation International for GEF Small Grants Program, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (Arlington) 8 January 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.cepf.net/stories/cepf-collaborate-conservation-international-gef-small-grants-program>

⁵⁰²⁸ Results of the 2nd Philippines-Japan Environment Week and Environmental Policy Dialogue, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_03675.html

⁵⁰²⁹ Outcome of the 4th Meeting of Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Global Partnership, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_03849.html

⁵⁰³⁰ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁵⁰³¹ Signing of Memorandum of Cooperation on Environment with Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 26 March 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_04016.html

⁵⁰³² Government of India and Government of Japan sign loan agreements worth JPY 191.736 billion for six projects under Japan's Official Development Assistance to India, Ministry of Finance (New Delhi) 28 March 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=2116250>

⁵⁰³³ Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman on Environmental Cooperation, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 15 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press_04938.html

“environmental monitoring” and “climate change mitigation and adaptation” as key areas of cooperation.⁵⁰³⁴ This initiative demonstrates Japan’s commitment to advancing Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 22 May 2025, the government co-organized an International Symposium on Urban Ecosystem Regeneration titled “Nature, Culture, and Community: Rethinking Urban Connections from Kanazawa,” in celebration of International Biodiversity Day.⁵⁰³⁵ The event aligns with KM-GBF Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 26 May 2025, Japan partook in the China-Japan Fishery Cooperation Dialogue in Shanghai, where the two countries shared achievements in promoting green aquaculture, reducing illegal fishing and conserving aquatic resources.⁵⁰³⁶ This international meeting aligns with KM-GBF Goal C.

On 6 June 2025, the Cabinet approved the 2025 Environment White Paper, Circular Economy White Paper and Biodiversity White Paper to document environmental trends and call for accelerated multidisciplinary solutions.⁵⁰³⁷ With biodiversity loss as a key focus, the action relates to KM-GBF Goal A.

On 27 June 2025, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs Matsuzawa Yutaka signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with State Secretary for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Mongolia Urtnasan Tsetsegmaa regarding environmental initiatives.⁵⁰³⁸ The two parties addressed shared measures for biodiversity preservation, furthering KM-GBF Goal D.

On 31 July 2025, Japanese Vice Minister of Environment Kiyoshi Igarashi participated in a bilateral dialogue on environmental sustainability and biodiversity protection with Italian Undersecretary for the Environment and Energy Security Claudius Barbaro with the in a conference held at the Italian Pavilion.⁵⁰³⁹ This conference focused on the protection of terrestrial and marine biodiversity and the implementation of the KM-GBF, demonstrating Italy’s active participation and efforts in complying with this framework and aligning with Goal C.

On 1 August 2025, Japan launched the application process for the “Certificate of Support for Nature-Coexistence Sites.”⁵⁰⁴⁰ This certificate aims to encourage private-sector involvement in biodiversity conservation by formally recognizing companies and organizations that support certified conservation areas. Alongside this initiative, a support matching program was also introduced. This program connects certified Nature-Coexistence Sites in need of financial or technical assistance with companies or individuals willing to contribute, using the official 30by30 Alliance website as the coordination platform. This initiative strengthens Japan’s commitment to the 30by30 target, which aligns with the KM-GBF.

⁵⁰³⁴ Memorandum of Cooperation Between The Ministry of The Environment of Japan and The Environment Authority of The Sultanate of Oman On Environmental Cooperation, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 13 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.env.go.jp/content/000315429.pdf>

⁵⁰³⁵ International Day for Biodiversity (May 22), Ministry of the Environment (Kyoto) 22 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 May 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_04091.html

⁵⁰³⁶ China-Japan Fishery Cooperation Dialogue Held in Shanghai, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (Beijing) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. https://english.moa.gov.cn/news_522/202505/t20250530_301505.html

⁵⁰³⁷ 令和7年版環境白書 循環型社会白書 生物多様性白書の公表について, 環境省 (Tokyo) 6 June 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 14 July 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/press/111155_00003.html

⁵⁰³⁸ Outcomes of the 16th Japan-Mongolia Environmental Policy Dialogue, Ministry of Environment (Tokyo) 27 June 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_01537.html

⁵⁰³⁹ Expo Osaka, Barbaro (Mase) at the Italian Pavilion: "Italy and Japan together to protect biodiversity." (Osaka) 31 July 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/expo-osaka-barbaro-mase-al-padiglione-italia-italia-e-giappone-insieme-per-tutelare-la-biodiversita/>

⁵⁰⁴⁰ Start of accepting applications for the "Certificate of Support for Nature-Coexistence Sites" and start of soliciting requests for posting support matching information, Ministry of the Environment (Tokyo) 1 August 2025. Access Date: 1 August 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/press/press_00328.html

On 20 August 2025, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs Doi Kentaro signed a statement of intent aiming to deepen collaboration with the African Development Bank on environmental conservation.⁵⁰⁴¹ This partnership helps further KM-GBF Goal D.

On 16 September 2025, relevant ministries officially designated 201 sites as “Nature Symbiosis Sites” under the newly enacted Act on the Enhancement of Regional Biodiversity.⁵⁰⁴² This initiative supports Japan’s commitment to KM-GBF Goal A.

On 28 September 2025, Minister Keiichiro represented Japan at the 26th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Japan, Korea and China, during which the Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2026-2030) was adopted.⁵⁰⁴³ The cooperative agreement’s inclusion of biodiversity as a priority area furthers the KM-GBF objectives.

On 31 October 2025, G7 members under Canada’s 2025 G7 Presidency announced the G7 Water Coalition Workplan.⁵⁰⁴⁴ The Workplan covers a 3-year period between 2025 to 2028, advancing intergovernmental action and supporting technical exchange to support international water efforts. It identifies areas to expand integrated approaches that acknowledge the interconnections between water and ecosystems. Further, it discusses best practice principles and barriers to biodiversity conservation including “conserving, protecting, restoring, and building resilience” for ecosystems. This initiative aligns with Goal A and D.

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Japan has taken strong action that aligns with Goal A and D of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity. However, continued efforts are needed to strengthen biodiversity conservation policies and ensure their effective implementation and alignment with Goal B and C of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

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Korea has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 25 November 2024, Korea hosted the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in Busan, attempting to develop a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.⁵⁰⁴⁵ Korea’s hosting of the negotiations highlights its commitment to guaranteeing clean air, oceans and forests.

On 5 December 2024, the Ministry of Environment and the Korea Environmental Industry and Technology Institute held a commemorative event to celebrate ‘World Soil Day’ under the theme “Caring for Soils: Measure,

⁵⁰⁴¹ Signing of the Statement of Intent on Environment with the African Development Bank, Ministry of the Environment (Yokohama) 21 August 2025. Access Date: 19 October 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press/press_00279.html

⁵⁰⁴² 地域生物多様性増進法に基づく「自然共生サイト」の認定（令和7年度第1回）について ～令和7年 自然共生サイト認定式を執り行います, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Tokyo) 16 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 11 October 2025. https://www.mlit.go.jp/report/press/sogo10_hh_000359.html

⁵⁰⁴³ Outcome of the 26th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Japan, Korea and China, Ministry of the Environment (Yantai) 29 September 2025. Access Date: 19 October 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press_00006.html

⁵⁰⁴⁴ G7 Water Coalition Workplan, G7 (Kananaskis) 31 October 2025. Access Date: 12 November 2025. <https://g7.canada.ca/en/news-and-media/news/g7-water-coalition-workplan>

⁵⁰⁴⁵ Decisive fifth session of negotiations on a global plastic pollution treaty opens in Busan, UN Environment Programme (Busan) 25 November 2024. Access Date: 18 March 2025. <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/decisive-fifth-session-negotiations-global-plastic-pollution-treaty>

Monitor, Manage.”⁵⁰⁴⁶ This commemoration serves to acknowledge the importance of soil conservation, discuss measures for soil and groundwater investigation and design systems to promote the recycling of purified soil.

On 6 December 2024, Korea concluded its participation in Operation Thunder 2024, a global initiative coordinated by INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization that resulted in the seizure of nearly 20,000 live animals and the arrest of 365 suspects worldwide.⁵⁰⁴⁷ The government’s involvement shows its commitment to disrupting illegal wildlife trade networks.

On 10 December 2024, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries announced the expansion of the wetland protection zone in the Muan Tidal Flats in Jeollanam-do from 42 km to 113.34 km.⁵⁰⁴⁸ With this expansion, the habitats of endangered species, such as the Chinese Egret and Black-faced Spoonbill, will be preserved.

On 16 December 2024, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Jeollanam-do and Yeosu-si hosted the first Yeosu International Ocean Tourism Forum.⁵⁰⁴⁹ This forum focused on marine tourism, urban space and climate and explored ways to integrate marine ecology, healing, and recreation into the tourism sector.

On 18 December 2024, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with GS Retail to promote Environmental, Social, and Governance initiatives in the marine environment sector.⁵⁰⁵⁰ Through this MoU, private and public sector efforts will jointly promote activities to protect marine protected species, including the research of indicator species of climate change in the waters and underwater cleanup operations to remove marine debris that poses a threat to endangered species such as sea turtles.

On 9 January 2025, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries presented the Development Plan for the Oyster Aquaculture Industry at the Cabinet Meeting on State Affairs and the Economic Ministers’ Meeting.⁵⁰⁵¹ This strategy will accelerate the installation of facilities to prevent the penetration of pollutants from land and sea, preserve clean oyster waters and produce safe oysters.

On 17 January 2025, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and the Ministry of Environment announced that they would sign a memorandum of understanding for sustainable environmental conservation on land and sea.⁵⁰⁵² By signing this MOU, the two ministries plan to strengthen cooperation to respond effectively to the impact of the climate crisis on the marine and fisheries sectors, establishing measures to solve the marine waste problem and expanding marine waste recycling.

⁵⁰⁴⁶ Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage... Commemorative Event for World Soil Day 2024 Held, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 4 December 2024. Access Date: 21 March 2025.

<https://www.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=30&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1713580&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁴⁷ Nearly 20,000 live animals seized, 365 suspects arrested in largest-ever wildlife and forestry operation, INTERPOL (Lyon) 4 February 2025. Access Date: 21 March 2025. <https://www.interpol.int/en/News-and-Events/News/2025/Nearly-20-000-live-animals-seized-365-suspects-arrested-in-largest-ever-wildlife-and-forestry-operation>

⁵⁰⁴⁸ MOF Expands Designation of Muan Tidal Flats as a Wetland Protection Zone, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Sejong-si) 13 December 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://www.mof.go.kr/doc/en/selectDoc.do?docSeq=59609&listUpdtDt=2025-03-26++10%3A00&menuSeq=485&bbsSeq=90>

⁵⁰⁴⁹ Holding the First Yeosu International Ocean Tourism Forum, Drawing a Blueprint for Sustainable Marine Tourism, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Sejong-si) 20 December 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2025.

⁵⁰⁵⁰ MOF, GS Retail Join Hands to Conserve Marine Protected Species, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Sejong-si) 20 December 2024. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://www.mof.go.kr/doc/en/selectDoc.do?docSeq=59676&listUpdtDt=2025-03-26++10%3A00&menuSeq=485&bbsSeq=90>

⁵⁰⁵¹ Fostering Oyster as the Next Leading Export Product Following Gim (Laver); Challenge to Become the World’s No. 1 Oyster-Exporting Country, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Sejong-si) 10 January 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=7791&type=O&insttCode=A110440#>

⁵⁰⁵² MOF, ME Join Forces to Solve Marine Waste and Climate Crisis Problems, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Sejong-si) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 22 March 2025. <https://www.mof.go.kr/doc/en/selectDoc.do?docSeq=60211&listUpdtDt=2025-03-26++10%3A00&menuSeq=485&bbsSeq=90>

On 21 January 2025, Korea announced that it will reduce subsidies for biomass energy after domestic and international concerns about its link to deforestation.⁵⁰⁵³ Under this policy, subsidies for six existing state-owned plants co-firing coal and biomass will end this year, while the value of renewable energy certificates for three state-owned dedicated biomass plants will be phased down by 2027.

On 2 January 2025, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries announced the 2025 MOF Task Execution Plan, focusing on 16 tasks in five major fields.⁵⁰⁵⁴ The MOF Task Execution Plan will foster safe and clean ocean environments, designating two new large marine protected zones, and working alongside the Ministry of Environment to execute a pilot project for blocking the inflow of land-based waste into the sea and strengthening the management of discarded fishing gear.

On 31 January 2025, the National Institute of Biological Resources updated the National Species List of Korea.⁵⁰⁵⁵ This list, which now includes 61,230 species, aids in monitoring biodiversity and designing conservation strategies.

On 28 February 2025, Korea's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵⁰⁵⁶ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 13 March 2025, the National Assembly of Korea passed the "Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction" under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.⁵⁰⁵⁷ With this, Korea officially endorsed the ratification of the BBNJ Agreement, which addresses measures and mandates environmental impact assessments for activities on the high seas.

On 20 March 2025, the government ratified the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.⁵⁰⁵⁸ The agreement constitutes an international legal framework to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in the high seas and deep-sea areas.

On 4 April 2025, the National Park Service under the Ministry of Environment announced that it has selected 10 native tree species from national parks that are relatively effective at absorbing carbon dioxide.⁵⁰⁵⁹ These

⁵⁰⁵³ South Korea to shrink biomass energy subsidies after criticism over link to deforestation, Associated Press News (Jakarta) 22 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://apnews.com/article/biomass-energy-south-korea-deforestation-40bd1ca250562f5dcaa2231cdc628a9f>

⁵⁰⁵⁴ 2025 MOF's Key Policy Implementation Plan- Maritime and Fisheries that Bring Warm'h to People's Lives and Vitality to the Economy, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Sejong-si) 24 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.korea.net/Government/Briefing-Room/Press-Releases/view?articleId=7815&type=O&insttCode=A110440>

⁵⁰⁵⁵ National Species List of Korea, National Biodiversity Clearing House (Incheon) 31 January 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://www.kbr.go.kr/eng/content/view.do?sessionId=7957FAA0BAE62056753A8BB8B60EFD6C?menuKey=892&contentKey=262>

⁵⁰⁵⁶ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁵⁰⁵⁷ Republic of Korea Deposits Instrument of Ratification for BBNJ Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 20 March 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=322766#

⁵⁰⁵⁸ Republic of Korea Deposits Instrument of Ratification for BBNJ Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 20 March 2025. Access Date: 5 May 2025. https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=322766

⁵⁰⁵⁹ 10 Native Tree Species in National Parks with Excellent Carbon Absorption Revealed, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 4 April 2025. Access Date: 4 May 2025. <http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=0&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=titleOrContent&searchValue=biodiversity&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1735580&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

findings encourage the planting of native tree species, promoting carbon neutrality and biodiversity conservation.

On 9 April 2025, the Ministry of Environment began a pilot operation of the Animal Road Accident Prevention System.⁵⁰⁶⁰ This system uses artificial intelligence-based CCTV and LiDAR sensors to detect the presence of animals and predict appearances through data collection. Beyond helping to prevent accidents, the system contributes to biodiversity conservation, aligning with Goal A of the KM-GBF.

On 11 April 2025, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries officially designated the waters surrounding Gwantaldo Island in Jeju as a Marine Ecosystem Protected Area and the waters near Sindo-ri as a Marine Species Protected Area.⁵⁰⁶¹ With this announcement, the total number of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) designated by the Ministry increased to 57.

On 28 April 2025, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries hosted the two-day “Our Ocean Conference” in Busan.⁵⁰⁶² Korea committed to investing in marine biodiversity conservation, capacity-building efforts, integrated marine climate data, coastal restoration projects and supporting the aquaculture sector.

On 29 April 2025, the Ministry of Environment held the opening ceremony for the UNESCO Global Research and Training Centre for Internationally Designated Areas (GCIDA) in Jeju.⁵⁰⁶³ The Ministry committed to supporting GCIDA’s goal of becoming a global leader in sustainable conservation and development of internationally designated areas.

On 1 May 2025, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries created two new Marine Protected Areas (MPA) in Jeju.⁵⁰⁶⁴ This milestone involves the Gwantaldo Island, which represents the first MPA in Korea that is over 1000 square kilometers, and Sindo-ri. These actions have a major impact on biodiversity conservation as they these MPAs are habitats for marine protected species, including seaweed and corals.

On 1 May 2025, the government hosted the meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministers responsible for Oceans and Fisheries in Busan.⁵⁰⁶⁵ During the meeting, ministers committed to strengthening cooperation, enhancing marine disaster data monitoring, improving waste management, restoring and conserving marine ecosystems biodiversity and protecting threatened marine species.

⁵⁰⁶⁰ Preventing Animal Road Accidents with Image Recognition AI Technology, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 8 April 2025.

Access Date: 5 May 2025.

<https://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=10&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1736100&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁶¹ 제주 신도리 주변해역 해양보호구역 지정 고시, 해양수산부 (Seoul) 11 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate.

Access Date: 5 May 2025. <https://www.mof.go.kr/doc/ko/selectDoc.do?docSeq=61209&=&pagecnt=>

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⁵⁰⁶² Busan, —orea: 2025 - Our Ocean, Our Action, Our Ocean Conference (Busan) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 5 May 2025.

<https://www.ouroceanconference.org/conferences/busan-2025/>

⁵⁰⁶³ Jeju Established as the Center for Management Capacity of Internationally Designated Areas - Opening of the UNESCO Global Research and Training Centre, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 29 April 2025. Access Date: 4 May 2025.

<http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=0&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=titleOrContent&searchValue=conservation&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1740020&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁶⁴ Deliberation by the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Development Committee, such as the Designation of Gwantaldo Island and Sindo-ri in Jeju as a Marine Protected Area, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (Sejong-si) 1 May 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025.

<https://www.mof.go.kr/doc/ko/selectDoc.do?bbsSeq=90&docSeq=61516&menuSeq=485>

⁵⁰⁶⁵ Chair’s statement on the 2025 APEC Ocean-Related Ministerial Meeting, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Busan) 1 May 2025. Access Date: 6 June 2025. <https://www.apec.org/meeting-papers/sectoral-ministerial-meetings/oceanrelated/chair-s-statement-on-the-2025-apec-oceans-related-ministerial-meeting>

On 5 May 2025, Minister of Environment Kim Wansup led a water industry cooperation delegation that visited Cambodia.⁵⁰⁶⁶ This bilateral meeting had the objective to strengthen water management cooperation with Cambodia through smart technologies, public and private sector partnerships and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop climate resilience and conduct institutional improvements. These measures will in turn reduce pollution in water systems and protect marine ecosystems and habitats through greater monitoring of species and use of marine resources.

On 13 May 2025, Korea National Park Service Chairman Joo Dae-young announced the strengthening of visitor guidelines for Jirisan National Park.⁵⁰⁶⁷ This control measure will protect wildlife biodiversity by directly responding to the increase in volumes of tourism during mating season of the Asiatic black bear, which is a critically endangered species.

On 20 May 2025, National Institute of Biological Resources (NIBR) Director Yoo Ho announced school education programs in the Seoul metropolitan area with the theme of World Bee Day.⁵⁰⁶⁸ This education campaign, which is a part of the NIBR's project "Capacity Building Program for Biodiversity Field Workers", serves to spread awareness about the protection of wild bees, fosters the upskilling of instructors and expands the relevance of biodiversity conservation.

On 22 May 2025, the Ministry of Environment represented by Minister Kim Wansup held the "Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development" event for the 2025 International Day for Biological Diversity individuals and organizations advancing "the conservation of biodiversity, wetlands, and migratory birds" were recognized for their efforts.⁵⁰⁶⁹ This demonstrates Korea's commitment to advancing Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 5 June 2025, the Republic of Korea hosted the World Environment Day 2025 from the United Nations Environment Programme in Jeju.⁵⁰⁷⁰ This international event focused on ending plastic pollution for the protection of water bodies and marine species and the restoration of ecosystems that have been impacted by the consequences of human activities and waste mismanagement.

On 17 June 2025, the Aquaculture Stewardship Council of the Netherlands signed a MoU with the National Institute of Fisheries Science of the Republic of South Korea.⁵⁰⁷¹ Under the agreement, they will collaborate to

⁵⁰⁶⁶ Dispatch of water industry cooperation delegation to Cambodia, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 4 May 2025. Access Date: 7 June 2025.

<http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=10&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1741190&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁶⁷ Asiatic black bear activity ramps up: Visitor guidelines for coexistence in the Jirisan area, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 13 May 2025. Access Date: 7 June 2025.

<http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=10&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1742780&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁶⁸ Biodiversity education conducted at 27 elementary schools in the Seoul metropolitan area for World Bee Day, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 19 May 2025. Access Date: 7 June 2025.

<http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=0&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1743690&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁶⁹ Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development: 2025 International Day for Biological Diversity Celebration Set to Launch, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025.

<https://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=20&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1744220&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁷⁰ World Environment Day 2025 mobilizes commitment, action to end plastic pollution globally, United Nations Environment Programme (Jeju) 5 June 2025. Access Date: 7 June 2025.

<http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=0&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1744220&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁷¹ ASC signs MoU with South Korea's National Institute of Fisheries Science to advance responsible seafood farming, Aquaculture Stewardship Council (Haenam) 17 June 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://asc-aqua.org/news/asc-signs-mou-with-south-koreas-national-institute-of-fisheries-science-to-advance-responsible-seafood-farming/>

build technologies for ecosystem-based certification, enhance the farming conditions for seafood and boost knowledge-sharing between international stakeholders and scientists.

On 25 June 2025, NIBR Director Yoo shared with the public the 2024 implementation status of the fifth National Biodiversity Strategy (2024-2028).⁵⁰⁷² This is a cross-ministerial plan that showcases the collaboration between diverse areas of expertise in the sustainability and biodiversity field. Aligned with target 21 of KM-GBF regarding data accessibility, the act of providing information about biodiversity conservation efforts serves to increase public awareness, foster cooperation between ministers and revealed areas for improvement, including the lack of biodiversity-related funding for the implementation of projects in the long-term.

On 4 July 2025, Minister Kim provided equipment and personnel for the control of the *Plecia longiforceps* outbreak.⁵⁰⁷³ The deployment of many human resources and physical tools shows the commitment to tackle biodiversity problems through collaboration, rapidness and transparency.

On 25 August 2025, the Korea Forest Service hosted the Global Workshop dedicated to the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative.⁵⁰⁷⁴ The Korea Forest Service and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding at the outset of the meeting. This action reinforces the commitment to improve planning to stop habitat loss and promote the sustainable use of wildlife and fisheries, inclusive governance for biodiversity decisions and the conservation of protected areas.

On 12 September 2025, NIBR and the Korea Arboretum Garden Management Center announced the signing of a Business Agreement for the Conservation and Increased Utilization of Native Plant Diversity.⁵⁰⁷⁵ This agreement will increase cooperation in the conservation of native plant seeds, the exchange and use of native plants and seeds and the standardization of research methods on wild plant seeds.

On 25 September 2025, the NIBR announced the opening of Biological Specimen Room on Palawan Island, Philippines.⁵⁰⁷⁶ The biological specimen room aims to lay the foundations for continued collaboration between the NIBR and the Philippines in the area of biodiversity helping to fulfill KM-GBF goal A.

On 28 September 2025, the government participated in the 26th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Japan, Korea and China, during which the Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2026-2030) was adopted.⁵⁰⁷⁷ The cooperative agreement's inclusion of biodiversity as a priority area furthers the KM-GBF objectives.

⁵⁰⁷² Fifth National Biodiversity Strategy Progress Shared with the Public, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 24 June 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?jsessionId=kcb8x3QeDV4qJzpFGV3cEzb45V23x8JTgvV7d5k.mehome2?menuId=461&boardMasterId=522&boardId=1750150>

⁵⁰⁷³ Ministry of Environment Mobilizes to Contain Lovebug Outbreak at Gyeong Mountain, Ministry of Environment (Sejong-si) 4 July 2025. Access Date: 17 August 2025.

<http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=10&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1752540&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁷⁴ Global workshop set to boost forest restoration around the globe, Convention on Biological Diversity (Seoul) 25 August 2025. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/article/2025-08-26-FERI-global-workshop-Seoul>

⁵⁰⁷⁵ 생물다양성 회복의 씨앗, 자생식물 종자의 안전 보존을 위한 협력 강화, 국립생물자원관 (Incheon) 25 September 2025.

Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 12 October 2025.

https://www.nibr.go.kr/cmnm/board/SYSTEM_DEFAULT000004/66721bbsDetail.do

⁵⁰⁷⁶ National Institute of Biological Resources Opens Biological Specimen Room on Palawan Island, Philippines, Ministry of the Environment (Seoul) 25 September 2025. Access Date: 28 October 2025.

<https://mcee.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=0&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1769170&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁷⁷ Outcome of the 26th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among Japan, Korea and China, Ministry of the Environment (Yantai) 29 September 2025. Access Date: 19 October 2025. https://www.env.go.jp/en/press_00006.html

On 30 September 2025, the Ministry of the Environment announced the opening of a new lifelong sanctuary for captive bears in Gurye.⁵⁰⁷⁸ This initiative comes as part of the Korean government's attempts to end bear farming and protect remaining bears directly aligning with KM-GBF goal A.

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Korea has taken strong action across most of the key components of the commitment, including halting biodiversity loss, preserving at-risk species, and restoring degraded ecosystems. Korea has taken the initiative to host global forums about natural conservation, has expanded protected areas to guarantee the wellbeing of species, has fostered collaboration between the public and private sector, and has implemented measures to improve waste management and reduce pollution. Korea has taken strong action that aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate of KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

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Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 29 November 2024, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the Federal Attorney General's Office for Environmental Protection and the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas signed the joint agreement "Sea Shepherd Conservation Society" to preserve marine biodiversity.⁵⁰⁷⁹ The initiative also includes collecting and disseminating data and information to facilitate species monitoring and conduct environmental assessments. These joint efforts demonstrate Mexico's commitment to protect and conserve marine biodiversity and natural resources, aligning with Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 12 December 2024, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), with the support of national and international organizations, led the formulation of the National Restoration Program.⁵⁰⁸⁰ The program will serve as the strategic framework for environmental restoration in Mexico during the current presidential term and seeks to involve active participation from key actors across all sectors.

On 12 December 2024, the Ministry of Environment, the Government of Mexico City and the National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO) launched the Urban Biodiversity Index.⁵⁰⁸¹ This initiative aims to improve urban conservation strategies and guide resource allocation in alignment with sustainable development goals.

⁵⁰⁷⁸ A Lifelong Sanctuary for Captive Bears Opens in Gurye, Ministry of the Environment (Seoul) 30 September 2025. Access Date: 28 October 2025.

<https://mcee.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=0&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=461&orgCd=&boardId=1772090&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁵⁰⁷⁹ Sector ambiental federal firma convenio para preservar biodiversidad marina en Áreas Naturales Protegidas, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 29 November 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/sector-ambiental-federal-firma-convenio-para-preservar-biodiversidad-marina-en-areas-naturales-protegidas-384952?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁸⁰ UN Supports Mexico's National Restoration Plan, Mexico Business News (Mexico City) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://mexicobusiness.news/policyandeconomy/news/un-supports-mexicos-national-restoration-plan>

⁵⁰⁸¹ Mexico City Unveils Urban Biodiversity Index, Mexico Business News (Mexico City) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://mexicobusiness.news/infrastructure/news/mexico-city-unveils-urban-biodiversity-index>

On 15 January 2025, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources Alicia Bárcena Ibarra met with national and international organizations to strengthen collaboration on environmental policy.⁵⁰⁸² The discussions aligned on establishing policies that promote technical tools for environmental conservation and restoration.

On 17 January 2025, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources announced Mexico's objective to restore 150 million ha of key ecosystems, including forests, jungles and mangroves, by 2030.⁵⁰⁸³

On 28 January 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the National Commission of Protected Natural Areas of Mexico and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation announced funding for a partnership with the Butterfly Pavilion to protect monarch butterflies in the Butterfly Biosphere Reserve.⁵⁰⁸⁴ The program aims to restore declining monarch populations and protect the ecosystems on which the butterflies rely for migration and habitat.

On 5 February 2025, Mexico joined the international Mangrove Breakthrough initiative to conserve and restore these vital ecosystems.⁵⁰⁸⁵ This commitment aligns with global conservation goals.

On 11 February 2025, Secretary Bárcena committed to strengthening coordination strategies for tackling priority environmental areas including the conservation of protected natural areas during a meeting with Governor of Jalisco Pablo Lemus.⁵⁰⁸⁶ Secretary Bárcena reiterated the Ministry's interest in further collaboration on climate action and the restoration of contaminated sites.

On 13 February 2025, Mexico and EU representatives met at the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources in Mexico City to strengthen climate and environmental cooperation.⁵⁰⁸⁷ Participants explored opportunities for closer cooperation climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation and restoration and sustainable use of natural resources in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and other international commitments.

On 27 February 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources participated in a working meeting with residents of various municipalities to present progress on the Ecological Restoration Program of the Endhó dam and to facilitate the participatory process.⁵⁰⁸⁸

On 28 February 2025, Mexico's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-

⁵⁰⁸² Secretaria Bárcena se reúne con ONGs para fortalecer alianzas a favor del medio ambiente, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 15 January 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/secretaria-barcena-se-reune-con-ongs-para-fortalecer-alianzas-a-favor-del-medioambiente?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁸³ Mexico City Unveils Urban Biodiversity Index, Mexico Business News (Mexico City) 17 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://mexicobusiness.news/infrastructure/news/mexico-targets-ecosystem-restoration-2030>

⁵⁰⁸⁴ Butterfly Pavilion and Government of Mexico Join Forces to Safeguard Monarch Migration, Butterfly Pavilion (Westminster) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://butterflies.org/butterfly-pavilion-and-government-of-mexico-join-forces-to-safeguard-monarch-migration/>

⁵⁰⁸⁵ Mexico City Unveils Urban Biodiversity Index, Mexico Business News (Mexico City) 5 February 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://mexicobusiness.news/policyandeconomy/news/mexico-joins-global-initiative-restore-mangroves>

⁵⁰⁸⁶ Semarnat y gobierno de Jalisco suman esfuerzos para fortalecer las políticas ambientales y atender temas prioritarios en la entidad, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 11 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-y-gobierno-de-jalisco-suman-esfuerzos-para-fortalecer-las-politicas-ambientales-y-atender-temas-prioritarios-en-la-entidad?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁸⁷ EU & Mexico step up cooperation on environment and climate, European Commission (Brussels) 17 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-mexico-step-cooperation-environment-and-climate-2025-02-17_en

⁵⁰⁸⁸ Avanzan las acciones ecológicas para restaurar la zona de influencia de la presa Endhó, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 27 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/avanzan-las-acciones-ecologicas-para-restaurar-la-zona-de-influencia-de-la-presa-endho?idiom=es>

GBF.⁵⁰⁸⁹ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 10 March 2025, head of the International Affairs Coordinating Unit of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Camila Zepeda Lizama represented Mexico at the Euroclima Programme Annual Meeting.⁵⁰⁹⁰ Participants exchanged experiences and knowledge on climate action and sustainable development implementation strategies. Furthermore, participants identified biodiversity and ecosystem conservation as priorities for the Latin America and Caribbean region.

On 13 March 2025, Secretary Bárcena presented the Mangrove Reforestation Program in partnership with local communities during a working visit to Yucatán.⁵⁰⁹¹

On 14 March 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources published new Internal Regulations which includes the creation of a new role, the Undersecretariat of Biodiversity and Environmental Restoration, which addresses issues related to environmental deterioration and ecosystem degradation, and conservation efforts.⁵⁰⁹²

On 27 March 2025, officials from Mexico and Canada committed to strengthening traditional knowledge and Indigenous leadership in biodiversity conservation during the “Virtual Dialogue on Community- and Indigenous-Led Conservation Programs and Projects.”⁵⁰⁹³ Furthermore, representatives reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation and promoting Indigenous conservation efforts.

On 4 April 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources in partnership with municipal governments held five roundtable discussions with participation from civil society organizations, government authorities and the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juárez to develop the El Chamizal Restoration Program.⁵⁰⁹⁴ This initiative demonstrates Mexico's commitment to restoring and protecting the environment (aligning with Goal A of the KM-GBF).

⁵⁰⁸⁹ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025.

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁵⁰⁹⁰ México presenta proyecto de Parque Ecológico y Economía Circular Franceeunión anual de Euroclima, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 14 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/mexico-presenta-proyecto-de-parque-ecologico-y-economia-cirFrance-en-reunion-anual-de-euroclima?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁹¹ Secretaria Bárcena realizará visita de trabajo en Yucatán para implementar acciones de restauración del territorio, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 12 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/secretaria-barcena-realizara-visita-de-trabajo-en-yucatan-para-implementar-acciones-de-restauracion-del-territorio?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁹² Semarnat se reestructura para hacer frente a los retos de sostenibilidad con una visión humanista, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 16 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-se-reestructura-para-hacer-frente-a-los-retos-de-sostenibilidad-con-una-vision-humanista?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁹³ México y Canadá fortalecen el liderazgo indígena en la conservación de la biodiversidad, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 27 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/mexico-y-canada-fortalecen-el-liderazgo-indigena-en-la-conservacion-de-la-biodiversidad?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁹⁴ Semarnat, autoridades municipales de Chihuahua, sociedad civil y academia trabajan en el Programa de Restauración de El Chamizal, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 12 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-autoridades-municipales-de-chihuahua-sociedad-civil-y-academia-trabajan-en-el-programa-de-restauracion-de-el-chamizal?idiom=es>

On 8 April 2025, environmental authorities from Mexico and Germany agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation on biodiversity.⁵⁰⁹⁵ Mexico highlighted the role in the National Environmental Restoration Program. Representatives from both countries renewed their knowledge-exchange partnership and collaboration on initiatives such as the NDC Partnership, Climate Promise and Climate Club. This initiative demonstrates Mexico's commitment to advancing Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 9 April 2025, Secretary Bárcena participated in the Mexico-UK Summit, organized by the Canning House, where she stated the importance of strengthening strategic partnerships with the United Kingdom.⁵⁰⁹⁶ Secretary Ibarra reiterated progress from ongoing partnerships facilitating the participation of companies in contributing resources and implementing nature-based solutions such as ecosystem restoration. This initiative aligns with Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 10 April 2025, Secretary Bárcena met with representatives from the National Association of State Environmental Authorities to present Mexico's Humanist Ecological and Environmental Policy on environmental restoration and sustainable development.⁵⁰⁹⁷ Secretary Bárcena reiterated Mexico's 10 goals for 2030, including environmental restoration and recovery and protecting marine territory. Further, this initiative reflects Mexico's commitment to leveraging collaborative efforts and partnerships to advance environmental priorities (aligning with Goal D of the KM-GBF).

On 27 April 2025, Secretary Bárcena stated the importance of multi-sector and civil society engagement in environmental policy, and taking action that advances environmental conservation at the "Our Power, Our Planet" forum.⁵⁰⁹⁸

On 28 April 2025, the governments of Mexico and the United States announced an agreement to address challenges related to the Rio Grande water allocations based on a five-year water delivery cycle under the 1944 Treaty.⁵⁰⁹⁹ The assurance of water supplies for human consumption acknowledges the need for equitable access to natural resources, aligning with Goal C of the KM-GBF. The ongoing planning and monitoring of actions reflect Mexico's commitment to preserving biodiversity and maintaining ecosystem integrity, aligning with Goal A of the KM-GBF.

On 6 May 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources supported security authorities from Mexico City in strengthening surveillance, enforcement and environmental protection actions in Los

⁵⁰⁹⁵ México y Alemania fortalecen lazos de cooperación en materia Ambiental, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 8 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025.

⁵⁰⁹⁶ México impulsa acciones de mitigación y adaptación ante el cambio climático: Alicia Bárcena, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 10 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/mexico-impulsa-acciones-de-mitigacion-y-adaptacion-ante-el-cambio-climatico-alicia-barcena?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁹⁷ Secretaria Bárcena y autoridades ambientales estatales fortalecen alianzas para impulsar la agenda nacional de restauración, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 11 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/secretaria-barcena-y-autoridades-ambientales-estatales-fortalecen-alianzas-para-impulsar-la-agenda-nacional-de-restauracion?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁹⁸ Desde la ANP Islas Marías, la secretaria Alicia Bárcena convocó a la sociedad a trabajar en la protección del planeta, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 27 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/desde-la-anp-islas-marias-la-secretaria-alicia-barcena-convoco-a-la-sociedad-a-trabajar-en-la-proteccion-del-planeta?idiom=es>

⁵⁰⁹⁹ México y Estados Unidos anuncian Acuerdo sobre las asignaciones de agua del río Bravo conforme al Tratado de 1944, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 28 April 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/mexico-y-estados-unidos-anuncian-acuerdo-sobre-las-asignaciones-de-agua-del-rio-bravo-conforme-al-tratado-de-1944?idiom=es>

Dinamos.⁵¹⁰⁰ The area is a protected site under the Community Environmental Restoration and Conservation Area with diverse ecological diversity. In addition, the river in the area supplies large amounts of water for human consumption. This initiative reflects Mexico's commitment to protecting and restoring ecosystems (aligning with Goal A) and ensuring all benefits from natural resources are shared and sustainably used (aligning with Goal C).

On 12 May 2025, Secretary Bárcena met with members of the Social Movement for Land where the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources agreed to a consultation on the ecological restoration program for the Endhó dam.⁵¹⁰¹ The meeting aimed to integrate feedback from stakeholders into the project. This demonstrates Mexico's commitment to advancing Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 16 May 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources held the first national meeting of Environmental Authorities including 30 state environmental secretaries to strengthen coordination within the government on environmental challenges.⁵¹⁰² During the meeting, representatives discussed environmental regulation and governance; conservation efforts; environmental restoration; the "National Agreement on Forests, Jungles and Mangroves." This initiative demonstrates Mexico's commitment to protecting and restoring ecosystems (aligning with Goal A) and aligning collaborative efforts to build a roadmap to address environmental priorities (aligning with Goal D).

On 21 May 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources held the sixth working session for the development of the El Chamizal Ecological Restoration Program.⁵¹⁰³ The event convenes representatives from federal and municipal governments, academia and civil society organizations to discuss three lines of action: 1) promoting awareness of biodiversity and ecological benefits, 2) disseminating information on restoration efforts and 3) facilitating community, academia and private sector participation. This initiative reflects Mexico's commitment to advancing Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

On 26 May 2025, the Inter-Secretarial Commission on Climate Change (CICC) held a working session to discuss Mexico's policy for climate change mitigation and adaptation.⁵¹⁰⁴ Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development Julio Berdagué Sacristán underscored the importance of reducing deforestation and biodiversity loss. This demonstrates Mexico's commitment to advancing Goal A of the KM-GBF.

On 9 June 2025, Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Alicia Bárcena Ibarra led the Mexican delegation to the Third United Nations Ocean Conference, where the Secretary announced the updated National Policy for the Sustainable Management of Mexico's Seas and Coasts, the National Environmental Restoration Program and the National Strategy for the Clean-up and Conservation of Mexico's Beaches and

⁵¹⁰⁰ La Ciudad de México refuerza vigilancia y acciones de ordenamiento en Los Dinamos con acompañamiento de Semarnat, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 6 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/la-ciudad-de-mexico-refuerza-vigilancia-y-acciones-de-ordenamiento-en-los-dinamos-con-acompanamiento-de-semarnat?idiom=es>

⁵¹⁰¹ Semarnat y MST acuerdan consulta sobre restauración ecológica de presa Endhó, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 12 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-y-mst-acuerdan-consulta-sobre-restauracion-ecologica-de-presa-endho?idiom=es>

⁵¹⁰² Autoridades ambientales fortalecen coordinación e impulsan proyectos estratégicos medioambientales, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 16 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/autoridades-ambientales-fortalecen-coordinacion-e-impulsan-proyectos-estrategicos-medioambientales?idiom=es>

⁵¹⁰³ Avanzan las mesas de trabajo para la elaboración del Programa de Restauración de El Chamizal, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 22 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/avanzan-las-mesas-de-trabajo-para-la-elaboracion-del-programa-de-restauracion-de-el-chamizal?idiom=es>

⁵¹⁰⁴ La Comisión Intersecretarial de Cambio Climático sesionó para coordinar acciones de la política climática de México, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/la-comision-intersecretarial-de-cambio-climatico-sesiono-para-coordinar-acciones-de-la-politica-climatica-de-mexico?idiom=es>

Coasts 2025-2030.⁵¹⁰⁵ The announcements illustrate Mexico's progress toward KM-GBF Goal A, particularly for marine ecosystems.

On 17 June 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development announced plans to triple its marine refuge zones by 2026 through a new National System of Fishing Refuge Zones.⁵¹⁰⁶ This initiative expands protected areas from 28 to 83 across nine coastal states, covering 2.2 million hectares. The program directly advances KM-GBF Target 3 (30x30 protection) by restoring fisheries for over 130 species (octopus, lobster, sharks) through community-inclusive conservation.

On 26 June 2025, the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies passed an amendment to the General Wildlife Law banning the use and ownership of marine mammals for purposes not related to conservation or scientific research.⁵¹⁰⁷ The legislation supports the protection of marine wildlife under KM-GBF Goal A.

On 10 July 2025, SEMARNAT welcomed 300 representatives of national and international organisations at the International Cooperation and Financing Dialogues, where 60 projects on technical and financial collaboration for environmental protection were presented.⁵¹⁰⁸ The event supports KM-GBF Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 12 July 2025, Mexico's Ambassador to Cairo Leonora Rueda Gutiérrez met with Egypt's Minister of Environment Yasmine Fouad to explore expanded cooperation on desertification, climate change and waste management under the Rio Conventions.⁵¹⁰⁹ This high-level dialogue reflects Mexico's effort to integrate biodiversity conservation into broader environmental and nature-based solutions—a core requirement of KM-GBF Goal B (Sustainable Use) and Goal D—by mobilising international partnerships to address interconnected land- and water-based threats.

On 18 July 2025, Mexico and Cuba formalized a bilateral agreement to jointly conserve and study the Sierra de Manantlán Biosphere Reserve in Mexico and the Sierra del Rosario Biosphere Reserve in Cuba.⁵¹¹⁰ Through commitments to strengthen biological connectivity, integrate ancestral and scientific knowledge, and develop sustainable production systems, the two national governments are advancing KM-GBF Goal A (Protect and Restore) and Goal D by enhancing cross-border ecosystem management and collaboration.

On 22 July 2025, SEMARNAT signed a cooperation agreement with the civil association ECOCE to install free collection stations for recyclable waste across beaches and coastal areas under Mexico's National Beach and Coastal Cleanup and Conservation Strategy 2025–2030.⁵¹¹¹ By coordinating federal agencies with private partners to sort and divert plastics and other inorganic materials, the national government is directly addressing marine pollution, in line with KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore.

⁵¹⁰⁵ Mexico Participates in Third United Nations Ocean Conference to Advance Global Action for Marine Life, Gobierno de México (Mexico City) 9 June 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-participates-in-third-united-nations-ocean-conference-to-advance-global-action-for-marine-life?idiom=en>

⁵¹⁰⁶ Mexico to Expand Fishing Refuge Zones to Nine Coastal States, Mexico Business News (Mexico City) 17 June 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://mexicobusiness.news/agribusiness/news/mexico-expand-fishing-refuge-zones-nine-coastal-states>

⁵¹⁰⁷ Mexico bans dolphin shows in historic win for animal welfare, World Animal Protection (Slough) 27 June 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.worldanimalprotection.org/latest/news/mexico-bans-dolphin-shows-in-historic-win/>

⁵¹⁰⁸ Semarnat abre nuevos canales de cooperación y financiamiento internacional en materia ambiental, Gobierno de México (Mexico City) 10 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-abre-nuevos-canales-de-cooperacion-y-financiamiento-internacional-en-materia-ambiental-402859?idiom=es>

⁵¹⁰⁹ Egypt, Mexico discuss environmental cooperation, combating desertification, Daily News Egypt (Cairo) 12 July 2025. Access Date: 5 August 2025. <https://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2025/07/12/egypt-mexico-discuss-environmental-cooperation-combating-desertification/>

⁵¹¹⁰ Mexico and Cuba will defend biodiversity with an agreement that will protect two key reserves on the continent, Noticias Ambientales (Mexico City) 18 July 2025. Access Date: 05 August 2025. <https://noticiasambientales.com/environment-en/mexico-and-cuba-will-defend-biodiversity-with-an-agreement-that-will-protect-two-key-reserves-on-the-continent/>

⁵¹¹¹ SEMARNAT, ECOCE Partner to Boost Coastal Waste Collection, Mexico Business News (Mexico City) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 05 August 2025. <https://mexicobusiness.news/sustainability/news/semarnat-ecoce-partner-boost-coastal-waste-collection>

On 22 July 2025, SEMARNAT launched a workshop for SEMARNAT representative offices on combating illegal mining in collaboration with the UNDP.⁵¹¹² The initiative supports KM-GBF Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 25 July 2025, Secretary Ibarra announced the signing of the Mexico-United States Memorandum of Understanding on Health and Environmental Care in the Tijuana-San Diego Region, which aims to restore the ecosystem of the Tijuana River.⁵¹¹³ The action contributes to KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 15 August 2025, the governments of Mexico, Guatemala and Belize signed the Declaración de Calakmul establishing the Corredor Biocultural de la Gran Selva Maya.⁵¹¹⁴ The trinational biocultural corridor protects some 5.7 million hectares of contiguous tropical forest. This inter-governmental declaration advances KM-GBF ambitions by protecting and connecting large landscapes (supporting Goal A – Protect and Restore), committing national authorities to stop destructive megaprojects within the reserve and to coordinate transboundary governance.

On 3 September 2025, the federal government issued a presidential decree prohibiting the production, importation, commercialization and use of 35 highly hazardous pesticides.⁵¹¹⁵ Reducing toxic agrochemical pressure on ecosystems directly supports KM-GBF goal A.

On 4 September 2025, SEMARNAT delivered the Diagnóstico del Estado del Ambiente Marino-Costero del Pacífico Centro Sur de México.⁵¹¹⁶ The diagnostic assessment identifies areas of concern within Mexico's marine ecosystems, allowing officials to better design conservation policies to address critical biodiversity concerns.

On 30 September 2025, CONANP in partnership with the UN Development Program announced the provision of lead-free food for endangered California condors in the Sierra de San Pedro Mártir National Park.⁵¹¹⁷ By protecting California condors, this action aligns with KM-GBF goal A.

On 3 October 2025, SEMARNAT signed a coordination accord with the Government of Oaxaca and CONANP, certifying five new Áreas Destinadas Voluntariamente a la Conservación in Oaxaca, expanding federal recognition of community-led conservation areas and advancing Mexico's national target to protect 30

⁵¹¹² Semarnat y PNUD diseñan hoja de ruta para combatir la tala ilegal de bosques y selvas en México, Gobierno de México (Mexico City) 22 July 2025. Access Date : 28 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-y-pnud-disenar- hoja-de-ruta-para-combatir-la-tala-ilegal-de-bosques-y-selvas-en-mexico?idiom=es>

⁵¹¹³ México y Estados Unidos invertirán 693 mdd para sanear el río Tijuana, Gobierno de México (Mexico City) 25 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/mexico-y-estados-unidos-invertiran-693-mdd-para-sanear- rio-tijuana-404009?idiom=es-MX>

⁵¹¹⁴ En un acuerdo histórico, México, Guatemala y Belice crean el Corredor Biocultural de la Gran Selva Maya, Presidencia de la República (Mexico City) 15 August 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/prensa/en-un-acuerdo- historico-mexico-guatemala-y-belice-crean-el-corredor-biocultural-de-la-gran-selva-maya-el-mas-grande-del-mundo-en-su-tipo>

⁵¹¹⁵ En México se prohíben 35 plaguicidas por su daño a la salud y al medio ambiente, Presidencia / Secretaría de Agricultura (Mexico City) 03 September 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/prensa/en-mexico-se- prohiben-35-plaguicidas-por-su-dano-a-la-salud-y-al-medio-ambiente-presidenta-claudia-sheinbaum>

⁵¹¹⁶ Semarnat refuerza acciones de conservación de mares y costas de México, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 04 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 October 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-refuerza-acciones-de-conservacion-de-mares-y-costas-de-mexico?idiom=es-MX>

⁵¹¹⁷ La CONANP y el PNUD fortalecen la conservación del cóndor de California con acciones clave para su protección, Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (Mexico City) 30 September 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 28 October 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/conanp/articulos/la-conanp-y-el-pnud-fortalecen-la-conservacion-del-condor-de- californi-con-acciones-clave-para-su-proteccion?idiom=es>

percent of its territory by 2035.⁵¹¹⁸ By formalizing federal-level support and certification, this national action strengthens governance and effective management of conservation lands thus supporting KM-GBF goal A.

On 15 October 2025, SEMARNAT launched the Climate and Biodiversity Action through Circular Economy Solutions project in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.⁵¹¹⁹ The project integrates other environmental concerns into national biodiversity actions in line with KM-GBF Goal A.

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Mexico has taken strong action to achieve Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal, Goal C – Share Benefits and Fairly D – Invest and Collaborate of the commitment through initiatives such as Ecological Restoration Programs, and partnerships with regional governments, stakeholders and other countries. However, it has not taken steps to advance Goal B of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Cheng Li

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 16 January 2025, Minister of Emergency Situations Alexander Kurenkov assessed ongoing clean-up efforts in response to an oil spill along the coastal strip of Sevastopol.⁵¹²⁰ This action underscores the commitment to minimizing environmental damage.

On 7 February 2025, President Vladimir Putin signed a decree approving the creation of a presidential fund for environmental and nature conservation projects.⁵¹²¹ The fund will allocate RUB1 billion annually to support projects focused on environmental protection, wildlife conservation and volunteer training in these areas.

On 25 February 2025, Deputy Head of the Ministry of Emergency Situations Roman Kurynin opened the photo exhibition “Safe Arctic 2025.”⁵¹²² The exhibition highlights governmental efforts to ensure safety and protect the population and the unique ecosystem of the Arctic region.

On 28 February 2025, Russia’s delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵¹²³ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and

⁵¹¹⁸ Semarnat y Oaxaca sellan alianza por la conservación, SEMARNAT (Ciudad de México) 03 October 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-y-oaxaca-sellan-alianza-por-la-conservacion>

⁵¹¹⁹ Sem847apan847siONUDI inician proyecto Acción climática y biodiversidad a través de soluciones de economía circular, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Mexico City) 15 October 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-y-onudi-inician-proyecto-accion-climatica-y-biodiversidad-a-traves-de-soluciones-de-economia-circular?>

⁵¹²⁰ The head of the Russian Emergencies Ministry, Alexander Kurenkov, continues to work in the emergency zone that arose after the oil spill on the Black Sea coast, EMERCOM of Russia (Moscow) 16 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://en.mchs.gov.ru/for-mass-media/novosti/544233>

⁵¹²¹ Putin signs decree on creation of presidential fund for environmental projects TASS (Moscow) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://tass.com/politics/1910149>

⁵¹²² EMERCOM of Russia: Photo exhibition “Safe Arctic 2025” opens in Moscow, EVERCOM of Russia (Moscow) 25 February 2025. Access date: 5 May 2025. <https://en.mchs.gov.ru/for-mass-media/novosti/5466246>

⁵¹²³ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 28 February 2025, Russia finalised a multilateral initiative led by the BRICS countries to earmark USD200 billion in annual financing for nature protection.⁵¹²⁴ The funding aims to preserve biodiversity and natural environments in light of climate change.

On 22 May 2025, Council First Deputy Speaker Andrey Yatskin called for joint efforts among Caspian states Russia, Azerbaijan, Iran and Kazakhstan to protect the ecosystem of Caspian basin.⁵¹²⁵ Yatskin also emphasized the need for comprehensive approaches that adapt to climate change to protect diversity and support the development of a sustainable economy. This initiative partially meets the KM-GBF biodiversity Goal D by promoting international cooperation on environmental challenges.

On 23 May 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Patrushev took part in the 11th Nevsky International Ecological Congress, together with Federation Council Speaker Valentina Matviyenko and foreign colleagues.⁵¹²⁶ This action contributes to KM-GBF version of biodiversity Goal D by fostering public engagement and supporting environmental education.

On 23 May 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Patrushev hosted two international meetings with Iran and Azerbaijan, focusing on topics on marine protection, climate change and the preservation of Persian Leopard.⁵¹²⁷ The Deputy Prime Minister proposed establishing a common regulatory and legal framework to address environmental challenges. This initiative aligns with KM-GBF version of biodiversity Goal B through implementing measures to protect wildlife species. It also partially aligns with Goal D by promoting future international cooperation on environmental protection.

On 30 May 2025, Minister of Justice Konstantin Chuichenko announced that a quarter of the Amur Tiger habitat in Russia is officially designed as protected land, with its population on the rise.⁵¹²⁸ Key achievements in tiger preservation include the strengthening of criminal liability for poaching and illegal trade in tiger parts and derivatives. These initiatives align with KM-GBF Goal A- Protect and Restore by enforcing regulations and preventing the over-exploitation of Amur Tiger and its habitat.

On 19 June 2025, the government launched the Clean Arctic public environmental project, set to begin later this year, to collect and remove waste in the region.⁵¹²⁹ This initiative partially aligns with KM-GBF biodiversity Goal A, as it demonstrates Russia's support for Arctic cleanup, though specific regulations and measures remain undefined.

On 4 July 2025, Russian law enforcement authorities investigated the environmental damage caused by the Yuzhuralzoloto company in the Chelyabinsk region, estimating the loss at RUB6 million.⁵¹³⁰ The Russian Office of the General Prosecutor filed a claim with the regional court to forfeit shares held by the company's owner.

⁵¹²⁴ Nations agree plan to finance nature protection, at second attempt, Reuters (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/nations-agree-plan-finance-nature-protection-second-attempt-2025-02-28/>

⁵¹²⁵ Only five Caspian states must protect basin's ecosystem- official, TASS (Moscow) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <https://tass.com/politics/1962081>

⁵¹²⁶ Dmitry Patrushev attends 11th Nevsky International Ecological Congress, The Russian Government (St. Petersburg) 23 May 2025. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/55115/>

⁵¹²⁷ Dmitry Patrushev attends 11th Nevsky International Ecological Congress, The Russian Government (St. Petersburg) 23 May 2025. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <http://government.ru/en/news/55115/>

⁵¹²⁸ Quarter of Amur Tiger's habitat in Russia is protected land – Minister, TASS (Moscow) 30 May 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://tass.com/society/1966091>

⁵¹²⁹ Standard for collecting, removing waste from Arctic to be adapted in 2025, TASS (Moscow) 19 June 2025. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <https://tass.com/economy/1976459>

⁵¹³⁰ Environmental damages in Yuzhuralzoloto case estimated at \$76 mln, TASS (Chelyabinsk) 4 July 2025. Access Date: 17 August 2025. <https://tass.com/society/1985507>

This action aligns with KM-GBF Goal A by evaluating ecological harm and reinforcing legal accountability to prevent further overexploitation.

On 5 August 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Patrushev participated in a meeting of deputy heads of government of the Caspian states to discuss efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Caspian Sea's shallowing.⁵¹³¹ Topics covered include proposals such as developing common standards and methodologies for better assessing and monitoring biodiversity-related risks, intensifying regional dialogue on Caspian's shallowing under the Tehran Convention, aligning with KM-GBF Goals A and D.

On 30 August 2025, President Putin participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Tianjin.⁵¹³² During the meeting, SCO member countries committed to strengthen cooperation on waste management and resource use, restoration of biodiversity, combating desertification, dust storms and land degradation, and the conservation of mountain ecosystems. The action aligns with KM-GBF Goals A and B by showing attention and commitment to environmental issues and mitigating biodiversity-related risks.

On 9 October 2025, President Putin signed a joint agreement with Tajik President Emomali Rahmon to build a fairer trading system between two countries.⁵¹³³ The agreement stressed ongoing cooperation in protecting natural areas, conserving biodiversity and glaciers, and facilitating the interaction of research institutions. This action demonstrates commitment to biodiversity-related issues while promoting sustainable development through legal agreement, aligning with KM-GBF Goal D.

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Russia has taken actions under Goal A by strengthening legal protection for endangered species such as Amur tiger and initiating Arctic cleanup projects. Russia has also acted under Goal B and Goal D through clean-up efforts, hosting international forums and proposing future cooperation with other countries on marine protection and permafrost research. However, these actions are often limited to verbal commitments without policy frameworks. And there is no clear evidence of actions taken under Goal C on fair and equitable benefit-sharing. Therefore, more concrete strategies and plans are required for full compliance.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Jingshuang Wang

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 23 December 2024, Saudi Arabia shared success stories and emphasized innovative approaches to environmental sustainability during the COP16 in Cali, Colombia.⁵¹³⁴

⁵¹³¹ Dmitry Patrushev: Russia is committed to constructive cooperation on Caspian Sea prevention issues, Government of Russia (Turkmenistan) 5 August 2025. Access Date: 10 October 2025.

<http://government.ru/en/search/?q=Ecological&dt.till=13.10.2025&dt.since=7.05.2012&sort=new&type=>

⁵¹³² SCO members to strengthen cooperation on sustainable development issues, TASS (Tianjin) 30 August 2025. Access Date: 10 October 2025. <https://tass.com/world/2010349>

⁵¹³³ Russia, Tajikistan advocate for fairer int'l trade system – presidents' joint statement, TASS (Dushanbe) 9 October 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://tass.com/politics/2027317>

⁵¹³⁴ Saudi Arabia Leads the Way in Ecosystem Restoration at COP16, United Nations Development Programme (New York) 23 December 2024. Access Date: 30 May 2025. <https://www.undp.org/saudi-arabia/press-releases/saudi-arabia-leads-way-ecosystem-restoration-cop16>

On 23 December 2024, the National Center for Wildlife released 66 endangered species, including Arabian Oryx, Addax, Nubian Ibex and Houbara Bustards, into the King Khalid Royal Reserve as part of a breeding and reintroduction program.⁵¹³⁵

On 9 January 2025, Saudi Arabia assumed the chairmanship of the International Coral Reef Initiative for the 2025–2027 term.⁵¹³⁶ This leadership role positions Saudi Arabia at the forefront of global coral reef conservation, directly supporting efforts to halt and reverse marine biodiversity loss through coordinated international action, scientific collaboration and funding mobilization.

On 28 February 2025, Saudi Arabia’s delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵¹³⁷ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention’s financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 27 March 2025, Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman marked the celebration of the second annual Saudi Green Initiative Day, featuring public campaigns around the theme of “Promoting a Culture of Environmental Stewardship.”⁵¹³⁸ The event’s core goals included afforestation, land restoration and the preservation of marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

On 18 April 2025, the National Center for Wildlife signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the UK’s National Oceanography Center to facilitate collaboration on marine biodiversity.⁵¹³⁹ The partnership aims to employ advanced technologies to monitor and protect at-risk marine species.

On 20 April 2025, the National Center for Wildlife completed surveys of marine biodiversity at 64 coastal sites and of marine temperatures at 37 sites in the Red Sea.⁵¹⁴⁰ The surveys form part of the center’s plan to monitor coastal biodiversity and ecosystem health in line with KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 22 April 2025, the National Center for Vegetation Cover Development and Combating Desertification unveiled an executive plan to combat desertification and manage drought.⁵¹⁴¹ The plan will involve implementing new technologies and policy programs at various levels of government to protect land areas and native biodiversity in line with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 24 April 2025, the National Center for Wildlife released 32 endangered animals—including Arabian oryx, Reem gazelles, mountain gazelles and steppe eagles—into King Khalid Royal Reserve under the Kingdom’s

⁵¹³⁵ National Center for Wildlife Releases 66 Endangered Species at King Khalid Royal Reserve, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 23 December 2024. Access Date: 30 May 2025. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2232137>

⁵¹³⁶ Saudi Arabia ICRI Chair for 2025-2027, International Coral Reef Initiative (London) 10 January 2025. Access Date: 13 May 2025. <https://icriforum.org/new-icri-chair-2025>

⁵¹³⁷ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁵¹³⁸ Saudi Arabia celebrates Saudi Green Initiative Day, highlights nationwide sustainability efforts, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/650493/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-celebrates-Saudi-Green-Initiative-Day-highlights-nationwide-sustainability-efforts>

⁵¹³⁹ Saudi Arabia, UK sign pact on marine biodiversity protection, Arab News (Riyadh) 18 April 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2597537/saudi-arabia>

⁵¹⁴⁰ Wildlife Center completes biodiversity survey in the Red Sea, Saudi Gazette (Jeddah) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/651380>

⁵¹⁴¹ NCVC launches plan to combat desertification, sand encroachment and drought mitigation, Arab News (Riyadh) 22 April 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2598007/saudi-arabia>

rewilding program.⁵¹⁴² This activity is part of an ongoing species reintroduction and restoration initiative aimed at reviving native ecosystems and increasing the populations of at-risk fauna in their natural habitats.

On 26 April 2025, Saudi Arabia concluded its national Environment Week, during which the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, along with public and private sector entities, organized nationwide activities including tree planting, coastal cleanups and biodiversity education workshops.⁵¹⁴³ These initiatives aimed to raise public awareness and promote environmental protection, aligning with Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate under the KM-GBF 2050 framework.

On 28 April 2025, the National Center for Wildlife and Saudi Arabian Mining Co. launched a tree-planting initiative to bring three million mangroves to the Jubail Marine Protected Area.⁵¹⁴⁴ The campaign seeks to bolster coastal biodiversity.

On 7 May 2025, the National Center for Vegetation Cover Development and Combating Desertification held the “Towards Achieving the Target of Rehabilitating 40 Million Hectares” workshop and launched the “Land Rehabilitation Guide for Non-Agricultural Areas in Saudi Arabia” publication as part of the National Greening Program.⁵¹⁴⁵ The event sought to conform standards for ecosystem conservation across the country, supporting KM-GBF Goal A.

On 12 May 2025, Saudi Arabia officially joined the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.⁵¹⁴⁶ The joining of Ramsar reaffirms Saudi Arabia’s commitment to environmental conservation and biodiversity support.

On 4 June 2025, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported that NEOM had reintroduced over 1,100 animals across six species to its Nature Reserve, including Arabian Sand Gazelles and Nubian Ibex, as part of a rewilding strategy to restore the region's natural balance.⁵¹⁴⁷ The action bolsters species abundance and diversity in accordance with KM-GBF Goal A.

On 23 June 2025, the King Abdulaziz Royal Reserve Development Authority updated regulations for entry and recreational use of the Al-Suman and Al-Dahna areas within the royal reserve.⁵¹⁴⁸ These updates prohibit activities such as hunting, wood gathering, and open fires to safeguard ecological integrity and natural habitats.

On 2 July 2025, the National Center for Wildlife signed a memorandum of understanding with BirdLife International to promote cooperation for bird protection.⁵¹⁴⁹ The agreement’s focus on species and habitat conservation aligns with KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore.

⁵¹⁴² Endangered wildlife released in Riyadh, rare oryx born in Qassim, Arab News (Riyadh) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2598225/saudi-arabia>

⁵¹⁴³ Environment Week unites Saudis for a sustainable future, Arab News (Riyadh) 23 April 2024. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2598136/saudi-arabia>

⁵¹⁴⁴ Mangrove scheme to plant 3m trees in Jubail, Arab News (Riyadh) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2598754/saudi-arabia>

⁵¹⁴⁵ Road to Rehabilitate 40 Million Hectares of Degraded Land in Saudi Arabia, National Center for Vegetation Cover Development and Combating Desertification (Riyadh) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://ncvc.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/news/Pages/Workshop-Land-Rehabilitation-Achieving.aspx>

⁵¹⁴⁶ Saudi Arabia Joins Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 29 May 2025. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/w2316629>

⁵¹⁴⁷ NEOM Nature Reserve Reintroduces Six Animal Species, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 4 June 2025. Access Date: 7 July 2025. <https://spa.gov.sa/en/N2333242>

⁵¹⁴⁸ Saudi royal reserve tightens entry, picnic rules, Arab News (Riyadh) 23 June 2025. Access Date: 7 July 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2605516/saudi-arabia>

⁵¹⁴⁹ Wildlife signs a memorandum of understanding with the regional office of BirdLife International to protect migratory birds and conserve wildlife, National Center for Wildlife (Riyadh) 2 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. https://www.ncw.gov.sa/en/news/NCW_signs_a_memorandum_of_understanding_with_the_Regional_Office_of_BirdLife_International_to_protect_migratory

On 14 August 2025, the National Center for Wildlife inaugurated the Decade Land Expedition for Terrestrial Ecosystem Exploration project to survey Saudi Arabia's terrestrial biodiversity, with a concentration on endemic and endangered species.⁵¹⁵⁰ This collaborative research effort promotes KM-GBF Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 23 October 2024, the National Center for Wildlife in cooperation with King Abdullah University of Science and Technology launched a program to protect the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf from non-native invasive species.⁵¹⁵¹ This initiative aims to protect and improve the biodiversity of the region by preserving habitat for native species thus fulfilling KM-GBF goal A.

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Per Goal A and Goal D, it has taken strong action to preserve at risk species in diverse natural ecosystems and to foster strong technical cooperation. However, it has not taken any action to advance Goal B or Goal C of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Olivia Du

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 28 November 2024, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Dion Travers George released the draft Biodiversity Management Plan for Pelargonium Sidoides, a native plant species, and opened the legislation for public comment.⁵¹⁵² The legislation will enhance conservation efforts for the plant species.

On 16 January 2025, Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile signed South Africa onto the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.⁵¹⁵³ The treaty advances the conservation of biodiversity across global agricultural systems.

On 10 February 2025, South African National Parks introduced a digital system to improve biodiversity data management for national parks and marine protected areas.⁵¹⁵⁴ These improvements further KM-GBF Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 28 February 2025, South Africa's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵¹⁵⁵ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral

⁵¹⁵⁰ Saudi Arabia Launches Decade Land Expedition for Terrestrial Ecosystem Exploration, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 14 August 2025. Access Date: 20 October 2025. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2378652>

⁵¹⁵¹ Saudi Arabia Launches National Program to Protect Red Sea and Arabian Gulf from Non-Native, Invasive Species, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 23 October 2025. Access Date: 28 October 2025. <https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2426773>

⁵¹⁵² Minister Dion George publishes draft Biodiversity Management Plan for public comment, South African Government (Pretoria) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-dion-george-publishes-draft-biodiversity-management-plan-public>

⁵¹⁵³ South Africa joins the international treaty, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) 16 January 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/news/news-detail/en/c/1732183/>

⁵¹⁵⁴ SANParks introduces digital system for biodiversity data management, Southern & East African Tourism Update (Pretoria) 10 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.tourismupdate.com/article/sanparks-introduces-digital-system-for-biodiversity-data-management>

⁵¹⁵⁵ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

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On 12 March 2025, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) committed to facilitating the implementation of a settlement agreement between the fishing industry and conservation actors on the African Penguin.⁵¹⁵⁷ The agreement will promote the preservation of biodiversity by establishing protected habitat spaces for the endangered bird species.

On 18 March 2025, the High Court of South Africa ruled in favour of temporary fishing restrictions around the African penguin breeding colonies at Dassen Island, Robben Island, Stony Point, Dyer Island, St Croix Island and Bird Island for a 10-year period.⁵¹⁵⁸ This action serves to protect the endangered penguin as a species and its habitat.

On 23 March 2025, Minister George led the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and enhance cooperation between G20 members and invitees on key priority areas including the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework, land degradation neutrality targets and marine spatial planning.⁵¹⁵⁹

On 15 April 2025, the DFFE commemorated Indigenous Tree Day by joining governmental and civil society partners to plant indigenous trees at various sites nationwide.⁵¹⁶⁰ This builds capacity for the preservation and growth of indigenous woodland ecosystems.

On 24 April 2025, the DFFE partnered with the Global Humane Conservation Fund of Africa to demarcate the Brad and Alice Andrews Preserve, expanding the biodiversity corridor of the Tanglewood Conservation Area.⁵¹⁶¹ The expansion will tackle habitat fragmentation and biodiversity loss.

On 7 May 2025, Minister George represented South Africa at the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial in Denmark to advance the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C target and promote solutions to enhance biodiversity conservation and protect wildlife and marine resources.⁵¹⁶²

⁵¹⁵⁶ Nations agree plan to finance nature protection, at second attempt, Reuters (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 18 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/nations-agree-plan-finance-nature-protection-second-attempt-2025-02-28/>

⁵¹⁵⁷ Penguin protection deal preserves biodiversity and fishing sustainability, Engineering News (Cape Town) 12 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/penguin-protection-deal-preserves-biodiversity-and-fishing-sustainability-2025-03-12>

⁵¹⁵⁸ South Africa court passes order to save critically endangered African penguin, DownToEarth (New Delhi) 20 March 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/wildlife-biodiversity/south-africa-court-passes-order-to-save-critically-endangered-african-penguin>

⁵¹⁵⁹ Minister George leads the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 23 March 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.dffe.gov.za/index.php/mediareleases/george_welcomeg20message_ecswg

⁵¹⁶⁰ Government marks indigenous Tree Day, SANews (Pretoria) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/government-marks-indigenous-tree-day>

⁵¹⁶¹ Global Humane Conservation Fund of Africa launches new wildlife preserve and expands biodiversity corridor, American Humane (Washington D.C.) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.americanhumane.org/press-release/global-humane-conservation-fund-of-africa-launches-new-wildlife-preserve-and-expands-biodiversity-corridor/>

⁵¹⁶² Minister George concludes South Africa's participation at Copenhagen Climate Ministerial, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 9 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.dffe.gov.za/index.php/mediarelease/george_ministerconcludesclimateministerial

On 11 May 2025, Deputy Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Bernice Swarts opened the Global Land Degradation — Integrated Land Use Planning Inception Workshop Phase 2 of the Global Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Programme of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.⁵¹⁶³ The initiative provides a platform for collaboration and discussion on land degradation, desertification and drought, in addition to promoting sustainable land management practices across different sectors.

On 19 May 2025, the government commenced the Regional Dialogue on the Update and Revision of Regional and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for southern and eastern African actors in the sector.⁵¹⁶⁴ The dialogue emphasised both species and habitat diversity as well as the accommodation of human activity in biodiversity paradigms and opportunities for multilateral engagement, further KM-GBF Goals A, B and D.

On 22 May 2025, DFFE, SANParks, the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) commenced their hosting of the National Biodiversity Offset Conference.⁵¹⁶⁵ Pursuant to the theme of "Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development," the event served KM-GBF Goal B.

On 22 May 2025, the DFFE, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, marked the beginning of the National Biodiversity Offset Conference and International Day for Biological Diversity.⁵¹⁶⁶ The DFFE called for enhanced action to protect biodiversity domestically and internationally, reaffirming South Africa's commitment to preserving biodiversity.

On 23 May 2025, SANParks launched South Africa's first Biodiversity Offset Bank to balance development and conservation.⁵¹⁶⁷ This supports KM-GBF Target 19 by creating a market for biodiversity credits.

On 26 May 2025, Minister George underscored the work of the DFFE Oceans and Coasts branch in protecting biodiversity, specifically the Prince Edward Islands (PEIs) in the Southern Ocean.⁵¹⁶⁸

On 28 June 2025, Minister George signed draft regulations to manage offshore ship-to-ship fuel transfers, aiming to strengthen the protection of the African penguin.⁵¹⁶⁹ This advances KM-GBF Target 7 (reducing pollution risks) and Target 3 (marine protection).

⁵¹⁶³ Deputy Minister Swarts to open the Global Land Degradation Neutrality — Integrated Land Use Planning (LDN — ILUP) Inception Workshop in Sandton, Johannesburg, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 11 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.dffe.gov.za/index.php/mediarelease/swarts_ldn_ilup

⁵¹⁶⁴ Biodiversity, Agriculture, and Unity: SADC and EAC Join Forces to Accelerate Biodiversity Action under the Global Framework, FAO (Cape Town) 19 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.fao.org/africa/news-stories/ne---detail/bio-versity---riculture--and-unity--sadc-and-eac-join-forces-to-accelerate-biodiversity-action-under-the-global-framework/en>

⁵¹⁶⁵ South Africa Hosts Landmark Biodiversity Offset Conference to Mark International Day for Biological Diversity, UNDP (Pretoria) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.undp.org/south-africa/news/south-africa-hosts-landmark-biodiversity-offset-conference-mark-international-day-biological-diversity>

⁵¹⁶⁶ Biodiversity offsetting is key to South Africa's sustainable future, South African Government News Agency (Pretoria) 30 May 2025. Access Date: 30 May 2025. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/biodiversity-offsetting-key-south-africas-sustainable-future>

⁵¹⁶⁷ SANParks launches SA's first biodiversity offset bank, News24 (Pretoria) 23 May 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.news24.com/business/climate-future/environment/sanparks-launches-sas-first-biodiversity-offset-bank-heres-how-it-works-20250523-0774>

⁵¹⁶⁸ South Africa bolsters ocean research to protect biodiversity and empower coastal communities, Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 26 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://www.dffe.gov.za/index.php/mediarelease/george_bolstersoceanresearch

⁵¹⁶⁹ Minister George signs draft regulations to manage offshore ship-to-ship transfers, The Bulrushes (Cape Town) 28 June 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://thebulrushes.com/2025/06/28/minister-george-signs-draft-regulations-to-manage-offshore-ship-to-ship-transfers/>

On 28 June 2025, the DFFE finalized plans to extend the iSimangaliso Wetland Park into Mozambique by 2025.⁵¹⁷⁰ This cross-border Ramsar site expansion enhances ecological connectivity for migratory species, fulfilling KM-GBF Target 3 (transboundary conservation).

On 30 June 2025, South Africa identified 59 biodiversity projects to unlock ZAR450,000 in green finance.⁵¹⁷¹ These projects focus on habitat restoration and sustainable resource use, directly supporting KM-GBF Goal D (financial resource mobilization) and Target 9 (sustainable management of wild species).

On 8 July 2025, Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts announced the “One Million Trees in One Day” campaign under the Presidential “Ten Million Trees Programme,” calling on all South Africans to plant trees as nature’s carbon sinks and biodiversity shelters.⁵¹⁷² This mass planting drive exemplifies South Africa’s commitment to the KM-GBF’s 2050 vision by restoring ecosystems at scale (Goal A) and mobilizing a whole-of-society approach to climate resilience (Goal D).

On 18 July 2025, Minister George launched the Pangolin Pact at the conclusion of the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group meeting to draw attention to the biodiversity implications of illegal wildlife trade within G20 countries.⁵¹⁷³ The initiative connects to KM-GBF Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 31 July 2025, the South African National Biodiversity Institute celebrated World Conservation Day by reaffirming its commitment to science-based conservation through the identification and rigorous management of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) across the country.⁵¹⁷⁴ By applying all eleven global KBA criteria and updating 263 terrestrial sites covering over 357,000 km², SANBI is directly protecting critical habitats—such as Fynbos landscapes and seabird breeding colonies—thereby advancing the KM-GBF’s Goal A (Protect and Restore) and Goal D (Invest and Collaborate) through science-driven prioritization and international collaboration.

On 1 August 2025, Minister George issued a national call to protect South Africa’s oceans for Marine Protectors Day, urging reduced plastic pollution, sustainable seafood choices and community coastal action.⁵¹⁷⁵ The national outreach and policy signal that links directly to KM-GBF objectives on marine biodiversity, pollution reduction and public participation required for full and effective implementation.

On 29 August 2025, SANParks launched a small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMME) incubation programme in the Eastern Cape to develop 20 biodiversity-linked enterprises with GEF funding.⁵¹⁷⁶ The national programme operationalises KM-GBF goals on mobilising finance, supporting inclusive biodiversity economies and strengthening local stewardship as part of rapid and effective implementation.

⁵¹⁷⁰ Plans to extend iSimangaliso Wetland Park into Mozambique by 2025, IOL (Cape Town) 28 June 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://iol.co.za/news/south-africa/kwazulu-natal/2025-06-28-plans-to-extend-isimangaliso-wetland-park-into-mozambique-by-2025/>

⁵¹⁷¹ Government identifies 59 biodiversity projects to unlock green finance, SAnews (Pretoria) 30 June 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/government-identifies-59-biodiversity-projects-unlock-green-finance>

⁵¹⁷² Protecting our environment, creating opportunities, SAnews (Pretoria) 08 July 2025. Access Date: 05 August 2025. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/protecting-our-environment-creating-opportunities>

⁵¹⁷³ Minister George concludes G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Second Technical Meeting with the launch of The Pangolin Pact Wildlife Crimes Awareness Campaign, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 18 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. https://www.dffe.gov.za/mediarelease/george_g20meeting2concludes

⁵¹⁷⁴ Celebrating World Conservation Day: South Africa’s commitment to biodiversity, Weekend Argus (Cape Town) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 5 August 2025. <https://iol.co.za/weekend-argus/news/2025-07-29-celebrating-world-conservation-day-south-africas-commitment-to-biodiversity/>

⁵¹⁷⁵ Call to protect the nation’s oceans, SAnews (Tshwane) 1 August 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/call-protect-nations-oceans>

⁵¹⁷⁶ SANParks Launches SMME Incubation Programme to Boost Biodiversity Economy in Eastern Cape, ATTA (London) 29 August 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://atta.travel/resource/sanparks-launches-smme-incubation-programme-to-boost-biodiversity-economy-in-eastern-cape.html>

On 2 September 2025, SANParks opened its Vision 2040 conference (Vision 2040 Indaba) focusing on national park conservation and climate-resilient landscapes with strong community involvement.⁵¹⁷⁷ The national initiative supports KM-GBF Goals A and D by aiming to protect and restore ecosystems while investing in collaborative governance and community participation for effective implementation.

On 20 September 2025, Deputy Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment Narend Singh commemorated International Coastal Cleanup Day with an event raising awareness of coastal pollution in Isipingo.⁵¹⁷⁸ The event contributes to KM-GBF Goal A's focus on the protection of marine ecosystems.

On 23 September 2025, President Cyril Ramaphosa publicly championed Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) at a high-level launch of the Africa Keystone Partnership at UNGA, reaffirming South Africa's leadership in transboundary conservation and pledging further dialogue and support.⁵¹⁷⁹ The presidential-level commitment that directly supports KM-GBF priorities on connectivity, large-scale protected-area networks, and international collaboration for protecting and restoring biodiversity at scale.

On 24 September 2025, Deputy Minister Swarts commemorated Heritage Day with the One Million Trees Campaign in Pretoria and Oudtshoorn.⁵¹⁸⁰ The large-scale tree planting effort supports KM-GBF Goal A.

On 6 October 2025, Minister George reaffirmed South Africa's commitment to ensuring vulture conservation.⁵¹⁸¹ Preserving the vulture population helps to fulfill KM-GBF Goal A.

On 11 October 2025, Minister George announced the designation of Middelpunt Nature Reserve as a Ramsar site in celebration of World Migratory Bird Day.⁵¹⁸² By designation this reserve as a Ramsar site, South Africa protects vital wetland habitat and species thus supporting KM-GBF Goal A.

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. South Africa has taken steps toward protecting its biodiversity by advancing Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate of the KM-GBF. However, gaps remain in the comprehensive integration of long-term monitoring and community feedback mechanisms. South Africa has not taken steps towards advancing Goal C of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

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⁵¹⁷⁹ Ramaphosa Champions Transfrontier Conservation Areas for African Unity and Biodiversity, Central News South Africa (Johannesburg) 23 September 2025. Access Date: 11 October 2025. <https://centralnews.co.za/ramaphosa-champions-transfrontier-conservation-areas-for-african-unity-and-biodiversity/>

⁵¹⁸⁰ Deputy Minister Swarts leads government campaign to plant One Million Trees on Heritage Day, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 22 September 2025. Access Date: 19 October 2025. https://www.dffe.gov.za/mediarelease/swarts_onemilliontreescampaign

⁵¹⁸¹ ENSURING VULTURE CONSERVATION REMAINS A NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITY, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 6 October 2025. Access Date: October 28 2025.

⁵¹⁸² SOUTH AFRICA MARKS WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY WITH MIDDELPUNT NATURE RESERVE RAMSAR SITE DESIGNATION, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Pretoria) 11 October 2025. Access Date: October 28 2025. https://www.dffe.gov.za/mediarelease/george_october2025migratorybirdday

Türkiye: 0

Türkiye has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 16 January 2025, Minister of Environment, Urbanisation and Climate Change Murat Kurum joined the Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Mongolia in signing an Intergovernmental Agreement on Cooperation in Environment.⁵¹⁸³ Both governments highlighted the conservation of biodiversity and the management of protected areas as key priorities of the partnership.

On 25 February 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change submitted a draft of the nation's first Climate Law. This legislative proposal aims to enhance Türkiye's legal framework for combating climate change, supporting green growth and achieving the 2053 Net-Zero Emission Target.⁵¹⁸⁴ The law promotes the widespread use of nature-based solutions and climate-resilient practices to maintain a balance between protecting and sustainably using natural resources, ecosystems and biodiversity.

On 28 February 2025, Türkiye's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵¹⁸⁵ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 12 May 2025, Minister Kurum announced the launch of a bird protection project for the Milleyha Bird Paradise, an area now declared a natural protected zone.⁵¹⁸⁶ This project aims to preserve the biodiversity and ecological integrity of the area, which is a critical habitat for various bird species. The initiative reflects Türkiye's commitment to conserving natural habitats and aligns with the country's broader environmental protection strategies.

On 20 May 2025, Türkiye commenced its hosting of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (SPA/RAC) Focal Points.⁵¹⁸⁷ The conference sought to foster greater ecological monitoring and biodiversity conservation efforts among Mediterranean nations in support of KM-GBF Goal D.

On 24 June 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry co-organised a Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on the 2026–2035 Strategy for the Turkish International Forestry Training Centre (TIFTC) with the FAO.⁵¹⁸⁸ By connecting forest fire management to biodiversity preservation, the initiative support KM-GBF Goal A.

⁵¹⁸³ Mongolia and the Republic of Türkiye Establish a Strategic Partnership, Office of the President of Mongolia (Ankara) 17 January 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://president.mn/en/2025/01/17/mongolia-and-the-republic-of-turkiye-establish-a-strategic-artnership/>

⁵¹⁸⁴ TÜRKİYE'NİN İLK İKLİM KANUNU, Çevre, Şehircilik ve İklim Değişikliği Bakanı (Ankara) 24 February 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://181.csb.gov.tr/turkiyenin-ilk-iklim-kanunu-haber-290639>

⁵¹⁸⁵ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁵¹⁸⁶ BAKAN KURUM'DAN MİLLEYHA KUŞ CENNETİ İÇİN KORUMA PROJESİ TALİMATI, Çevre, Şehircilik ve İklim Değişikliği Bakanı (Ankara) 12 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 10 May 2025. <https://www.csb.gov.tr/bakan-kurum-dan-milleyha-kus-cenneti-icin-koruma-projesi-talimati-bakanlik-faaliyetleri-41641>

⁵¹⁸⁷ Seventeenth SPA/BD Focal Points meeting: advancing marine biodiversity conservation in the Mediterranean, SPA/RAC (Istanbul) 20 May 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.spa-rac.org/en/article/265/seventeenth-spa-bd-focal-points-meeting>

⁵¹⁸⁸ Charting the future of forestry – stakeholders convene to develop 10-year strategy for Turkish International Forestry Training Centre, FAO (Ankara) 26 June 2025. Access Date: 14 July 2025. <https://www.fao.org/turkiye/news/detail-news/en/c/1739799/>

On 10 July 2025, Türkiye adopted its first-ever Climate Law.⁵¹⁸⁹ The law introduces key measures, including a national Emissions Trading System (ETS), mandatory local climate action plans by 2027, carbon border regulations, and climate education across all school levels. It aims to ensure regional inclusiveness and support affected communities, particularly those dependent on coal. The law aligns with the KM-GBF by contributing to halting and reversing biodiversity loss and enhancing ecosystem resilience.

On 18 August 2025, the FAO and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) met in Uzbekistan to discuss strengthening cooperation between Türkiye and Central Asian countries in biodiversity conservation and sustainable forest management.⁵¹⁹⁰ TİKA identified Zarafshan National Park, Zaamin National Nature Park, and Pap National Nature Park as potential pilot sites to demonstrate integrated approaches combining ecosystem protection, community engagement, and sustainable resource use. This collaboration supports the Global Biodiversity Framework's goal of preserving 30 per cent of land, sea, and inland water areas.

On 8 September 2025, Türkiye declared Hatay's Milleyha Wetland a natural conservation site and expanded its protected area to 383 hectares.⁵¹⁹¹ The wetland serves as a vital habitat for migratory birds and sea turtles. This action supports the Global Biodiversity Framework's goal of preserving 30 per cent of land, sea, and inland water areas.

Türkiye has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Türkiye has taken strong action to advance Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborative through signing an intergovernmental agreement and passing environmental and climate laws. However, continued efforts are needed to strengthen biodiversity conservation policies and ensure their effective implementation and alignment with Goal B and Goal C of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, the Türkiye receives a score of 0.

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The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 21 November 2024, Nature Minister Mary Creagh announced funding from Round One of the Ocean Community Empowerment and Nature (OCEAN) Grants Programme for 20 projects related to strengthening and building resilience in global marine environments against climate change.⁵¹⁹² Projects under the OCEAN Grants Programme will focus on restoring marine ecosystems and supporting impoverished coastal communities in 13 countries.

⁵¹⁸⁹ Türkiye's climate law: A green step rooted in Anatolia's wisdom, driven by global urgency, DAILY SABAH (Istanbul) 10 July 2025. Access Date: 15 August 2025. <https://www.dailysabah.com/arts/supernatural-star-misha-collins-visits-turkiye-praises-its-beauty/news>

⁵¹⁹⁰ FAO, Türkiye and Uzbekistan join forces to protect biodiversity and forests, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Tashkent) 29 August 2025. Access Date: 5 October 12 2025. <https://www.fao.org/in-action/fao-turkey-partnership/news/details/en/c/1741886/>

⁵¹⁹¹ Hatay's Milleyha wetland declared natural conservation site, Hurriyet Daily News (Hatay) 8 September 2025. Access Date: 10 October 2025. <https://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/hatays-milleyha-wetland-declared-natural-conservation-site-213336>

⁵¹⁹² UK Government drives nature up the agenda at COP29, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 21 November 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-drives-nature-up-the-agenda-at-cop29>

On 21 November 2024, Energy Secretary Ed Miliband announced funding of GBP239 million to halt and reverse deforestation in countries containing forests that play a critical role as carbon sinks.⁵¹⁹³ GBP188 million of the fund will support developments to drive carbon emission reductions in forest carbon markets through the Scaling Climate Action by Lowering Emissions programme. GBP48 million of the fund will finance investments in activities for the restoration and protection of vulnerable forests. GBP3 million of the fund will allow the Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use Unit of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to assist countries in recognizing, protecting and restoring their forests.

On 27 November 2024, Royal Navy Maritime Domain Awareness Programme and Global Fishing Watch signed a letter of intent for the sharing of information and data on maritime activity to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activity.⁵¹⁹⁴ Minister for the Indo-Pacific Catherine West stated that this information-sharing will allow for more effective management of fisheries, protection of vulnerable coastal species in the Indo-Pacific and sustainable economic developments.

On 3 December 2024, the Environment Agency announced the Ching Action Plan, a partnership between the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Ching Action Group, City of London Corporation, Ching Working Group and Thames 21 to address complex issues related to the Ching Brook, including the pollution of river water and the state of local wildlife.⁵¹⁹⁵ The Ching Action Plan will improve water quality and wildlife habitats, restore biodiversity and combat climate change effects across the Epping Forest.

On 9 December 2024, the government pledged a GBP200 million investment in the Animal Plant Health Agency's (APHA) laboratories located in Weybridge.⁵¹⁹⁶ The APHA laboratories provide scientific and veterinary services key for the prevention, detection and response against zoonotic diseases and major outbreaks.

On 19 December 2024, the Environment Agency, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Tees Rivers Trust and National Highways concluded the Billingham Beck wetland restoration project.⁵¹⁹⁷ This initiative aimed to provide a larger river habitat for fish, allow species thriving in wetland habitats to return to the river and construct a natural measure for against floods.

On 22 January 2025, the government announced that it will include nature restoration projects at a one-to-one scale with infrastructure projects in the proposals for the Planning and Infrastructure Bill in 2025.⁵¹⁹⁸ Through this initiative, the government will set up a Nature Restoration Fund to assist construction projects with meeting their environment recovery responsibilities. Natural England and similar bodies will ensure the implementation of land and species restoration strategies that are unable to be initiated by construction projects independently.

⁵¹⁹³ UK unveils funding boost to help forest nations fight climate change, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP (London) 22 November 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-unveils-funding-boost-to-help-forest-nations-fight-climate-change>

⁵¹⁹⁴ Royal Navy and Global Fishing Watch partner to tackle global illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, including in the Indo-Pacific, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Ministry of Defence, and Catherine West MP (London) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/royal-navy-and-global-fishing-watch-partner-to-tackle-global-illegal-unreported-and-unregulated-fishing-including-in-the-indo-pacific>

⁵¹⁹⁵ Change for the Ching with new partnership river action plan, Environment Agency (Bristol) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/change-for-the-ching-with-new-partnership-river-action-plan>

⁵¹⁹⁶ UK bolsters protection from dangerous animal diseases with £200m new funding, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Animal and Plant Health Agency and The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP (Weybridge) 9 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-bolsters-protection-from-dangerous-animal-diseases-with-200m-new-funding>

⁵¹⁹⁷ Wetland restored and 55km of river opened at Billingham Beck, Environment Agency (Bristol) 19 December 2024. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wetland-restored-and-55km-of-river-opened-at-billingham-beck>

⁵¹⁹⁸ Planning proposals to unblock vital infrastructure and drive nature's recovery, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, The Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP and The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP (London) 22 January 2025. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/planning-proposals-to-unblock-vital-infrastructure-and-drive-natures-recovery>

Funding of GBP70 million to support these 150 infrastructure projects will also work towards the improvement and implementation of effective land and species protection strategies.

On 28 January 2025, the government extended the scope of the Ivory Act to include hippopotamuses, narwhals, killer whales and sperm whales under its strict legal protections.⁵¹⁹⁹ The Ivory Act bans the trading and dealing of items containing ivory from the animals under its protections and punishes offenders of this act with an unlimited fine or up to five years in jail.

On 28 February 2025, the UK's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵²⁰⁰ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 28 February 2025, the government announced the release of Eurasian beavers into the wetland ecosystems of England.⁵²⁰¹ Beavers are considered a keystone species as they support wetland habitats and other species residing in them and construct natural flood defenses such as dams and canals, which remove pollutants from the water as well as carbon-catching ponds.

On 6 March 2025, Natural England declared the taking of birds of prey from the wild as non-essential for falconry and aviculture practices.⁵²⁰² The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs endorsed this recommendation to grant wild-take licenses to falconry communities only under exceptional circumstances. This initiative will protect vulnerable bird species in wild habitats from being disturbed and potentially subjected to illegal exportation. This initiative aligns with Goal A of the KM-GBF.

On 10 March 2025, the government pledged to restore Windermere Lake through sewage pollution reduction innovations and increased maintenance of water treatment plants.⁵²⁰³ An investment of GBP200 million from United Utilities will upgrade Windermere wastewater treatment plants, along with a GBP11 million fund provided by the government for local schemes to clean up waterways. This initiative will restore the lake's water quality, protect the existing biodiversity and increase climate change resilience.

On 10 March 2025, the government enacted a joint research project to combat River Wye's water quality concerns, namely the decline in wildlife and extreme pollution.⁵²⁰⁴ Water Minister Emma Hardy announced funding of GBP100 billion from the private sector to improve infrastructure and conduct the research program to find ways to improve water quality, recover the degraded ecosystems in the river and put in place landscape-scale intervention measures.

⁵¹⁹⁹ Ivory Act protections come into force for four more species, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Mary Creagh CBE MP (London) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 27 March 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ivory-act-protections-come-into-force-for-four-more-species>

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⁵²⁰¹ Wild beavers: Nature's engineers to return to English waterways, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Natural England (London) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wild-beavers-natures-engineers-to-return-to-english-waterways>

⁵²⁰² Outcome of Natural England's review of bird of prey 'wild take' licensing for falconry and aviculture, Baroness Hayman of Ullock and Natural England (London) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/outcome-of-natural-englands-review-of-bird-of-prey-wild-take-licensing-for-falconry-and-aviculture>

⁵²⁰³ Government ambition to end sewage discharges into Windermere, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP (London) 9 March 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-ambition-to-end-sewage-discharges-into-windermere>

⁵²⁰⁴ UK and Welsh Government unite in £1m fund to transform River Wye, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 10 March 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-welsh-government-unite-in-1m-fund-to-transform-river-wye>

On 21 March 2025, all four UK Governments announced a new UK National Action Plan on Pesticides which aims to reduce the pesticides' harmful impact on the environment by 10 per cent by 2030.⁵²⁰⁵ This initiative aims to increase the use of sustainable pesticides, allowing key pollinators, such as bees, to flourish in agricultural environments.

On 31 March 2025, the UK Government set out plans to ban the burning of heather and other vegetation on peatlands.⁵²⁰⁶ This initiative allows peatlands to more efficiently perform as carbon stores, improve their water quality and support the existing wildlife within peatland habitats. The government pledged GBP400 million towards tree-planting and the restoration of peatlands across the country.

On 5 April 2025, the Forest Research agency mapped England's non-woodland trees for the purpose of supporting conservation groups and locals to make tree planting efforts more effective and provide better supported habitats for local wildlife.⁵²⁰⁷ This effort is supported by the government's GBP400 million pledge towards the Nature for Climate Fund.

On 18 April 2025, the National Oceanography Center signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Saudi Arabia's National Center for Wildlife to facilitate collaboration on marine biodiversity.⁵²⁰⁸ The partnership will employ advanced technologies to monitor and protect at-risk marine species.

On 22 April 2025, the government pledged GBP7 million to the Food and Agriculture Organization's Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration (AIM4NatuRe).⁵²⁰⁹ AIM4NatuRe will build capacities for monitoring and reporting around global efforts to restore ecosystems.

On 6 May 2025, Forest Research, the research agency of the Forestry Commission, announced 17 joint research projects between the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Centre for Forest Protection to protect treescapes vulnerable to climate change and pests and diseases as a part of the Government's Plan for Change.⁵²¹⁰

On 10 May 2025, Natural England announced the launch of the England Peat Map, the most in-depth peatland map in England, to support the protection and restoration of the ecosystem through land use practices and targeted conservation efforts.⁵²¹¹

On 12 May 2025, scientists at Natural England released a detailed map of England's peatlands to provide key decision makers with a better understanding of peatland conditions, their carbon emissions and the balance of

⁵²⁰⁵ Nature boost: Government launches first action plan on pesticides in a decade, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 21 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nature-boost-government-launches-first-action-plan-on-pesticides-in-a-decade>

⁵²⁰⁶ New proposals to ban heather burning on peatland to protect air, water and wildlife, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 31 March 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-proposals-to-ban-heather-burning-on-peatland-to-protect-air-water-and-wildlife>

⁵²⁰⁷ England's non-woodland trees freely mapped for first time, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Forest Research (London) 5 April 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/englands-non-woodland-trees-freely-mapped-for-first-time>

⁵²⁰⁸ Saudi Arabia, UK sign pact on marine biodiversity protection, Arab News (Riyadh) 18 April 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2597537/saudi-arabia>

⁵²⁰⁹ FAO launches AIM4NatuRe to improve monitoring of ecosystem restoration, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) 22 April 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://www.fao.org/newsroom/detail/fao-UK-aim4nature-to-ecosystem-restoration/en>

⁵²¹⁰ Boost for woodlands as research to tackle plant pests & diseases, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 6 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-for-woodlands-as-research-to-tackle-plant-pests-diseases>

⁵²¹¹ England's peatlands mapped for first time in major step towards their recovery, Natural England (York) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/englands-peatlands-mapped-for-first-time-in-major-step-towards-their-recovery>

biodiversity within peatland habitats.⁵²¹² Nature Minister Mary Creagh announced a fund of GBP400,000,000 towards the restoration of nature, including peatlands, in accordance with the Plan for Change. This initiative is in line with the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity, including Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature, and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 13 May 2025, Natural England announced the creation of the Bradford Pennine Gateway National Nature Reserve, one of the newest national nature reserves, to protect several priority habits and endangered wildlife.⁵²¹³

On 21 May 2025, the Environment Agency announced a collaboration with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) to find alternative water sampling methods which will protect vulnerable Atlantic Blue Mussel populations.⁵²¹⁴ Replacement methods utilizing passive sampler devices are being trialed as part of the Coastal Health, Livelihoods and Environment Shared Outcomes Fund project. This initiative aligns with KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity including Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 23 May 2025, the Environment Agency in partnership with the Hull’s Dynamic Drains began the next phase of the Hull water project to transform urban watercourses in Yorkshire and improve wildlife habitats.⁵²¹⁵

On 28 May 2025, Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs Daniel Zeichner announced a GBP30 million funding scheme to boost habitat restoration and environmental protection efforts by farmers as a part of the Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) scheme.⁵²¹⁶

On 28 May 2025, the Environment Agency announced the river restoration project of River Gade in Gadebridge Park to include an ultrasonic structure to improve wildlife habitats and facilitate the movement of fish and mammals.⁵²¹⁷

On 30 May 2025, Natural England announced the eighth National Nature Reserve in the King’s Coronation Series as part of the UK Government’s Plan for Change.⁵²¹⁸ This reserve site hosts key species such as Man and Lady orchids, Maidstone mining bees, Hazel dormouse and skylarks, wildflower meadows and grasslands, as well as a carbon-negative vineyard. This initiative is in line with KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity including Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 3 June 2025, Environment Agency Fisheries Team Leader Peter Gray announced a research project to monitor the development of critically endangered glass eels residing in nine locations along the Kennet chalk

⁵²¹² England’s peatlands mapped for first time in major step towards their recovery, Natural England (York) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/englands-peatlands-mapped-for-first-time-in-major-step-towards-their-recovery>

⁵²¹³ Bronte Country to become country’s newest National Nature Reserve, Natural England (York) 13 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bronte-country-to-become-countrys-newest-national-nature-reserve>

⁵²¹⁴ Environment Agency scientists seek new ways to save mussel power, Environment Agency (Rotherham) 21 May 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environment-agency-scientists-look-for-new-ways-to-save-mussel-power>

⁵²¹⁵ Next phase of Hull water project brings boost to wildlife, Environment Agency (Bristol) 23 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/next-phase-of-hull-water-project-brings-boost-to-wildlife>

⁵²¹⁶ £30M Boost for Farmers Leading the Way in Nature Restoration, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30m-boost-for-farmers-leading-the-way-in-nature-restoration>

⁵²¹⁷ River Gade returns to its natural course through Gadebridge Park, Environment Agency (Bristol) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/river-gade-returns-to-its-natural-course-through-gadebridge-park>

⁵²¹⁸ Historic Garden of England protected with new sparkling National Nature Reserve, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Mary Creagh CBE MP (London) 30 May 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/historic-garden-of-england-protected-with-new-sparkling-national-nature-reserve>

stream after their relocation in April.⁵²¹⁹ This project is in line with KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 9 June 2025, the UK Government outlined plans to ban bottom trawling, a destructive fishing method involved large nets dragged along the sea floor, in an additional 40 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).⁵²²⁰ This ban aims to protect marine species residing in a wide range of marine habitats such as on the seabed or sandbanks and allow the seabed to recover from previous harm caused by bottom trawling. This initiative shows the Government’s commitment to protect 30 percent of the ocean by 2030 and meets Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 10 June 2025, Marine Minister Emma Hardy announced the introduction of a bill later this year to ratify the High Seas Treaty.⁵²²¹ This agreement will allow for the first legal creation of MPAs in international waters outside of UK national jurisdiction for the purpose of recovering affected marine life, enhancing resilience against unsustainable fishing methods and protecting key species such as sharks, whales and sea turtles. This initiative meets KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 17 June 2025, the British Embassy Guatemala City announced the UK Government and The Nature Conservancy Guatemala’s joint support of the Zunil-Atitlán-Balam Juyu sustainable development corridor in Guatemala.⁵²²² Key efforts within this project include the establishment of protected areas and measures to benefit conservation, protection of local biodiversity and reduction of local poverty by involvement of communities in related industries such as beekeeping and sustainable forest management. These points are in line with KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature, Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 26 June 2025, the Environment Agency announced a collaborative operation with Acumen Waste Services Ltd to remove 30,000 tones of harmful waste from Hoad’s Wood woodlands.⁵²²³ This initiative aims to restore the wildlife sanctuary and aligns with KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity including Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 27 June 2025, Natural England announced the collaborative establishment of the Wealden Heaths National Nature Reserve, the ninth National Nature Reserve of the King’s Series.⁵²²⁴ This reserve provides a habitat for rare species such as Nightjars, Sand Lizards, Adders and Natterjack Toads and additionally spans several types of habitats such as acidic grasslands, woodlands, and dry and wet heathlands. This initiative is in line with KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity including Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

⁵²¹⁹ Pilot restocking project boosts rare glass eels in the Kennet, Environment Agency (Rotherham) 3 June 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pilot-restocking-project-boosts-rare-glass-eels-in-the-kennet>

⁵²²⁰ Government proposes to extend ban on destructive bottom trawling, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP (London) 9 June 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-proposes-to-extend-ban-on-destructive-bottom-trawling#full-publication-update-history>

⁵²²¹ Government to introduce legislation on High Seas Treaty by end of year, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Emma Hardy MP (London) 10 June 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-introduce-legislation-on-high-seas-treaty-by-end-of-year>

⁵²²² UK Project Supports Sustainable Management of Mayan Forests in Guatemala, British Embassy Guatemala City (Guatemala City) 17 June 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-project-supports-sustainable-management-of-mayan-forests-in-guatemala>

⁵²²³ Environment Agency launches clean-up operation and Hoad’s Wood, Environment Agency, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Mary Creagh CBE MP (Rotherham) 26 June 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environment-agency-launches-clean-up-operation-at-hoads-wood>

⁵²²⁴ Home of ‘Devil’s Punch Bowl’ to become new National Nature Reserve, Natural England and Mary Creagh CBE MP (York) 27 June 2025. Access Date: 8 July 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-of-devils-punch-bowl-to-become-new-national-nature-reserve>

On 11 July 2025, the government pledged GBP500,000 to the International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits, which aims to mobilise global climate financing.⁵²²⁵ The commitment contributes to KM-GBF Goal D.

On 14 July 2025, the Environment Agency began construction on an improved eel pass in Cumbria.⁵²²⁶ This pass will allow for safer migration of the endangered European eel in the River Leven. This initiative meets Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 15 July 2025, the Environment Agency announced the completion of a new fish pass allowing for improved fish migration in a chalk stream and access to key habitats.⁵²²⁷ The Environment Agency provided funding for this project from the Water Environment Improvement Fund in partnership with Natural England, Anglian Water and other local authorities. This initiative meets Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 31 July 2025, Natural England Deputy Dive Officer Lucy May announced a planned underwater site survey of the Fal and Helford rivers to monitor kelp forest communities, coastal habitat conditions and species diversity.⁵²²⁸ Regular monitoring of kelp forests will inform conservation efforts for marine biodiversity and help manage water quality. This initiative meets Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 3 September 2025, Special Representative for Nature Ruth Davis met with Philippine Environment Secretary Raphael Lotilla to reaffirm the nations' partnership on climate and conservation, launched the Innovation Grant Fund in the Philippines and launched the Climate and Ocean Adaptation and Sustainable Transition (COAST) Facility.⁵²²⁹ Through COAST, local organisations will be able to apply for GBP500,000 in funding for sustainable aquaculture projects. This initiative works towards Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 5 September 2025, Natural England announced the addition of Ingleborough National Nature Reserve to the King's Series of National Nature Reserves.⁵²³⁰ This action protects 179 hectares of biodiversity-rich landscape, allowing degraded habitats to be restored and preservation of degraded species such as ferns, mosses, lichens, curlew, black grouse and ring ouzel. The King's Series National Nature Reserve initiative works towards Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 9 September 2025, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs announced the extension of the heather and grass burning ban on peatlands and pledged GBP400 million in funding for tree planting and peatland restoration.⁵²³¹ This announcement affirms actions taken towards Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

⁵²²⁵ UK and France pledge joint funding for international biodiversity, UK Government (London) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 28 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-france-pledge-joint-funding-for-international-biodiversity>

⁵²²⁶ Eco eel pass to lead the way for species migration in Cumbria, Environment Agency (Rotherham) 15 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eco-eel-pass-to-lead-the-way-for-species-migration-in-cumbria>

⁵²²⁷ Completed fish pass in Suffolk's chalk stream help fish to thrive, Environment Agency (Rotherham) 15 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/completed-fish-pass-in-suffolks-chalk-stream-help-fish-to-thrive>

⁵²²⁸ Natural England launches dive survey to monitor kelp forests, Natural England (York) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natural-england-launches-dive-survey-to-monitor-kelp-forests>

⁵²²⁹ UK Nature Envoy visits Philippines to boost climate partnership, British Embassy Manila (Manila) 3 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-nature-envoy-visits-philippines-to-boost-climate-partnership>

⁵²³⁰ Yorkshire's natural beauty recognised as Ingleborough NNR expands, Natural England (York) 5 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/yorkshires-natural-beauty-recognised-as-ingleborough-nnr-expands>

⁵²³¹ Burning banned on England's deep peat to protect wildlife, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 9 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/burning-banned-on-englands-deep-peat-to-protect-wildlife>

On 10 September 2025, the government announced the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction bill to protect the world's ocean.⁵²³² This agreement protects marine species and ecosystems in areas beyond national jurisdiction and facilitates research on the shared use of marine organisms' genetic materials. This legislation acts towards Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature and Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly.

On 11 September 2025, the Health and Safety Executive revised the guidelines for authorisation of pesticide use for emergency purposes.⁵²³³ These revised guidelines ensure the recognition of pesticide impacts on pollinators. This action work towards Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 18 September 2025, Natural England announced the launch of a conservation research science hub at Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve.⁵²³⁴ The research at this hub will focus on various projects related to the reserve's landscapes, water pollution impacts, seagrass conservation, seal population monitoring, invasive species monitoring and encouraging community involvement in conservation efforts. This initiative works towards Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 3 October 2025, the Environment Agency safely released white-clawed Crayfish back into the River Wharfe.⁵²³⁵ This initiative supported the native crayfish population against the invasive American signal crayfish. This initiative works towards Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 3 October 2025, Environment Secretary Emma Reynolds announced over GBP10,000,000 in funding from the Water Restoration Fund for 51 floodplains restoration and rewilding projects.⁵²³⁶ The funds come from water company fines to remedy sewage pollution. This initiative works towards Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 9 October 2025, the government announced GBP35,000,000 in funding across 80 projects spanning 38 developing countries and 12 UK Territories for the purpose of protecting vital landscapes, restoring degraded ecosystems and improving the livelihoods of indigenous communities.⁵²³⁷ This funding initiative works towards Goal A – Protect and Restore, Goal B – Prosper with Nature, Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 31 October 2025, G7 members under Canada's 2025 G7 Presidency announced the G7 Water Coalition Workplan.⁵²³⁸ The Workplan covers a 3-year period between 2025 to 2028, advancing intergovernmental action and supporting technical exchange to support international water efforts. It identifies areas to expand integrated approaches that acknowledge the interconnections between water and ecosystems. Further, it discusses best

⁵²³² UK introduces landmark legislation to protect world's ocean, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Seema Malhotra MP and Emma Hardy MP (London) 10 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-introduces-landmark-legislation-to-protect-worlds-ocean>

⁵²³³ Government takes action to protect bees from pesticides, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Emma Hardy MP (London) 11 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-takes-action-to-protect-bees-from-pesticides#full-publication-update-history>

⁵²³⁴ Iconic Nature Reserve launches cutting-edge conservation hub, Natural England (York) 18 September 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/iconic-nature-reserve-launches-cutting-edge-conservation-hub>

⁵²³⁵ Rescued crayfish released back into river, Environment Agency (Rotherham) 3 October 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rescued-crayfish-released-back-into-river>

⁵²³⁶ Water company fines fund local restoration projects, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Emma Reynolds MP (London) 3 October 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/water-company-fines-fund-local-restoration-projects>

⁵²³⁷ Threatened species and precious habitats to be better protected with new funding boost for overseas conservation project, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Emma Reynolds MP (London) 9 October 2025. Access Date: 13 October 2025. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/threatened-species-and-precious-habitats-to-be-better-protected-with-new-funding-boost-for-overseas-conservation-projects>

⁵²³⁸ G7 Water Coalition Workplan, G7 (Kananaskis) 31 October 2025. Access Date: 12 November 2025. <https://g7.canada.ca/en/news-and-media/news/g7-water-coalition-workplan>

practice principles and barriers to biodiversity conservation including “conserving, protecting, restoring, and building resilience” for ecosystems. This initiative aligns with Goal A and D.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. The UK has acted to preserve at-risk and vulnerable species through enforcement of special licensing and expanding legislation. It has also established and funded initiatives to restore degraded marine and land environments, support existing wildlife species, and protect vulnerable species that have been reintroduced to their native environments. It has taken strong action to advance Goal A, Goal B and Goal D of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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United States: -1

The United States has failed to comply with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 2 December 2024, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announced 61 grants, totalling USD122.4 million in public and private funds, for conservation projects.⁵²³⁹ Grants were designated to support the protection and conservation of land and water, to the benefit of endangered species.

On 12 December 2024, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) partnered with Indonesia’s Ministry of Forestry to host the Orangutan Symposium.⁵²⁴⁰ The symposium convened various actors to build strategies for the protection of orangutans in Indonesia.

On 20 January 2025, President Donald Trump ordered expanded water access and resource extraction.⁵²⁴¹ Protections for sensitive habits in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the State of Alaska, in particular, were weakened through this order.⁵²⁴²

On 20 January 2025, the administration of President Trump declared a “national energy emergency”, allowing it to fast-track environmental permitting processes and bypass provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).⁵²⁴³ The declaration facilitates the expansion of otherwise prohibited activities in critical habitats.

On 20 February 2025, the Department of Government Efficiency laid off around 6000 employees from the US Department of Agriculture, including specialized staff responsible for inspecting plants and food imports.⁵²⁴⁴ The resultant reduced inspection capacities raise risks of invasive species entering national ecosystems.

⁵²³⁹ Biden-Harris Administration, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Announce Over \$122 Million from the America the Beautiful Challenge to Restore Lands and Waters, U.S. Department of the Interior (Washington) 2 December 2024. Access Date: 8 April 2025. <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/biden-harris-administration-national-fish-and-wildlife-foundation-announce-over-122>

⁵²⁴⁰ Press Release: The United States and Indonesia Advance Orangutan Conservation in Indonesia, U.S. Embassy Jakarta (Jakarta) 12 December 2024. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://id.usembassy.gov/press-release-the-united-states-and-indonesia-advance-orangutan-conservation-in-indonesi/>

⁵²⁴¹ Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential, The White House (Washington D.C) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/unleashing-alaskas-extraordinary-resource-potential/>

⁵²⁴² Putting People over Fish: Stopping Radical Environmentalism to Provide Water to Southern California, The White House (Washington D.C.) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/putting-people-over-fish-stopping-radical-environmentalism-to-provide-water-to-southern-california/>

⁵²⁴³ Declaring a National Energy Emergency, The White House (Washington D.C.) 20 January 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/declaring-a-national-energy-emergency/>

⁵²⁴⁴ Here are all the agencies that Elon Musk and DOGE have been trying to dismantle so far, ABC News (New York) 27 February 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/elon-musks-government-dismantling-fight-stop/story?id=118576033>

On 3 February 2025, the Trump administration ordered the closure of the USAID freezing large sums of environmental funding previously supplied to recipient countries.⁵²⁴⁵ The closure undermines the United States' contributions to international biodiversity financing.

On 20 February 2025, the Department of Government Efficiency laid off around 6000 employees from the US Department of Agriculture, including hundreds of specialized staff responsible for inspecting plants and food imports.⁵²⁴⁶ The resultant reduced inspection capacities raise concerns that food products or plants could rot at ports, increasing the risk of invasive species entering the country, threatening domestic biodiversity.

On 1 March 2025, President Trump announced “Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production” to strengthen the US timber industry, reducing reliance on foreign imports and improving overall forest ecosystem health through enhanced land management practices.⁵²⁴⁷ However, the Trump administration failed to release public information on forest protections, undermining wildlife conservation efforts.⁵²⁴⁸

On 10 April 2025, the Trump administration announced the dismantling of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Research Team, responsible for long-term research efforts on grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone and the Northern Continental Divide ecosystems.⁵²⁴⁹ This initiative threatens federal protections for grizzly bears and undermines ongoing research efforts for endangered species and ecosystems.

On 16 April 2025, the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service proposed new rules to limit the protections afforded to endangered species.⁵²⁵⁰ The change open the habitats of endangered species to greater industrial activity, threatening habitat and species biodiversity.

On 17 April 2025, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Commerce announced the rescinding the definition of “harm” in the Endangered Species Act regulations.⁵²⁵¹ This initiative eliminates wildlife habitat protections and species decline, threatening biodiversity and protected ecosystems.⁵²⁵²

⁵²⁴⁵ Trump officials propose plan revamping US foreign aid, memo says, Reuters (London) 20 March 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-officials-propose-plan-revamping-us-foreign-aid-memo-says-2025-03-20/>

⁵²⁴⁶ Here are all the agencies that Elon Musk and DOGE have been trying to dismantle so far, ABC News (New York) February 27 2025. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/elon-musks-government-dismantling-fight-stop/story?id=118576033>

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⁵²⁴⁸ Trump Plan to Accelerate National Forest Logging Spurs Lawsuit, Center for Biological Diversity (Washington D.C.) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/trump-plan-to-accelerate-national-forest-logging-spurs-lawsuit-2025-05-16>

⁵²⁴⁹ Trump Administration Cuts Threaten Grizzly Bear Research Team, Center for Biological Diversity (Tucson) 10 April 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/trump-administration-cuts-threaten-grizzly-bear-research-team-2025-04-10>

⁵²⁵⁰ Trump administration moves to narrow protections for endangered species, The Guardian (London) 17 April 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/apr/17/trump-remove-endangered-species-protections>

⁵²⁵¹ Rescinding the Definition of “Harm” Under the Endangered Species Act, Federal Register (Washington D.C.) 17 April 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/04/17/2025-06746/rescinding-the-definition-of-harm-under-the-endangered-species-act>

⁵²⁵² Scientists, Legal Experts Urge Halt to Trump Assault on Imperiled Wildlife Habitat, Center for Biological Diversity (Washington D.C.) 19 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/scientists-legal-experts-urge-halt-to-trump-assault-on-imperiled-wildlife-habitat-2025-05-19>

On 28 April 2025, the government dismissed all contributors to the sixth National Climate Assessment.⁵²⁵³ The assessment acts as a guide for federal and local governments on how to respond to the effects of climate change. The multi-year, peer-reviewed assessment was set to be published in 2028.

On 22 May 2025, the House of Representatives passed a bill to dismantle the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022.⁵²⁵⁴ The bill threatens to reverse the progress made in reducing US greenhouse gas emissions by terminating tax credits for renewable energy projects, electric vehicles and other clean energy technologies. This action opposes Goal D – Invest and Collaborate of the KM-GBF 2050 vision for biodiversity.

On 29 July 2025, the Department of Energy issued a report to overturn a 2009 scientific finding regarding the human causes of climate change.⁵²⁵⁵ This action is directly antithetical to Goal B – Prosper with Nature of the KM-GBF 2050.

On 15 September 2025, staff from the Center for Biological Diversity reported the construction of a new segment of border wall on a biodiversity hotspot along the Arizona-Mexico border.⁵²⁵⁶ This construction obstructs migration for dozens of species which roam across the border. This action opposes Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal B – Prosper with Nature of the KM-GBF 2050.

On 31 October 2025, G7 members under Canada’s 2025 G7 Presidency announced the G7 Water Coalition Workplan.⁵²⁵⁷ The Workplan covers a 3-year period between 2025 to 2028, advancing intergovernmental action and supporting technical exchange to support international water efforts. It identifies areas to expand integrated approaches that acknowledge the interconnections between water and ecosystems. Further, it discusses best practice principles and barriers to biodiversity conversation including “conserving, protecting, restoring, and building resilience” for ecosystems. This initiative aligns with Goal A and D.

The United States has failed to comply with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. The administration has retracted key environmental protections, scrapped climate and biodiversity-oriented programs, cut necessary staffing and funding sources, and retreated from international accords. These actions undermine the country's ability to meet its obligations in the face of the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity and environmental justice.

Thus, the United States receives a score of –1.⁵²⁵⁸

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⁵²⁵³ US dismisses all authors of National Climate Assessment, email says, Reuters (London) 29 April 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/cop/trump-administration-dismisses-all-authors-key-climate-report-email-says-2025-04-28/>

⁵²⁵⁴ House Passes Trump’s Domestic Policy Bill, Overcoming Last-Minute Resistance, New York Times (Washington D.C.) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 30 June 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/22/us/politics/trump-bill-house-vote-passes.html?smid=url-share>

⁵²⁵⁵ Department of Energy Issues Report Evaluating Impact of Greenhouse Gasses on U.S. Climate, Invites Public Comment, Department of Energy (Washington D.C.) 29 July 2025. Access Date: 30 June 2025. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-issues-report-evaluating-impact-greenhouse-gasses-us-climate-invites>

⁵²⁵⁶ Trump Administration Starts Building Destructive New Arizona Border Wall (Tucson) 16 September 2025. <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/trump-administration-starts-building-destructive-new-arizona-border-wall-2025-09-16/>

⁵²⁵⁷ G7 Water Coalition Workplan, G7 (Kananaskis) 31 October 2025. Access Date: 12 November 2025. <https://g7.canada.ca/en/news-and-media/news/g7-water-coalition-workplan>

⁵²⁵⁸ This score of non-compliance was determined after consulting the following sources: <https://www.whitehouse.gov>, <https://www.state.gov>, <https://www.dhs.gov>, <https://www.epa.gov>, <https://www.federalregister.gov>, <https://id.usembassy.gov>, <https://www.doi.gov> and <https://abcnews.go.com>.

African Union: +1

The African Union has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 3 December 2024, the African Union Network of Centres of Excellence in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Biodiversity began its second meeting, which focused on the importance of sustainable aquaculture in African fisheries.⁵²⁵⁹ This meeting, which brought together important regional actors and international stakeholders, served to reaffirm the African Union's strong commitment to protecting marine ecosystems and biodiversity through sustainable resource management, as well as its fight against aquatic pollution and illegal fishing practices.

On 4 December 2024, the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) began a Technical Coordination Committee in Addis Ababa for its Fisheries Governance Project (FishGov 2).⁵²⁶⁰ The African Union and its partners reinforced their shared commitment to sustainable aquaculture.

On 6 December 2024, AU-IBAR organized a meeting with regional partners and key stakeholders to discuss the FishGov 2 project.⁵²⁶¹ This session produced various recommendations for the implementation of this project and reaffirmed the importance of regional collaboration to pursue a sustainable future in aquaculture.

On 16 December 2024, AU-IBAR and members of the International Coalition of Working Equines signed a Memorandum of Understanding reaffirming their commitment to protecting donkey species.⁵²⁶² By focusing on the escalating donkey skin trade, this partnership intends to promote animal welfare and the sustainable management of natural resources.

On 9 January 2025, representatives of the African Union Member States gathered at the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Extraordinary Summit in Kampala, Uganda.⁵²⁶³ This summit launched the CAADP 10-year Strategy and Action Plan, which promotes the sustainable management of livestock and marine resources in order to preserve Africa's natural ecosystems and agricultural economy.

On 16 January 2025, AU-IBAR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fisheries Transparency Initiative in order to improve the quality and distribution of data regarding fisheries management.⁵²⁶⁴ By allowing this data to be made publicly available, this initiative aims to reduce overfishing and illegal maritime activities, thus allowing for a sustainable future for marine ecosystems.

⁵²⁵⁹ 2nd Meeting of the African Union Network of Centres of Excellence in Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Biodiversity (AUN-CEFAAB), African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 2 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/2nd-meeting-african-union-network-centres-excellence-fisheries-aquaculture-and>

⁵²⁶⁰ Key Insights from the 5th FishGov 2 Technical Meeting on Africa's Fisheries, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 4 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/key-insights-5th-fishgov-2-technical-meeting-africas-fisheries>

⁵²⁶¹ Strategic Outcomes from the Fourth FishGov2 Project Steering Committee Meeting, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 6 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2024. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/strategic-outcomes-fourth-fishgov2-project-steering-committee-meeting>

⁵²⁶² AU-IBAR signs MoU with International Coalition of Working Equines to Preserve Donkey Species in Africa, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 16 December 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-ibar-signs-mou-international-coalition-working-equines-preserve-donkey-species>

⁵²⁶³ Africa Adopts CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 and the Critical Role of Animal Resources, African Union Inter-African Bureau for African Resources (Nairobi) 15 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/africa-adopts-caadp-strategy-and-action-plan-2026-2035-and-critical-role-animal>

⁵²⁶⁴ AU-IBAR and FiTI Sign MoU to Enhance Fisheries Transparency, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 16 January 2024. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-ibar-and-fiti-sign-mou-enhance-fisheries-transparency>

On 30 January 2025, Director of AU-IBAR Huyam Salid led a discussion with regional experts and policymakers called “FISH-FRIENDLY: Policy Innovations for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa.”⁵²⁶⁵ This dialogue, taking place during the 15th Malabo Montpellier Forum, emphasized the importance of conserving marine biodiversity, particularly by targeting the issues of overfishing and habitat degradation.

On 18 February 2025, AU-IBAR organized a preparatory meeting with representatives from the African Union, several AU member states and the University of Cape Coast in anticipation of the 4th Biennial Conference on Fisheries and Coastal Environment in the coming months.⁵²⁶⁶ The participants noted the role of sustainable aquaculture in furthering the economic development of the African continent.

On 19 February 2025, AU-IBAR joined various regional stakeholders at the National Stakeholders Consultative Meeting in Antananarivo, Madagascar.⁵²⁶⁷ The meeting focused on the sustainable management of the countries’ Marine Protected Areas. AU-IBAR Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Expert Rafik Noualli emphasized the importance of scientific research on aquatic ecosystems such as coral reefs, which would inform future approaches to marine conservation. AU-IBAR illustrated its commitment to promoting biodiversity initiatives and conservation efforts in all AU member states.

On 25 February 2025, AU-IBAR collaborated with the Government of Cameroon to host a two-day National Consultative Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming in Aquatic Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Management in Yaoundé, Cameroon.⁵²⁶⁸ This meeting gathered various regional actors and stakeholders to support Cameroon in implementing gender equality objectives within its marine conservation efforts and worked towards amplifying women’s voices in the development of Africa’s blue economy project.

On 27 February 2025, the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) provided funding support to the African Group of Negotiators during several UN Biodiversity Conferences which took place in Rome, Italy.⁵²⁶⁹ Through this support, AUDA-NEPAD has ensured that Africa remains an important figure in global biodiversity discussions, particularly to ensure more inclusive and sustainable financing mechanisms that promote the continent’s environmental needs.

On 28 February 2025, the AUDA-NEPAD along with participating government delegations at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the KM-GBF.⁵²⁷⁰ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention’s financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

⁵²⁶⁵ FISH-FRIENDLY: Advancing Sustainable Fisheries through Innovative Policies in Africa, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 30 January 2025. Access Date: 26 March 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/fish-friendly-advancing-sustainable-fisheries-through-innovative-policies-africa>

⁵²⁶⁶ Momentum Builds for the 4th Biennial Conference on Fisheries and Coastal Environment, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 18 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/momentum-builds-4th-biennial-conference-fisheries-and-coastal-environment>

⁵²⁶⁷ National Stakeholders Consultative Meeting on Marine Protected Areas in Madagascar, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Antananarivo) 19 February 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/national-stakeholders-consultative-meeting-marine-protected-areas-madagascar>

⁵²⁶⁸ Cameroon Strengthens Gender Mainstreaming in Aquatic Biodiversity Conservation, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 25 February 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/cameroon-strengthens-gender-mainstreaming-aquatic-biodiversity-conservation>

⁵²⁶⁹ AUDA-NEPAD Supports Africa’s Biodiversity Priorities in UN’s Biodiversity Conference Discussions, African Union Development Agency (Johannesburg) 18 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.nepad.org/news/auda-nepad-supports-africas-biodiversity-priorities-uns-biodiversity-conference-0>

⁵²⁷⁰ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

On 25 March 2025, AU-IBAR began a National Stakeholders' Consultative and Validation Workshop in collaboration with South Sudan, which took place in Juba.⁵²⁷¹ AU-IBAR gathered key stakeholders to create recommendations for the sustainable development and management of South Sudan's fisheries, in accordance with the African Union Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture.

On 7 April 2025, AU-IBAR and AUDA-NEPAD organized the 3rd Awareness Enhancing Workshop on the Importance of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Blue Economy in Africa's Socio-Economic Development, taking place in Johannesburg, South Africa.⁵²⁷² Through the involvement of key regional actors, this workshop strived to increase awareness about the importance of sustainable resource management and the need for increased investment in aquaculture initiatives.

On 7 April 2025, AU-IBAR began a four-day meeting in Ouagadougou, Uganda, to discuss the creation of a Pan-African Donkey Strategy.⁵²⁷³ The participants, composed of representatives from Regional Economic Communities, AU member states and animal welfare groups, proposed initiatives to address the growing donkey skin trade and facilitate the conservation of donkey species in Africa.

On 15 April 2025, AU-IBAR participated in organizing a National Consultative Workshop in Dakar, Senegal, to establish guidelines for the management of the country's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).⁵²⁷⁴ This workshop, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs of Senegal, emphasized the role of MPAs in ensuring the conservation of aquatic biodiversity within the wider framework of the Africa Blue Economy Strategy.

On 17 April 2025, AU-IBAR Expert Rafik Nouaili attended the second edition of the Forum of Young Africans on the Blue Economy in Toliara, Madagascar.⁵²⁷⁵ This event, attended by over 1,000 participants, aimed to promote youth engagement in the management and conservation of Africa's aquatic resources and illustrated AU-IBAR's commitment to incorporating youth voices into biodiversity policies.

On 23 April 2025, AU-IBAR and AUDA-NEPAD arranged the 5th Internal Coordination Meeting of the FishGov2 project and were joined by regional stakeholders to begin creating a proposal for the future management of fisheries and aquaculture food systems.⁵²⁷⁶ Following a reflection on the results of previous initiatives, the meeting paved the way for creating a potential FishGov3 proposal, which would allow for the continued conservation of Africa's aquatic ecosystems.

On 29 April 2025, AU-IBAR hosted a workshop with relevant stakeholders to discuss the development of the Continental Strategy for Mainstreaming Gender in Aquatic Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental

⁵²⁷¹ South Sudan Charts a Sustainable Path in Fisheries and Aquaculture through AU-Aligned Reforms, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Juba) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/south-sudan-charts-sustainable-path-fisheries-and-aquaculture-through-au-aligned>

⁵²⁷² 3rd Regional Workshop on Fisheries, Aquaculture, and the Blue Economy in Africa's Development, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 7 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/3rd-regional-workshop-fisheries-aquaculture-and-blue-economy-africas-development>

⁵²⁷³ Continental Consultations Begin for Africa's Donkey Development and Protection Strategy, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 25 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/continental-consultations-begin-africas-donkey-development-and-protection-strategy>

⁵²⁷⁴ Senegal Advances Roadmap for Marine Protected Areas through National Consultative Workshop, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Dakar) 17 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/senegal-advances-roadmap-marine-protected-areas-through-national-consultative>

⁵²⁷⁵ AU-IBAR Champions Youth at the Forum of Young Africans on the Blue Economy, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-ibar-u-ibar-champions-youth-forum-young-africans-blue-economy>

⁵²⁷⁶ AU-IBAR and AUDA-NEPAD Convene the 5th Internal Coordination Meeting of the FishGov2 Project, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 23 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-ibar-auda-nepad-convene-5th-internal-coordination-meeting-fishgov2-project>

Management, with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.⁵²⁷⁷ The workshop featured expert presentations, including one from the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, resulting in the creation of tangible goals to promote equitable gender participation in biodiversity initiatives on the continent.

On 2 May 2025, AU-IBAR donated a batch of aquaculture lab equipment valued at USD55,266 to the University of Ibadan, which is a designated AU Centre of Excellence in Fisheries and Aquaculture.⁵²⁷⁸ As part of the wider FishGov2 initiative, this donation promotes the sustainable management of Africa's aquatic resources and highlights the African Union's commitment to research and capacity building to protect the continent's biodiversity.

On 5 May 2025, the African Union officially launched the Kampala CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2035), which aims to promote sustainable agricultural development in the continent.⁵²⁷⁹ African Union Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment H.E. Moses Vilakati stated that adopting this plan would promote biodiversity objectives and facilitate the restoration of key ecosystems.

On 12 May 2025, AU-IBAR announced that it would host the Second Pan African Donkey Conference in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 26-27 June 2025.⁵²⁸⁰ This conference, organized with various partners including the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, aimed to facilitate dialogue on donkey preservation and animal welfare in Africa, specifically focusing on the negative ramifications of the donkey skin trade.

On 16 May 2025, AU-IBAR participated in the 7th World Bee Day hosted in Kenya, which celebrates the crucial role that bees and other pollinators play in the continent's biodiversity.⁵²⁸¹ AU-IBAR's representative Annie Lewa emphasized the importance of sustainable apiculture practices, to preserve bee species and promote food security. This action aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 22 May 2025, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the European Union and the AU concluded the 3rd Ministerial meeting where the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to tackling environmental degradation through facilitating sustainable development.⁵²⁸²

On 5 June 2025, AU-IBAR and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency hosted a stakeholders' workshop in Mombasa, Kenya to create a strategy for improving the environmental sustainability,

⁵²⁷⁷ Validating the Implementation Plan: Gender Strategy for Aquatic Biodiversity, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/validating-implementation-plan-gender-strategy-aquatic-biodiversity>

⁵²⁷⁸ AU-IBAR Boosts Aquaculture Research with Delivery of Specialized Water Quality and Lab Equipment to University of Ibadan, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 7 May 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-ibar-boosts-aquaculture-research-delivery-specialized-water-quality-and-lab>

⁵²⁷⁹ African Union launches the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 and the CAADP Kampala Declaration, African Union (Johannesburg) 6 May 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250506/au-launches-caadp-strategy-action-plan-2026-2035-caadp-kampala-declaration>

⁵²⁸⁰ Africa Set to Advance Donkey Welfare at the Second Pan African Donkey Conference (PADCO-2), African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 12 May 2025. Access Date: 12 May 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/africa-set-advance-donkey-welfare-second-pan-african-donkey-conference-padco-2>

⁵²⁸¹ Buzzing for biodiversity: Kenya Leads World Bee Day Celebrations as Pollination Gains Prominence in Continental Agricultural Strategy, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 29 May 2025. Access Date: 6 July 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/buzzing-biodiversity-kenya-leads-world-bee-day-celebrations-pollination-gains>

⁵²⁸² Joint communique: 3rd EU-AU Ministerial Meeting, 21 May 2025, European Commission (Brussels) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-communique-3rd-eu-au-ministerial-meeting-21-may-2025-2025-05-22_en

gender equality and climate change adaptation of small octopus fisheries in the Western Indian Ocean.⁵²⁸³ Participants acknowledged the vital role that these fisheries play in coastal communities and emphasized the importance of sustainable practices to ensure that these resources are managed adequately. This action thus corresponds with Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

On 10 June 2025, AU-IBAR and the FAO began the Regional Forum on Sustainable Livestock Transformation in Africa, which took place in Nairobi, Kenya, focusing on sustainable practices and climate resilience in the continent's livestock sector.⁵²⁸⁴ In light of the International Year of Camels, the forum emphasized the cultural and social importance of camelids in African communities and highlighted the need for sustainable management of livestock resources to protect these species. This action aligns with Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly.

On 16 June 2025, AU-IBAR and the FAO began hosting capacity building workshops in Uganda, Zambia, Nigeria and Eswatini with the aim of understanding and improving data collection practices for genetic resources.⁵²⁸⁵ Through the framework of the Global Plan of Action on Animal Genetic Resources, this workshop focused on the collection of breed population information in order to better identify extinction threats. As such, this action falls under Goal C – Share Benefits Fairly.

On 16 June 2025, AU-IBAR, in collaboration with the Zambian Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, held a consultation workshop with regional stakeholders to elaborate a national aquaculture strategy that aligns with the African Union's Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa, which focuses on sustainable development of aquatic resources.⁵²⁸⁶ Over the course of four days, the participants developed policy recommendations relating to sustainability, the conservation of biodiversity and food safety. This initiative seeks to fulfill Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 24 June 2025, the African Union announced its participation in the World Aquaculture Safari 2025, a three-day conference taking place in Kampala Uganda, which gathered experts and policymakers to discuss the continent's growing role in aquaculture and marine conservation.⁵²⁸⁷ Through this event, the African Union sought to push for policies that promote the sustainable management of fisheries and host capacity-building workshops to foster further understanding of the continent's goals going forward. This event aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 26 June 2025, AU-IBAR and the International Coalition for Working Equids organized the Second Pan-African Donkey Conference, which gathered around 200 professionals in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.⁵²⁸⁸ Among the outcomes of this meeting, Ministers from across Africa adopted a continental moratorium that prohibits donkey slaughter for skins and encourages governments to punish illegal trade. This action falls under Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

⁵²⁸³ New Regional Network Formed to Support Small-Scale Octopus Fisheries in the Western Indian Ocean, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Mombasa) 10 June 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/new-regional-network-formed-support-small-scale-octopus-fisheries-western-indian>

⁵²⁸⁴ AU-IBAR Spotlights Camelids as Pillars of Climate Resilience at Regional Forum, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 10 June 2025. Access Date: 6 July 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-ibar-spotlights-camelids-pillars-climate-resilience-regional-forum>

⁵²⁸⁵ National capacity building workshop on data collection and management of animal genetic resources, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 20 June 2025. Access Date: 4 July 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/national-capacity-building-workshop-data-collection-and-management-animal-genetic>

⁵²⁸⁶ Zambia Advances Policy Alignment with Continental Fisheries and Aquaculture Strategy, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 16 June 2025. Access Date: 6 July 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/zambia-advances-policy-alignment-continental-fisheries-and-aquaculture-strategy>

⁵²⁸⁷ African Union Participation at the World Aquaculture Safari 2025: Advancing Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 24 June 2025. Access Date: 5 July 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/african-union-participation-world-aquaculture-safari-2025-advancing-sustainable>

⁵²⁸⁸ PADCO-2 Milestones: Common Position, Strategy, and Moratorium Endorsed in Abidjan, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Abidjan) 30 June 2025. Access Date: 6 July 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news>

On 2 July 2025, the AU, supported by AU-IBAR and AUDA-NEPAD, organized a two-day workshop in Cape Town to develop fisheries in aquaculture strategies that conform to the continent's previous sustainability frameworks, such as the African Blue Economy Strategy.⁵²⁸⁹ This event provided AU member states with tools and methodologies to implement their own national aquaculture strategies, which is critical to sustaining coastal livelihoods and preserving marine environments. As such, this initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 18 July 2025, the African Union and the European Union announced the Continental Circular Economy Action Plan for Africa (2024-2034), which aims to promote environmental sustainability and climate resilience.⁵²⁹⁰ This plan seeks to support biodiversity conservation by shifting African economies to a circular framework that encourages recycling and reuse. This action aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 22 July 2025, the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and the OECD organized a high-level event on sustainable ocean management at the AU Permanent Observer Mission offices in New York.⁵²⁹¹ At this event, AUC Deputy Chairperson Selma Malika Haddadi emphasized the AU's commitment to preserving ocean health, sustainably using marine resources, and combating pollution and overfishing. This action aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore.

On 30 July 2025, AU-IBAR hosted the Fifth Annual Dialogue with Regional Economic Communities in Naivasha, Kenya with the aim of discussing progress on the ongoing FishGov2 project and the future management of the aquaculture industry across Africa.⁵²⁹² During this meeting, participants reflected on the progress that has been made in marine sustainability and discussed future initiatives to improve food security and biodiversity conservation. This initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 15 August 2025, AU-IBAR and the Government of Kenya, with funding from the European Union, organized the 3rd Meeting of the Revised African Fisheries Reform Mechanism in Mombasa, Kenya.⁵²⁹³ This action aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 21 August 2025, AU-IBAR oversaw a leadership workshop with the African Women Fish Processors and Traders Network in Nairobi, Kenya.⁵²⁹⁴ The workshop featured capacity-building sessions to provide women with concrete tools to actively participate in sustainable fisheries management and marine conservation initiatives across the continent. As such, this event falls under Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 26 August 2025, AU-IBAR met with African and international stakeholders at a workshop in Naivasha, Kenya, with the aim of developing the Africa Common Position on Sustainable, Resilient, and Nature-Positive

⁵²⁸⁹ AU Equips Countries for Strategic Fisheries and Aquaculture Planning, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 11 July 2025. Access Date: 16 August 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-equips-countries-strategic-fisheries-aquaculture-planning>

⁵²⁹⁰ African Union and European Union join hands to promote and invest in Circular Economy and Sustainable Growth, Delegation of the European Union to Kenya (Addis Ababa and Brussels) 17 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/kenya/african-union-and-european-union-join-hands-promote-and-invest-circular-economy-and-sustainable_en?s=352

⁵²⁹¹ AUC Deputy Chairperson reaffirmed the AU's commitment to ocean health as a cornerstone of Agenda 2063 & SDGs, African Union (Addis Ababa) 22 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250722/auc-deputy-chairperson-reaffirmed-aus-commitment-ocean-health>

⁵²⁹² Fifth Annual RECs Dialogue Advances Fisheries Governance in Africa, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 31 July 2025. Access Date: 20 August 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/fifth-annual-recs-dialogue-advances-fisheries-governance-africa>

⁵²⁹³ AFRM Advisory Council Endorses 14 Knowledge Products to Advance Africa's Fisheries and Aquaculture, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Mombasa) 15 August 2025. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/afrm-advisory-council-endorses-14-knowledge-products-advance-africas-fisheries-and>

⁵²⁹⁴ AWFISHNET Prepares New Bureau with Training on Governance and Accountability, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 21 August 2025. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/awfishnet-prepares-new-bureau-training-governance-and-accountability>

Livestock Food Systems.⁵²⁹⁵ Participants reviewed Africa's existing agricultural policies, identifying gaps where biodiversity, gender and climate commitments could be addressed more effectively to promote sustainable development. Thus, this initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 8 September 2025, the African Union organized the second Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where AU-IBAR presented its strategies to protect aquatic biodiversity by implementing marine protected areas, combatting illegal fishing and supporting gender-inclusive projects.⁵²⁹⁶ This event aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore, and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 23 September 2025, the African Union collaborated with the UNDP to host the second iteration of Africa Blue Economy Week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.⁵²⁹⁷ The event brings together regional leaders, policymakers and scientific experts to discuss the conservation of aquatic resources and shape the future of Africa's blue economy policies. Therefore, this event corresponds with Goal A – Protect and Restore, as well as Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 29 September 2025, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment Moses Vilakati joined various African leaders to launch the Africa Keystone Protected Area Partnership.⁵²⁹⁸ With its commitment to preserve 162 vital ecosystems across the continent, this partnership illustrates the African Union's progress towards Goal A – Protect and Restore and Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

On 10 October 2025, AU-IBAR held a high-level meeting in Chad to support the implementation of the Pan-African Donkey Strategy, which tackles the harmful effects of the illegal donkey skin trade.⁵²⁹⁹ Participants noted the urgent threats towards the genetic diversity of donkey species, as well as the important ecological role that donkeys play in soil fertilization and the preservation of rural ecosystems. The session produced a variety of policy recommendations, including the establishment of sanctuaries to ensure the conservation and reproduction of donkey populations. Thus, this meeting aligns with Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

The African Union has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. The African Union has taken strong action to protect and restore ecosystems, through the promotion of sustainable aquaculture practices within the FishGov2 initiative and has worked towards promoting human coexistence with nature by tackling harmful practices such as the donkey skin trade. The African Union has also taken strong action towards investing in research initiatives, as it has collaborated with universities and provided research equipment to further innovation in aquaculture and fisheries. Finally, the African Union has collaborated with various governments and regional organizations to promote capacity building and policymaking workshops, which serves to promote biodiversity goals across the continent.

Thus, the African Union receives a score of +1.

⁵²⁹⁵ Africa Advances Common Position on Resilient, and Nature-Positive Livestock Food Systems, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Naivasha) 31 August 2025. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/africa-advances-common-position-resilient-and-nature-positive-livestock-food>

⁵²⁹⁶ AU-IBAR at the Second Africa Climate Summit: Advancing Climate Resilience Through Fisheries, Aquaculture, and the Blue Economy, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 17 September 2025. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/news/latest-news/au-ibar-second-africa-climate-summit-advancing-climate-resilience-through>

⁵²⁹⁷ Africa's Blue Economy: The next frontier for economic resilience beyond natural treasures, African Union (Addis Ababa) 23 September 2025. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20250923/africas-blue-economy-next-frontier-economic-resilience>

⁵²⁹⁸ African Heads of State Launch Keystone Partnership to Safeguard 162 Essential Protected Areas, International Conservation Caucus Foundation (New York) 29 September 2025. Access Date: 19 October 2025. <https://international875apan875vation.org/blog/africa-keystone-protected-area-partnership-launch>

⁵²⁹⁹ L'UA-BIRA et ses partenaires renforcent le plaidoyer pour la préservation, le bien-être et l'utilisation durable des ânes en Afrique, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (Nairobi) 10 October 2025. Translation provided by analyst. Access Date: 12 October 2025. <https://www.au-ibar.org/fr/news/latest-news/lu-a-bira-et-ses-partenaires-renforcent-le-plaidoyer-pour-la-preservation-le-bien>

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

On 4 December 2024, the European Research Council released a report highlighting over 300 projects in the context of the 11th plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).⁵³⁰⁰ The Council's participation in the plenary highlights its commitment to addressing the critical global challenges of biodiversity loss, climate change, pollution and social disparities resulting from them.

On 17 December 2024, DTO-BioFlow, under the Horizon Europe Framework Programme, opened its second call for marine biodiversity monitoring data.⁵³⁰¹ This project addresses the existing challenges in the collection, harmonisation, accessibility, and analysis of marine biodiversity data for policy-relevant needs and uses.

On 17 December 2024, environment ministers of the Council of the European Union reached a joint negotiating position to reduce microplastic pollution by 30 per cent before the end of 2030.⁵³⁰² EU Member States backed a plan to strengthen regulations aimed at reducing microplastics by tightening rules for companies that handle plastic pellets.

On 18 December 2024, the European Commission formally adopted the regulation on the postponement of application of the EU deforestation law by one year.⁵³⁰³ The EU Deforestation Regulation saw its compliance deadline for large companies move from 31 December 2024 to 30 December 2025.

On 8 January 2025, the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), a joint initiative of the European Union, announced its partnership with Conservation International to implement the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program.⁵³⁰⁴ The CEPF serves to empower civil society organisations to better conserve global biodiversity hotspots.

On 20 January 2025, the European Commission reviewed its Marine Strategy Framework Directive to assess progress.⁵³⁰⁵ This framework is aimed at enhancing marine biodiversity protection and ecosystem restoration across European seas, introducing updated guidelines to reduce pollution and recommending greater investment and ambition for the design and implementation of measures for marine species and habitats restoration.

⁵³⁰⁰ How ERC frontier research supports 'transformative change,' European Research Council (Brussels) 4 December 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://erc.europa.eu/news-events/news/how-erc-frontier-research-supports-transformative-change>

⁵³⁰¹ DTO-BioFlow second open call for marine biodiversity data, European Commission (Brussels) 17 December 2024. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters/dto-bioflow-second-open-call-marine-biodiversity-data>

⁵³⁰² Commission launches public feedback period on uniform format for Member States' nature restoration plans, European Commission (Brussels) 13 January 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-launches-consultation-nature-restoration-plans-2025-01-13_en

⁵³⁰³ EU deforestation law: Council formally adopts its one-year postponement, European Commission (Brussels) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 25 March 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/12/18/eu-deforestation-law-council-formally-adopts-its-one-year-postponement/>

⁵³⁰⁴ CEPF to Collaborate With Conservation International for GEF Small Grants Program, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (Arlington) 8 January 2025. Access Date: 7 April 2025. <https://www.cepf.net/stories/cepf-collaborate-conservation-international-gef-small-grants-program>

⁵³⁰⁵ Member States introduce better measures to protect coastal and marine environments, but further action needed, European Commission (Brussels) 4 February 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-member-states-introduce-more-measures-protect-coastal-and-marine-environments-2025-02-04_en

On 7 February 2025, the European Union awarded the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC) EUR27 million to tackle organized crime networks trafficking in wildlife globally and reduce the demand driving this illicit trade.⁵³⁰⁶ The goal of this initiative is to conserve endangered species and biodiversity for future generations.

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On 7 February 2025, the European Commission adopted the eighteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region.⁵³⁰⁸ This region comprises Ireland, the Netherlands, and parts of the Union territories of Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France and Portugal. These sites form part of the Natura 2000 network, which is an essential element of the protection of biodiversity in the European Union.

On 11 February 2025, the European Parliament approved a tuna fishing agreement with Cabo Verde.⁵³⁰⁹ This agreement allows 56 EU vessels to fish tuna and related species during the next five years, promotes the creation of a sustainable fisheries policy in Cabo Verde, and enhances the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

On 13 February 2025, the European Union and Mexico met at the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources in Mexico City to strengthen climate and environmental cooperation.⁵³¹⁰ Participants explored opportunities for closer cooperation on industrial decarbonisation, climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation and restoration and sustainable use of natural resources in line with the KM-GBF, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and other international commitments.

On 19 February 2025, the European Commission presented its Vision for Agriculture and Food.⁵³¹¹ This roadmap targets the future of farming and food in Europe and will address food waste and societal concerns about animal welfare.

On 26 February 2025, the European Commission announced the 2025 edition of the European Business & Nature Summit.⁵³¹² This event, held in October in Helsinki, Finland, will gather leaders from the business and finance sectors to explore ways to integrate nature and biodiversity into business strategies and practices.

On 28 February 2025, the European Union's delegation along with participating governments at the extended session of COP16 released a resource mobilization strategy to protect biodiversity and advance the targets of the

⁵³⁰⁶ EU, ICCWC, and civil society join forces to combat wildlife crime, United Nations (Geneva) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/re-ases/-25/January/eu--iccwc--and-civil-society-join-forces-to-combat-wildlife-crime.html>

⁵³⁰⁷ EU, ICCWC, and civil society join forces to combat wildlife crime, United Nations (Geneva) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/re-ases/-25/January/eu--iccwc--and-civil-society-join-forces-to-combat-wildlife-crime.html>

⁵³⁰⁸ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/244 of 7 February 2025 adopting the eighteenth update of the list of sites of Community importance for the Atlantic biogeographical region (notified under document C(2025) 739), European Commission (Brussels) 7 February 2025. Access Date: 3 May 2025. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/244/oj

⁵³⁰⁹ Tuna fishing agreement with Cabo Verde approved by Parliament, European Parliament (Brussels) 11 February 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. https://www.europarl.europa.eu/pdfs/news/expert/2025/2/press_release/20250204IPR26684/20250204IPR26684_en.pdf

⁵³¹⁰ EU & Mexico step up cooperation on environment and climate, European Commission (Brussels) 17 Feb 2025. Access Date: 11 May 2025. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-mexico-step-cooperation-environment-and-climate-2025-02-17_en

⁵³¹¹ Commission presents its roadmap for a thriving EU farming and agri-food sector, European Commission (Brussels) 19 February 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_530

⁵³¹² Save the Date: European Business & Nature Summit 2025 to be held on 23-24 October, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2025. Access Date: 20 March 2025. <https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/news/save-date-european-business-nature-summit-2025-be-held-23-24-october-2025-02-26>

KM-GBF.⁵³¹³ The strategy employs a range of instruments including public and private funding, multilateral development banks, and formalizes permanent arrangements for the Convention's financial mechanism. Parties to the Convention agreed to mobilize at least USD200 billion annually by 2030.

On 3 March 2025, the European Commission hosted the European Ocean Days.⁵³¹⁴ This is a week-long event about the EU's sustainable blue economy, highlighting fisheries science outcomes, showcasing blue investments and Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters actions, and including dialogues with key stakeholders.

On 4 March 2025, the European Court of Auditors published a report assessing the EU's actions tackling sea pollution by ships.⁵³¹⁵ This report contributed to the anticipated revision of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and to improvements in EU maritime pollution checks and data.

On 6 March 2025, the European Commission published an evaluation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.⁵³¹⁶ The evaluation identified potential for improvement to the directive that seeks to protect marine biodiversity from pollution.

On 7 March 2025, the European Commission proposed a direct amendment of the wolf protection status under the Habitats Directive.⁵³¹⁷ This proposal follows the decision to downlist the wolf under the Bern Convention from strictly protected fauna species to protected fauna species as it has successfully recovered across the European continent.

On 12 March 2025, the European Commission published its research study titled "Mapping of Marine Protected Areas and their associated fishing activities in the Mediterranean and Black Seas."⁵³¹⁸ This study, funded under the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, provides an up-to-date overview of marine protected areas in the region.

On 27 March 2025, the Environmental Council gathered in Brussels to discuss the environmental dimension of the clean industrial deal.⁵³¹⁹ Ministers discussed ways to help EU industries to stay competitive in the net-zero transition and exchanged views on mechanisms to incentivize farmers to protect soil, water, air, nature and biodiversity.

On 31 March 2025, the European Commission hosted the 16th EU Platform on Animal Welfare.⁵³²⁰ In this meeting, European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare Olivér Várhelyi announced the Commission's decision to renew the EU Platform on Animal Welfare mandate until June 2030, acknowledging the importance of addressing transport, poultry and dog and cat welfare.

⁵³¹³ Press Release: Governments agree on the way forward to mobilise the resources needed to protect biodiversity for people and planet, Convention on Biological Diversity (Rome) 28 February 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2025/pr-2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

⁵³¹⁴ European Ocean Days, European Commission (Brussels) 3 March 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. https://maritime-forum.ec.europa.eu/theme/governance/european-ocean-days_en

⁵³¹⁵ Special report 06/2025: EU actions tackling sea pollution by ships – Not yet out of troubled waters, European Court of Auditors (Luxembourg) 4 March 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/publications/SR-2025-06>

⁵³¹⁶ Taking stock of EU laws on the protection of seas and quality of bathing waters, European Commission (Brussels) 6 March 2025. Access Date: 5 May 2025. https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-evaluates-sea-protection-and-bathing-water-quality-laws-2025-03-06_en

⁵³¹⁷ EU sets to w-aken wolf protection - NGOs warn of wider threats to nature, World Wildlife Fund (Gland) 7 March 2025. Access Date: 24 March 2025. <https://www.wwf.eu/?17452916/EU-sets-to-weaken-wolf-protection---NGOs-warn-of-wider-threats-to-nature>

⁵³¹⁸ Mapping of Marine Protected Areas and their associated fishing activities in the Mediterranean and Black Seas, European Commission (Brussels) 12 March 2025. Access Date: 23 March 2025. https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/publications/mapping-marine-protected-areas-and-fisheries-mediterranean-and-black-seas_en

⁵³¹⁹ Environment Council, 27 March 2025, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 27 March 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/env/2025/03/27/>

⁵³²⁰ Speech by Commissioner Várhelyi at the 16th meeting of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare, European Commission (Brussels) 31 March 2025. Access Date: 4 May 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_25_927

On 8 April 2025, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union reached a provisional agreement on the Commission's proposal to regulate and prevent microplastic pollution from plastic pellets.⁵³²¹ The new rules are expected to reduce plastic pellet losses by up to 74 per cent, which will help preserve ecosystems and biodiversity.

On 10 April 2025, the Council of the European Union reached a provisional deal with the European Parliament on a directive establishing a framework for soil monitoring.⁵³²² This deal aims to improve soil resilience, manage the risks of contaminated sites and establish land-take mitigation principles, with a focus on soil sealing and removal.

On 15 April 2025, the European Commission introduced administrative simplifications to facilitate the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation.⁵³²³ The regulation will harmonise standards for reducing deforestation across European markets.

On 24 April 2025, the European Commission proposed integrating the international Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement into EU law.⁵³²⁴ The BBNJ Agreement aims to protect the ocean, tackle environmental degradation, fight climate change and curb biodiversity loss.

On 29 April 2025, the European Commission pledged EUR301 million in funding for ocean conservation efforts at the Our Ocean Conference.⁵³²⁵ This funding will support actions in the sustainable blue economy, marine pollution, marine protected areas, digital oceans, sustainable fisheries, ocean and climate change.

On 13 May 2025, the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union held the meeting of EU directors-general for nature.⁵³²⁶ In this meeting, stakeholders discussed the implementation of the EU Nature Restoration Law, including the presentation of nature recovery strategies, the visit to Kampinos National Park and the dialogue on the protection of ecosystems, the restoration of habitats for wolf populations and the employment of sustainable forest management practices to ensure diversity among species.

On 14 May 2025, the European Commission adopted the Horizon Europe work programme for 2025.⁵³²⁷ This research and innovation initiative has determined that 8.8 per cent of the budget for the year, which totals EUR7.3 billion, will be directed towards biodiversity-related projects that support the EU's climate and biodiversity conservation targets.

On 15 May 2025, the EU Common Agriculture Policy Network Thematic Group on Enhancing Biodiversity on Farmland for Improved Resilience published a briefing on biodiversity actions to provide inspiration and encourage action.⁵³²⁸ This briefing explores farming management projects executed by Member States that

⁵³²¹ Commission welcomes provisional agreement to reduce microplastic pollution, European Commission (Brussels) 8 April 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1023

⁵³²² Soil monitoring law: Council reaches deal with Parliament, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 10 April 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/04/10/soil-monitoring-law-council-reaches-deal-with-parliament/>

⁵³²³ Commission takes action to simplify the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation, European Commission (Brussels) 15 April 2025. Access Date: 4 May 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1063

⁵³²⁴ Commission takes further step to protect biodiversity in the High Seas, European Commission (Brussels) 24 April 2025. Access Date: 4 May 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1098

⁵³²⁵ EU pledges over €300 million in ocean conservation efforts at Our Ocean Conference in Busan, European Commission (Brussels) 29 April 2025. Access Date: 9 May 2025. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1111

⁵³²⁶ Meeting of EU directors-general for nature: Nature Restoration Law, Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Warsaw) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://polish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/news/meeting-of-eu-directors-general-for-nature-nature-restoration-law/>

⁵³²⁷ Horizon Europe work programme 2025: new funding opportunities for universities, European University Association (Brussels) 16 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.eua.eu/news/eua-news/horizon-europe-work-programme-2025-new-funding-opportunities-for-universities.html>

⁵³²⁸ Biodiversity actions at scale for sustainable and resilient agriculture, EU CAP Network (Brussels) 15 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/news/biodiversity-actions-scale-sustainable-and-resilient-agriculture_en

restore habitats as well as policy recommendations and presents a call to action for greater investment in the sustainable farming sector.

On 15 May 2025, the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Commission Directorate-General for the Environment hosted an online accelerator session to delve into role of biodiversity credits.⁵³²⁹ This shows how the European Union looks to foster dialogue and collaboration between different stakeholders and find innovative practices for biodiversity conservation while sharing knowledge and providing capacity-building to the public.

On 22 May 2025, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the EU and the AU concluded the 3rd Ministerial meeting where the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to tackling environmental degradation through facilitating sustainable development.⁵³³⁰

On 28 May 2025, the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries ratified the Treaty of the High Seas.⁵³³¹ This action highlights the commitment of the European Union towards biodiversity preservation and the responsible use of marine resources, as well as the establishment of marine protected areas to ensure the continuity and resilience of habitats and ecosystems.

On 4 June 2025, the European Commission launched European Water Academy.⁵³³² This project is led by the Joint Research Centre and aims to increase water resilience across the EU through providing training, capacity building and forging partnerships between the public and private sector. These efforts showcase the willingness for collaboration between stakeholders and the sharing of knowledge about new technologies for restoring the water cycle and protecting marine ecosystems.

On 9 June 2025, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen presented the European Ocean Pact at the third United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice.⁵³³³ Through this pact, the European Union will mobilize EUR40 million for the Global Ocean Programme in aims of supporting partner countries in ratifying the Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement). This shows how the European Union is actively investing economical resources and advancing global collaboration on biodiversity matters.

On 13 June 2025, the Council of the European Union agreed on a mandate to negotiate rules that would enhance the bioavailability of forest reproductive material (FRM).⁵³³⁴ This action seeks to guarantee that FRM is genetically diverse and climate-resilient in aims of preserving populations of native species.

⁵³²⁹ Highlights of the ECESP's WCEF2025 accelerator session/EUCT on biodiversity as a catalyst for circular economy: The role of biodiversity credits, Biodiversity actions at scale for sustainable and resilient agriculture, European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (Brussels) 15 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en/news-and-events/all-news/highlights-ecesp-wcef2025-accelerator-session-euct-biodiversity-catalyst-circular-economy-role>

⁵³³⁰ Joint communique: 3rd EU-AU Ministerial Meeting, 21 May 2025, European Commission (Brussels) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-communique-3rd-eu-au-ministerial-meeting-21-may-2025-2025-05-22_en

⁵³³¹ EU leads global efforts to protect high seas biodiversity with landmark Treaty ratification, European Commission (Brussels) 28 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-leads-global-efforts-protect-high-seas-biodiversity-landmark-treaty-ratification-2025-05-28_en

⁵³³² New European Water Academy launched to strengthen water resilience, European Commission (Brussels) 4 June 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/jrc-news-and-updates/new-european-water-academy-launched-strengthen-water-resilience-2025-06-04_en

⁵³³³ EU commits to ocean action and presents European Ocean Pact at the third UN Ocean Conference, European Commission (Brussels) 9 June 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-commits-ocean-action-and-presents-european-ocean-pact-third-un-ocean-conference-2025-06-09_en

⁵³³⁴ Improved EU rules for forest reproductive material: Council approves negotiating position, Council of the European Union (Brussels) 13 June 2025. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/06/13/improved-eu-rules-for-forest-reproductive-material-council-approves-negotiating-position/>

On 19 June 2025, the European Parliament adopted amendments on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability.⁵³³⁵ These amendments, which recognize the threat of illegal trade of pets as a driver for biodiversity loss, include the explicit inclusion of language such as animal welfare, risk to biodiversity and enhanced cooperation between Member States to identify and dismantle illegal breeding establishments.

On 23 June 2025, the European Union held the 20th EU-Canada Summit in Brussels.⁵³³⁶ The purpose of this event was to strengthen multilateral collaboration, remarkably noting the threat of biodiversity loss and land degradation and reaffirming the commitment to the swift and full implementation of the goals contained in the KM-GBF.

On 24 June 2025, the European Council approved a new monitoring framework that would enhance the sustainable management of forests.⁵³³⁷ This framework will allow for tracking the progress made for achieving biodiversity conservation goals, provide more accurate and accessible information and introduce a data sharing mechanism which will facilitate knowledge-sharing between Member States.

On 7 July 2025, the European Commission published the Roadmap towards Nature Credits.⁵³³⁸ This framework aims to encourage private investment in nature protection and restoration actions. It also provides quality standards and rewards individuals or groups engaging in biodiversity actions.

On 8 July 2025, the European Parliament gave its consent to the EU-Greenland and Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement: Implementing Protocol 2025-2030.⁵³³⁹ This binding agreement addresses the sustainable management of marine resources and their compliance with EU targets under the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

On 24 July 2025, the European Commission, through the Joint Research Centre, published research on the spatial-temporal assessment of the Black Sea ecosystem using the Blue2 modelling framework.⁵³⁴⁰ This tool simulates marine environments and interactions in the ecosystem to advise management strategies to preserve biodiversity.

On 15 August 2025, the EU launched the Nature Nourishes Territorial Approach for Local Development project in Sierra Leone in collaboration with the United Nations World Food Programme.⁵³⁴¹ The project aims to mitigate biodiversity loss in Sierra Leone pursuant to KM-GBF Goal A and Goal D.

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On 22 August 2025, the EU publicly announced the selection of 13 projects in which it will invest EUR116 million to restore oceans and waters.⁵³⁴² The selected projects focus on the preservation of offshore marine protected areas, restoration of habitats of migratory fish in the Danube area and the reduction of the environmental impact of fisheries on species and habitats.

On 9 September 2025, the European co-funded biodiversity partnership, Biodiversa+, launched a call for research on biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration with a budget of approximately EUR40 million.⁵³⁴³ Through increased knowledge, the EU aims to revisit restoration targets, scale nature restoration efforts and guarantee greater resilience of restoration efforts.

On 23 September 2025, the Council of the EU and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement to update the list of priority pollutants in surface water and groundwater.⁵³⁴⁴ This deal entails the review of current environmental quality standards for several pollutants and the addition of new ones to the list. This action highlights how the EU is better monitoring and addressing harmful substances for marine ecosystems.

On 30 September 2025, Copernicus Marine Service of the EU Space Programme published the ninth edition of the Copernicus Ocean State Report.⁵³⁴⁵ This report provides insights into the state and natural variations of global oceans while describing advanced monitoring tools for marine ecosystems to track environmental factors, species and trends.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. The European Union has taken strong action across most of the key components of the commitment, including halting biodiversity loss, preserving at-risk species, and restoring degraded ecosystems. The European Union has invested in biodiversity research to inform its policies, has reviewed its existing regulations and measures to assess their effectiveness, has committed to reducing wildlife trafficking and illegal fishing, and strengthened collaboration with other states to preserve the natural environment and species. It has advanced all four goals of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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