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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	−1		
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Türkiye		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States	−1		
African Union			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.62 (81%)	

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.²³⁶¹ 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).²³⁶² Prior to the explicit foregrounding of biodiversity as an environmental consideration, leaders relatedly emphasized the environment as a factor in

²³⁶¹ 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>

²³⁶² 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>

sustainable development and the protection of marine ecosystems,²³⁶³ such as through the G20 Global Marine Environment Protection Initiative.²³⁶⁴

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.²³⁶⁵

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.²³⁶⁶ 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.²³⁶⁷ 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 2040.²³⁶⁸ 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 2030.²³⁶⁹ 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 COP15.²³⁷⁰ 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).

²³⁶³ 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>

²³⁶⁴ 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>

²³⁶⁵ 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>

²³⁶⁶ 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>

²³⁶⁷ 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>

²³⁶⁸ 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>

²³⁶⁹ 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>

²³⁷⁰ 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.²³⁷¹ 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.²³⁷² 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.²³⁷³ 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.²³⁷⁴ In the context of the commitment it refers to the rapid implementation of the KM-GBF.

“Full” is understood to mean in its entirety.²³⁷⁵ 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.²³⁷⁶ 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.”²³⁷⁷

“Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework” refers to the framework outlined at COP15.²³⁷⁸ 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.

²³⁷¹ 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>

²³⁷² 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>

²³⁷³ 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>

²³⁷⁴ Swift, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 9 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/swift>

²³⁷⁵ Full, Cambridge Dictionary (Cambridge) n.d. Access Date: 9 March 2025. <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/full>

²³⁷⁶ 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

²³⁷⁷ 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

²³⁷⁸ 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.”²³⁷⁹ 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.”²³⁸⁰

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.

²³⁷⁹ 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>

²³⁸⁰ 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.²³⁸¹ 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.²³⁸² 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.²³⁸³ 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.²³⁸⁴

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

²³⁸¹ 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.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-traslado-seis-pumas-provenientes-del-trafico-de-fauna-uruguay>

²³⁸² 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.

<https://agenciatierraviva.com.ar/cop-29-otro-fracaso-de-la-diplomacia-ambiental-y-un-retroceso-historico-para-argentina/>

²³⁸³ 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/>

²³⁸⁴ 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.²³⁸⁵ 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.²³⁸⁶

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.²³⁸⁷ 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.²³⁸⁸ 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.²³⁸⁹ 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 Montaserin 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.²³⁹⁰

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

²³⁸⁵ 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.

²³⁸⁶ 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.

²³⁸⁷ 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.

²³⁸⁸ 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>

²³⁸⁹ 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>

²³⁹⁰ 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>

biodiversity financing, coastal management strategies and gender-responsive policies.²³⁹¹ 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.²³⁹² 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.²³⁹³ 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.²³⁹⁴ 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.²³⁹⁵ 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.²³⁹⁶ 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.²³⁹⁷ 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.

²³⁹¹ 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.

²³⁹² 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>

²³⁹³ 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>

²³⁹⁴ 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>

²³⁹⁵ 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>

²³⁹⁶ 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>

²³⁹⁷ 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.²³⁹⁸ 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 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.²³⁹⁹ 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.²⁴⁰⁰ 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.²⁴⁰¹

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.²⁴⁰² 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.

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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²³⁹⁸ 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. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-organizo-el-primer-encuentro-acerca-de-la>

²³⁹⁹ 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. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-presente-en-el-v-foro-nacional-de-humedales> <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-presente-en-el-v-foro-nacional-de-humedales>

²⁴⁰⁰ La Subsecretaría de Ambiente de la Nación presidió el encuentro regional sobre políticas ambientales del MERCOSUR, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (Buenos Aires) 26 May 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 2 July 2025. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-presidio-el-encuentro-regional-sobre-politicas>

²⁴⁰¹ 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. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/la-subsecretaria-de-ambiente-de-la-nacion-realizo-un-relevamiento-de-palmares-en-la>

²⁴⁰² 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>

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 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.²⁴⁰³ 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 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.²⁴⁰⁴ 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.²⁴⁰⁵ 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.²⁴⁰⁶ 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.²⁴⁰⁷ This initiative demonstrates Australia's commitment to advancing Goal A of the KM-GBF.

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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²⁴⁰³ 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>

²⁴⁰⁴ 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>

²⁴⁰⁵ 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>

²⁴⁰⁶ 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>

²⁴⁰⁷ 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>

Brazil: +1

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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.²⁴⁰⁸ 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 2030.²⁴⁰⁹ 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.²⁴¹⁰ 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.²⁴¹¹ 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.²⁴¹² 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.

²⁴⁰⁸ 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/>

²⁴⁰⁹ 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>

²⁴¹⁰ 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/>

²⁴¹¹ 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.ebc.com.br/noticias/202502/mma-e-sfb-lancam-edital-para-concessao-da-floresta-nacional-do-jatuarana-no-amazonas>

²⁴¹² 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>

On 20 February 2025, the National Biodiversity Commission published Resolution No. 9/2025, outlining 23 National Biodiversity Targets (2025–2030).²⁴¹³ 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.

On 28 February 2025, Brazil'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.²⁴¹⁴ 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, 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.²⁴¹⁵ 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.²⁴¹⁶ The auction seeks to mobilize up to USD2 billion in private capital to restore lands using sustainable practices, promoting soil recovery and environmental conservation.²⁴¹⁷ 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.²⁴¹⁸ This award promotes the work of organizations that aim to protect and sustainably use traditional knowledge associated with genetic heritage to benefit the environment.

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Brazil has taken strong actions in maintaining and restoring ecosystems, investing and collaborating to support capacity-building, and sustainably using biodiversity.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mariana Cavalc Monteiro Vieira

²⁴¹³ 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>

²⁴¹⁴ 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>

²⁴¹⁵ 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/>

²⁴¹⁶ 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

²⁴¹⁷ Brazil'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/>

²⁴¹⁸ Minister Marina Silva: "In 500 years, this is the first benefit-sharing fund for traditional communities," Secretaria de Comunicação Social (Brasília) 26 May 2025. Access Date: 28 May 2025. <https://www.gov.br/secom/en/latest-news/2025/05/minister-marina-silva-201cin-500-years-this-is-the-first-benefit-sharing-fund-for-traditional-communities201d>

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 CDN\$5.7 million in funding to enhance ecological connectivity in eight areas marked for conservation priority.²⁴¹⁹ 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 860.²⁴²⁰ 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.²⁴²¹ 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 CAD\$12.2 million funding scheme through the Environmental Damages Fund to support 22 conservation and restoration projects nationwide.²⁴²² 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.²⁴²³

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.²⁴²⁴ 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-

²⁴¹⁹ 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>

²⁴²⁰ 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>

²⁴²¹ 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>

²⁴²² 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>

²⁴²³ 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>

²⁴²⁴ 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>

GBF.²⁴²⁵ 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.²⁴²⁶ 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.²⁴²⁷ 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.²⁴²⁸ 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.²⁴²⁹ This initiative enhances habitat protection and species recovery, supporting Goals A, B and D under the KM-GBF 2050 framework.

On 30 April 2025, Canada and fellow G7 Ministers of Climate, Energy and the Environment released the G7 Communiqué of the Ministers for Climate, Energy and Environment to promote the swift, full and effective implementation of the KM-GBF.²⁴³⁰ The Communiqué reiterates the G7 member's commitment to fostering nature-positive economies, revising and submitting updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), substantially and progressively increasing biodiversity financing and highlighting resource efficiency and circular economy.

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF adopted at the COP15. 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.

²⁴²⁵ 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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²⁴²⁷ 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>

²⁴²⁸ 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>

²⁴²⁹ 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>

²⁴³⁰ Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers' Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italy (Torino) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.g7italy.it/wp-content/uploads/G7-Climate-Energy-Environment-Ministerial-Communique_Final.pdf

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Olivia Du

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.²⁴³¹ This international collaboration strengthens biodiversity protection and disaster reduction regarding the sea. The initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

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.²⁴³² 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.²⁴³³ 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.²⁴³⁴ 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.²⁴³⁵ 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.²⁴³⁶

²⁴³¹ 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>

²⁴³² 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

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²⁴³⁴ 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/>

²⁴³⁵ 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>

²⁴³⁶ 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>

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.²⁴³⁷ The draft contains provisions on safeguarding ecosystems and enhancing conservation efforts in a variety of ecosystems, while advancing ecosystem protection and restoration efforts.

On 12 May 2025, China introduced new regulations on eco-environmental protections that focuses on key priorities such as “ecological protection and restoration.”²⁴³⁸

On 22 May 2025, China launched the first digital platform containing tropical biodiversity data in partnership with the Xishuangbanna ecology and environment bureau.²⁴³⁹ This initiative aligns with Goal D – Invest and Collaborate.

China has partially complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF adopted at the COP15. China has taken strong action to facilitate collaborative efforts in protecting ecosystems and conducting research. It has also taken strong action that aligns with Goal A – Protect and Restore. However, it has not taken action to achieve Goal B and Goal C of the KM-GBF 2050 vision of biodiversity.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Yen Chen Chen

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 resilient, sustainable and inclusive cities as part of the “Sustainable City and Innovative buildings” research program.²⁴⁴⁰ 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.²⁴⁴¹ 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

²⁴³⁷ 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>

²⁴³⁸ 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>

²⁴³⁹ China launches first digital platform for tropical biodiversity, Xinhua News Agency (Kunming) 22 May 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://english.news.cn/20250522/43a5e7f328884ddb11586b5a2825ff9/c.html>

²⁴⁴⁰ 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>

²⁴⁴¹ 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%C3%A9-de-presse/french-development-agency-announces-its-support-ministry-water-resources-and-irrigation-republic-kazakhstan-sustainable-management-lake-balkhash>

Environment Facility Small Grants Program.²⁴⁴² 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.²⁴⁴³ 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.²⁴⁴⁴ 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.²⁴⁴⁵ It represents the government’s commitment to reducing maritime emissions and pollution, which will contribute to the protection and sustainable development of marine ecosystems.

On 28 February 2025, France’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.²⁴⁴⁶ 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 government announced a series of initiatives, aimed at strengthening food independence and accelerating the environmental transition.²⁴⁴⁷ 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.²⁴⁴⁸ Key areas of cooperation include biodiversity, ecosystem protection and legal enforcement.

²⁴⁴² 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>

²⁴⁴³ 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-qu'il-faut-retenir-de-la-declaration-de-politique-generale-de-francois-bayrou>

²⁴⁴⁴ 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>

²⁴⁴⁵ 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>

²⁴⁴⁶ 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>

²⁴⁴⁷ 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>

²⁴⁴⁸ 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>

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.²⁴⁴⁹ 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 30 April 2025, France and fellow G7 Ministers of Climate, Energy and the Environment released the G7 Communiqué of the Ministers for Climate, Energy and Environment to promote the swift, full and effective implementation of the KM-GBF.²⁴⁵⁰ The Communiqué reiterates the G7 member’s commitment to fostering nature-positive economies, revising and submitting updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), substantially and progressively increasing biodiversity financing and highlighting resource efficiency and circular economy.

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.²⁴⁵¹

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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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.²⁴⁵² 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

²⁴⁴⁹ 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>

²⁴⁵⁰ Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italy (Torino) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.g7italy.it/wp-content/uploads/G7-Climate-Energy-Environment-Ministerial-Communique_Final.pdf

²⁴⁵¹ 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>

²⁴⁵² 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>

nature conservation goals into a coherent agenda.²⁴⁵³ 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.²⁴⁵⁴ 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.²⁴⁵⁵ 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.²⁴⁵⁶ 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.

On 2 December 2024, the International Climate Initiative announced the successful establishment of spirulina farms in Indonesia through their Seagrass Ecosystem Service Project.²⁴⁵⁷ The International Climate Initiative was conceived by the Federal Government to support biodiversity projects in developing nations.²⁴⁵⁸ 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.²⁴⁵⁹ 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.

²⁴⁵³ 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.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/von-cali-ueber-baku-nach-busan-klimakrise-untrennbar-mit-artenaussterben-und-rohstoffverbrauch-verknuepft>

²⁴⁵⁴ 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>

²⁴⁵⁵ 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.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/besserer-schutz-fuer-meeresschutzgebiete-der-ostsee>

²⁴⁵⁶ 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>

²⁴⁵⁷ 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/>

²⁴⁵⁸ 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/>

²⁴⁵⁹ 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.bmu.de/en/pressrelease/federal-cabinet-adopts-national-circular-economy-strategy>

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.²⁴⁶⁰ 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.²⁴⁶¹ 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.²⁴⁶² 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 Island Developing States.²⁴⁶³ 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.²⁴⁶⁴ 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.²⁴⁶⁵ 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.

²⁴⁶⁰ 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>

²⁴⁶¹ 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>

²⁴⁶² 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>

²⁴⁶³ 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

²⁴⁶⁴ 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>

²⁴⁶⁵ 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>

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.²⁴⁶⁶ 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.²⁴⁶⁷

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.²⁴⁶⁸ 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 development of green areas in cities, which can represent up to 90 per cent of financing costs.²⁴⁶⁹ 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.²⁴⁷⁰ 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 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.²⁴⁷¹ 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.

²⁴⁶⁶ 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>

²⁴⁶⁷ 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>

²⁴⁶⁸ 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>

²⁴⁶⁹ 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>

²⁴⁷⁰ 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>

²⁴⁷¹ 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>

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.²⁴⁷² 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 2028.²⁴⁷³ 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.

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.²⁴⁷⁴ 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 30 April 2025, Germany and fellow G7 Ministers of Climate, Energy and the Environment released the G7 Communiqué of the Ministers for Climate, Energy and Environment to promote the swift, full and effective implementation of the KM-GBF.²⁴⁷⁵ The Communiqué reiterates the G7 member’s commitment to fostering nature-positive economies, revising and submitting updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), substantially and progressively increasing biodiversity financing and highlighting resource efficiency and circular economy.

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.²⁴⁷⁶ 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.

²⁴⁷² 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>

²⁴⁷³ 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>

²⁴⁷⁴ 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>

²⁴⁷⁵ Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italy (Torino) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.g7italy.it/wp-content/uploads/G7-Climate-Energy-Environment-Ministerial-Communique_Final.pdf

²⁴⁷⁶ 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/?trackingId=I%2BYHmH%2BbTdc1S2QFKlka%2Fg%3D%3D>

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.²⁴⁷⁷ 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.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Germany has taken action to prevent biodiversity loss by funding initiatives to combat climate change in the Global South and by enacting plans to pursue sustainable resource use. Germany has also funded projects to preserve at risk species by conserving marine ecosystems in Indonesia, by contributing to the fight against environmental and wildlife crime and funding workshops facilitating the equitable use of biological resources. 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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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.²⁴⁷⁸ 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.²⁴⁷⁹

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.²⁴⁸⁰ 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.

²⁴⁷⁷ 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.bmu.de/pressemitteilung/nationale-meereskonferenz-setzt-zeichen-fuer-starken-meeresschutz>

²⁴⁷⁸ 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>

²⁴⁷⁹ 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>

²⁴⁸⁰ 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>

On 3 February 2025, the Ministry of External Affairs officially established the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), providing a regulatory standard for big cat conservation practices.²⁴⁸¹ 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.²⁴⁸² 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.²⁴⁸³ 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, India finalized a multilateral initiative led by the BRICS countries to earmark USD200 billion in annual financing for nature protection.²⁴⁸⁴ 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.²⁴⁸⁵ 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.²⁴⁸⁶ 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

²⁴⁸¹ 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>

²⁴⁸² 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>

²⁴⁸³ 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>

²⁴⁸⁴ 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/>

²⁴⁸⁵ 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>

²⁴⁸⁶ 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>

improving disease management among aquatic animals.²⁴⁸⁷ 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.²⁴⁸⁸ 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 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.²⁴⁸⁹ 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 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.²⁴⁹⁰ 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.

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.

Analyst: Khabish Kaur

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.

²⁴⁸⁷ 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>

²⁴⁸⁸ 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>

²⁴⁸⁹ 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>

²⁴⁹⁰ 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/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2130464s>

On 12 December 2024, the Ministry of Forestry partnered with the United States Agency for International Development to host the Orangutan Symposium.²⁴⁹¹ The symposium convened various actors to build 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.²⁴⁹² 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.²⁴⁹³ 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.²⁴⁹⁴ 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 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.²⁴⁹⁵ 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.²⁴⁹⁶ 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.²⁴⁹⁷ As part of its mandate, the 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.

²⁴⁹¹ 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/>

²⁴⁹² 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>

²⁴⁹³ 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>

²⁴⁹⁴ 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/>

²⁴⁹⁵ 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>

²⁴⁹⁶ 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>

²⁴⁹⁷ 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>

On 5 May 2025, Indonesian forestry professionals, government officials and journalists participated in the U.S Department of State's International Visitor Leadership program.²⁴⁹⁸ 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.²⁴⁹⁹ 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.

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 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.

Analyst: Shazia Aura Fathraya

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.²⁵⁰⁰ 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.²⁵⁰¹ 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.²⁵⁰² This initiative improves

²⁴⁹⁸ 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/>

²⁴⁹⁹ 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>

²⁵⁰⁰ 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/>

²⁵⁰¹ 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>

²⁵⁰² Ministero dell'agricoltura della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste, Ministero 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>

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.²⁵⁰³ 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.²⁵⁰⁴

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.”²⁵⁰⁵ 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 COP16.²⁵⁰⁶ 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.²⁵⁰⁷ 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).²⁵⁰⁸ As a part of the project, the Ministry invested EUR210 million to plant 4.5 million trees, aligning with the broader

²⁵⁰³ 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>

²⁵⁰⁴ 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

²⁵⁰⁵ 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 prestazione di "Servizio tecnico-specialistico a supporto della Direzione Generale Valutazioni Ambientali", Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza energetica (Rome) 21 March 2025. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 27 March 2025 <https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/atto-di-proroga-n-1-del-29-gennaio-2025-alla-convenzione-attuativa-n-56-del-21-dicembre-2023>

²⁵⁰⁶ Biodiversità: è partita la seconda sessione della COP16, delegazione italiana con 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>

²⁵⁰⁷ 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>

²⁵⁰⁸ 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>

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.²⁵⁰⁹ 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.²⁵¹⁰ The action contributes to reforestation and urban biodiversity.

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.²⁵¹¹ This action contributes to the preservation of land and biodiversity as federally protected areas in the nation is expanded.

On 30 April 2025, Italy and fellow G7 Ministers of Climate, Energy and the Environment released the G7 Communiqué of the Ministers for Climate, Energy and Environment to promote the swift, full and effective implementation of the KM-GBF.²⁵¹² The Communiqué reiterates the G7 member's commitment to fostering nature-positive economies, revising and submitting updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), substantially and progressively increasing biodiversity financing and highlighting resource efficiency and circular economy.

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.²⁵¹³

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Italy has taken moderate action in halting or reversing global biodiversity loss by hosting international conferences, forming domestic networks and following EU environmental guidelines. 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.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Yen Chen Chen

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.

²⁵⁰⁹ Giornata internazionale delle foreste. Avvio ufficiale della Rete Nazionale dei Boschi Vetusti, Ministero 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>

²⁵¹⁰ 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/>

²⁵¹¹ 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>

²⁵¹² Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers' Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italy (Torino) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.g7italy.it/wp-content/uploads/G7-Climate-Energy-Environment-Ministerial-Communique_Final.pdf

²⁵¹³ 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

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.²⁵¹⁴ 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 Facility Small Grants Program.²⁵¹⁵ 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.²⁵¹⁶

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.²⁵¹⁷ 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.²⁵¹⁸ 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.²⁵¹⁹ 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.²⁵²⁰ 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.

²⁵¹⁴ 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>

²⁵¹⁵ 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>

²⁵¹⁶ 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

²⁵¹⁷ 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

²⁵¹⁸ 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>

²⁵¹⁹ 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

²⁵²⁰ 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>

On 30 April 2025, Japan and fellow G7 Ministers of Climate, Energy and the Environment released the G7 Communiqué of the Ministers for Climate, Energy and Environment to promote the swift, full and effective implementation of the KM-GBF.²⁵²¹ The Communiqué reiterates the G7 member's commitment to fostering nature-positive economies, revising and submitting updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), substantially and progressively increasing biodiversity financing and highlighting resource efficiency and circular economy.

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.²⁵²² The MoU includes "biodiversity conservation as nature-based solutions", "environmental monitoring" and "climate change mitigation and adaptation" as key areas of cooperation.²⁵²³ 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.²⁵²⁴ The event aligns with KM-GBF Goal B – Prosper with Nature.

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 B 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: +1

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.²⁵²⁵ 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:

²⁵²¹ Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers' Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italy (Torino) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.g7italy.it/wp-content/uploads/G7-Climate-Energy-Environment-Ministerial-Communique_Final.pdf

²⁵²² 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

²⁵²³ 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>

²⁵²⁴ 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

²⁵²⁵ 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>

Measure, Monitor, Manage.”²⁵²⁶ 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.²⁵²⁷ 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.²⁵²⁸ 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.²⁵²⁹ 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.²⁵³⁰ 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.²⁵³¹ 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.²⁵³² 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.

²⁵²⁶ 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=>

²⁵²⁷ 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>

²⁵²⁸ 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>

²⁵²⁹ 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.

²⁵³⁰ 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>

²⁵³¹ 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#>

²⁵³² 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.²⁵³³ 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.²⁵³⁴ 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.²⁵³⁵ 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.²⁵³⁶ 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.²⁵³⁷ 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.²⁵³⁸ 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.²⁵³⁹ These findings encourage the planting of native tree species, promoting carbon neutrality and biodiversity conservation.

²⁵³³ 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>

²⁵³⁴ 2025 MOF's Key Policy Implementation Plan- Maritime and Fisheries that Bring Warmth 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>

²⁵³⁵ 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?jsessionid=7957FAA0BAE62056753A8BB8B60EFD6C?menuKey=892&contentKey=262>

²⁵³⁶ 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>

²⁵³⁷ 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#

²⁵³⁸ 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

²⁵³⁹ 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=>

On 9 April 2025, the Ministry of Environment began a pilot operation of the Animal Road Accident Prevention System.²⁵⁴⁰ 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.²⁵⁴¹ 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.²⁵⁴² 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.²⁵⁴³ The Ministry committed to supporting GCIDA’s goal of becoming a global leader in sustainable conservation and development of internationally designated areas.

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.²⁵⁴⁴ This demonstrates Korea’s commitment to advancing Goal A and Goal D of the KM-GBF.

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.

Analyst: Vera Allue

²⁵⁴⁰ 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=>

²⁵⁴¹ 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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²⁵⁴² Busan, Korea: 2025 - Our Ocean, Our Action, Our Ocean Conference (Busan) 28 April 2025. Access Date: 5 May 2025.

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

²⁵⁴³ 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=>

²⁵⁴⁴ 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=>

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.²⁵⁴⁵ 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 15 January 2025, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources Alicia Bárcena Ibarra met with national and international organizations to strengthen collaboration on environmental policy.²⁵⁴⁶ The discussions aligned on establishing policies that promote technical tools for environmental conservation and restoration.

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.²⁵⁴⁷ The program aims to restore declining monarch populations and protect the ecosystems on which the butterflies rely for migration and habitat.

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.²⁵⁴⁸ 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.²⁵⁴⁹ 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.

²⁵⁴⁵ 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>

²⁵⁴⁶ 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>

²⁵⁴⁷ Butterfly Pavilion and Government of Mexico Join Forces to Safeguard Monarch Migration, Butterfly Pavillion (Westminster) 28 January 2025. Access Date: 19 May 2025. <https://butterflies.org/butterfly-pavilion-and-government-of-mexico-join-forces-to-safeguard-monarch-migration/>

²⁵⁴⁸ 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>

²⁵⁴⁹ 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

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.²⁵⁵⁰

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-GBF.²⁵⁵¹ 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.²⁵⁵² 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.²⁵⁵³

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.²⁵⁵⁴

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."²⁵⁵⁵ 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

²⁵⁵⁰ 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>

²⁵⁵¹ 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>

²⁵⁵² México presenta proyecto de Parque Ecológico y Economía Circular en reunión 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-circular-en-reunion-anual-de-euroclima?idiom=es>

²⁵⁵³ 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>

²⁵⁵⁴ 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>

²⁵⁵⁵ 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>

Program.²⁵⁵⁶ This initiative demonstrates Mexico's commitment to restoring and protecting the environment (aligning with Goal A of the KM-GBF).

On 8 April 2025, environmental authorities from Mexico and Germany agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation on biodiversity.²⁵⁵⁷ 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.²⁵⁵⁸ 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.²⁵⁵⁹ 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.²⁵⁶⁰

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.²⁵⁶¹ 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.

²⁵⁵⁶ 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>

²⁵⁵⁷ 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. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/mexico-y-alemania-fortalecen-lazos-de-cooperacion-en-materia-ambiental?idiom=es>

²⁵⁵⁸ 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>

²⁵⁵⁹ 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>

²⁵⁶⁰ 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>

²⁵⁶¹ 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>

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 Dinamos.²⁵⁶² 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.²⁵⁶³ 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.²⁵⁶⁴ 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.²⁵⁶⁵ 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.²⁵⁶⁶ 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.

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 –

²⁵⁶² 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>

²⁵⁶³ 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>

²⁵⁶⁴ 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>

²⁵⁶⁵ 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>

²⁵⁶⁶ 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>

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: –1

Russia has not 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.²⁵⁶⁷ 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.²⁵⁶⁸ The fund will allocate RUB1 billion annually to support projects focused on environmental protection, wildlife conservation and volunteer training in these areas.

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.²⁵⁶⁹ 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, Russia finalised a multilateral initiative led by the BRICS countries to earmark USD200 billion in annual financing for nature protection.²⁵⁷⁰ The funding aims to preserve biodiversity and natural environments in light of climate change.

Russia has not complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. Russia has strong efforts to facilitate international cooperation on the preservation of endangered species and ecological cooperation, advancing Goal A of the KM-GBF. Russia has also allocated funds for ecosystem restoration, including landfill cleanup and creating a presidential fund. However, these actions are limited in their scope and implementation. In addition, Russia has not taken action to advance Goal B, Goal C or Goal D of the KM-GBF.

Thus, Russia receives a score of –1.²⁵⁷¹

²⁵⁶⁷ 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>

²⁵⁶⁸ 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>

²⁵⁶⁹ 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>

²⁵⁷⁰ 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/>

²⁵⁷¹ This score of non-compliance was determined after consulting the following sources: <http://government.ru/en/>, <https://mcx.gov.ru/en/>, <http://minpromtorg.gov.ru/en/>, <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/en/>, <https://www.minobrnauki.gov.ru/>, <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/>, <https://tass.com/> and <https://en.mchs.gov.ru/>.

*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.²⁵⁷²

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.²⁵⁷³

On 9 January 2025, Saudi Arabia assumed the chairmanship of the International Coral Reef Initiative for the 2025–2027 term.²⁵⁷⁴ 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.²⁵⁷⁵ 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."²⁵⁷⁶ 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.²⁵⁷⁷ 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.²⁵⁷⁸ 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.

²⁵⁷² 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>

²⁵⁷³ 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>

²⁵⁷⁴ 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>

²⁵⁷⁵ 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>

²⁵⁷⁶ 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>

²⁵⁷⁷ 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>

²⁵⁷⁸ 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>

On 22 April 2025, the National Center for Vegetation Cover Development and Combating Desertification unveiled an executive plan to combat desertification and manage drought.²⁵⁷⁹ 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 rewilding program.²⁵⁸⁰ 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.²⁵⁸¹ 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.²⁵⁸² The campaign seeks to bolster coastal biodiversity.

On 12 May 2025, Saudi Arabia officially joined the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.²⁵⁸³ The joining of Ramsar reaffirms Saudi Arabia’s commitment to environmental conservation and biodiversity support.

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.²⁵⁸⁴ The legislation will enhance conservation efforts for the plant species.

²⁵⁷⁹ 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>

²⁵⁸⁰ 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>

²⁵⁸¹ 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>

²⁵⁸² 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>

²⁵⁸³ 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>

²⁵⁸⁴ 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>

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.²⁵⁸⁵ 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.²⁵⁸⁶ 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.²⁵⁸⁷ 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, South Africa finalised a multilateral initiative led by the BRICS countries to earmark USD200 billion in annual financing for nature protection.²⁵⁸⁸ The funding aims to preserve biodiversity and natural environments in light of climate change.

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.²⁵⁸⁹ 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.²⁵⁹⁰ 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.²⁵⁹¹

²⁵⁸⁵ 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/>

²⁵⁸⁶ 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>

²⁵⁸⁷ 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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²⁵⁸⁹ 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>

²⁵⁹⁰ 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>

²⁵⁹¹ 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

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.²⁵⁹² 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.²⁵⁹³ 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 conversation and protect wildlife and marine resources.²⁵⁹⁴

On 11 May 2025, Deputy Minister 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.²⁵⁹⁵ 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 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.²⁵⁹⁶ The DFFE called for enhanced action to protect biodiversity domestically and internationally, reaffirming South Africa's commitment to preserving biodiversity.

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.²⁵⁹⁷

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.

Analyst: Cheng Li

²⁵⁹² 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>

²⁵⁹³ 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/>

²⁵⁹⁴ 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

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²⁵⁹⁷ 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

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.²⁵⁹⁸ 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.²⁵⁹⁹ 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.²⁶⁰⁰ 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.²⁶⁰¹ 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.

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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United Kingdom: +1

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.

²⁵⁹⁸ 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-partnership/>

²⁵⁹⁹ 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>

²⁶⁰⁰ 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/2025-02-27-cop16-en.pdf>

²⁶⁰¹ 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>

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.²⁶⁰² Projects under the OCEAN Grants Programme will focus on restoring marine ecosystems and supporting impoverished coastal communities in 13 countries.

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.²⁶⁰³ 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.²⁶⁰⁴ 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.²⁶⁰⁵ 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.²⁶⁰⁶ 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.²⁶⁰⁷ 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.

²⁶⁰² 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>

²⁶⁰³ 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>

²⁶⁰⁴ 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>

²⁶⁰⁵ 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>

²⁶⁰⁶ 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>

²⁶⁰⁷ 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>

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 2025.²⁶⁰⁸ 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. 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.²⁶⁰⁹ 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.²⁶¹⁰ 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.²⁶¹¹ 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.²⁶¹² 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.²⁶¹³ 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.

²⁶⁰⁸ 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>

²⁶⁰⁹ 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>

²⁶¹⁰ 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>

²⁶¹¹ 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>

²⁶¹² 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>

²⁶¹³ 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>

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.²⁶¹⁴ 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.

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 2030.²⁶¹⁵ 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.²⁶¹⁶ 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.²⁶¹⁷ 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.²⁶¹⁸ 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).²⁶¹⁹ AIM4NatuRe will build capacities for monitoring and reporting around global efforts to restore ecosystems.

On 30 April 2025, the UK and fellow G7 Ministers of Climate, Energy and the Environment released the G7 Communiqué of the Ministers for Climate, Energy and Environment to promote the swift, full and effective implementation of the KM-GBF.²⁶²⁰ The Communiqué reiterates the G7 member's commitment to fostering nature-positive economies, revising and submitting updated National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), substantially and progressively increasing biodiversity financing and highlighting resource efficiency and circular economy.

²⁶¹⁴ 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>

²⁶¹⁵ 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>

²⁶¹⁶ 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>

²⁶¹⁷ 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>

²⁶¹⁸ 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>

²⁶¹⁹ 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>

²⁶²⁰ Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers' Meeting Communiqué, G7 Italy (Torino) 30 April 2025. Access Date: 3 September 2025. https://www.g7italy.it/wp-content/uploads/G7-Climate-Energy-Environment-Ministerial-Communique_Final.pdf

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.²⁶²¹

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.²⁶²²

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.²⁶²³

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.²⁶²⁴

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.²⁶²⁵

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.²⁶²⁶

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.

Analyst: Khabish Kaur

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.

²⁶²¹ 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>

²⁶²² 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>

²⁶²³ 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>

²⁶²⁴ 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>

²⁶²⁵ £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>

²⁶²⁶ 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>

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.²⁶²⁷ 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.²⁶²⁸ 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.²⁶²⁹ Protections for sensitive habits in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the State of Alaska, in particular, were weakened through this order.²⁶³⁰

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).²⁶³¹ 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.²⁶³² The resultant reduced inspection capacities raise risks of invasive species entering national ecosystems.

On 3 February 2025, the Trump administration ordered the closure of the USAID freezing large sums of environmental funding previously supplied to recipient countries.²⁶³³ 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.²⁶³⁴ 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

²⁶²⁷ 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>

²⁶²⁸ 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/>

²⁶²⁹ 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/>

²⁶³⁰ 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/>

²⁶³¹ 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/>

²⁶³² 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>

²⁶³³ 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/>

²⁶³⁴ 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>

ecosystem health through enhanced land management practices.²⁶³⁵ However, the Trump administration failed to release public information on forest protections, undermining wildlife conservation efforts.²⁶³⁶

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.²⁶³⁷ 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.²⁶³⁸ 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.²⁶³⁹ This initiative eliminates wildlife habitat protections and species decline, threatening biodiversity and protected ecosystems.²⁶⁴⁰

On 28 April 2025, the government dismissed all contributors to the sixth National Climate Assessment.²⁶⁴¹ 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. 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 –1.²⁶⁴²

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²⁶³⁵ Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production, The White House (Washington D.C.) 1 March 2025. Access Date: 1 July 2025. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/immediate-expansion-of-american-timber-production/>

²⁶³⁶ 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>

²⁶³⁷ 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>

²⁶³⁸ 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>

²⁶³⁹ 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>

²⁶⁴⁰ 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>

²⁶⁴¹ 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/>

²⁶⁴² 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.²⁶⁴³ 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).²⁶⁴⁴ 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.²⁶⁴⁵ 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.²⁶⁴⁶ 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.²⁶⁴⁷ 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.²⁶⁴⁸ 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.

²⁶⁴³ 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>

²⁶⁴⁴ 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>

²⁶⁴⁵ 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>

²⁶⁴⁶ 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>

²⁶⁴⁷ Africa Adopts CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 and the Critical Role of Animal Resources, African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal 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>

²⁶⁴⁸ 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.”²⁶⁴⁹ 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.²⁶⁵⁰ 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.²⁶⁵¹ 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.²⁶⁵² 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.²⁶⁵³ 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.²⁶⁵⁴ 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.

²⁶⁴⁹ 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>

²⁶⁵⁰ 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>

²⁶⁵¹ 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>

²⁶⁵² 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>

²⁶⁵³ 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>

²⁶⁵⁴ 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.²⁶⁵⁵ 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.²⁶⁵⁶ 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.²⁶⁵⁷ 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).²⁶⁵⁸ 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.²⁶⁵⁹ 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.²⁶⁶⁰ 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

²⁶⁵⁵ 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>

²⁶⁵⁶ 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>

²⁶⁵⁷ 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>

²⁶⁵⁸ 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>

²⁶⁵⁹ 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>

²⁶⁶⁰ 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.²⁶⁶¹ 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.²⁶⁶² 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.²⁶⁶³ 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 2025.²⁶⁶⁴ 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 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.²⁶⁶⁵

The African Union has fully complied with its commitment to the swift, full, and effective implementation of the KM-GBF. It has taken strong action to protect and restore ecosystems by promoting 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 serve to promote biodiversity goals across the continent.

Thus, the African Union receives a score of +1.

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²⁶⁶¹ 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>

²⁶⁶² 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>

²⁶⁶³ 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>

²⁶⁶⁴ 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>

²⁶⁶⁵ 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

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).²⁶⁶⁶ 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.²⁶⁶⁷ 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 2030.²⁶⁶⁸ 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.²⁶⁶⁹ 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.²⁶⁷⁰ 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.²⁶⁷¹ 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.

²⁶⁶⁶ 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>

²⁶⁶⁷ 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>

²⁶⁶⁸ 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

²⁶⁶⁹ 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/>

²⁶⁷⁰ 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>

²⁶⁷¹ 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.²⁶⁷² 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.²⁶⁷⁴ 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.²⁶⁷⁵ 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.²⁶⁷⁶ 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.²⁶⁷⁷ 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.²⁶⁷⁸ 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

²⁶⁷² EU, ICWC, 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/releases/2025/January/eu-iccwc--and-civil-society-join-forces-to-combat-wildlife-crime.html>

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²⁶⁷⁴ 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

²⁶⁷⁵ 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

²⁶⁷⁶ 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

²⁶⁷⁷ 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

²⁶⁷⁸ 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.²⁶⁷⁹ 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.²⁶⁸⁰ 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.²⁶⁸¹ 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.²⁶⁸² 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.²⁶⁸³ 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."²⁶⁸⁴ 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.²⁶⁸⁵ 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.²⁶⁸⁶ 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.

²⁶⁷⁹ 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>

²⁶⁸⁰ 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

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²⁶⁸² 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

²⁶⁸³ EU sets to weaken 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>

²⁶⁸⁴ 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

²⁶⁸⁵ 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/>

²⁶⁸⁶ 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.²⁶⁸⁷ 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.²⁶⁸⁸ 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.²⁶⁸⁹ 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.²⁶⁹⁰ 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.²⁶⁹¹ This funding will support actions in the sustainable blue economy, marine pollution, marine protected areas, digital oceans, sustainable fisheries, ocean and climate change.

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.²⁶⁹²

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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