

# A crash course in CBD COP15

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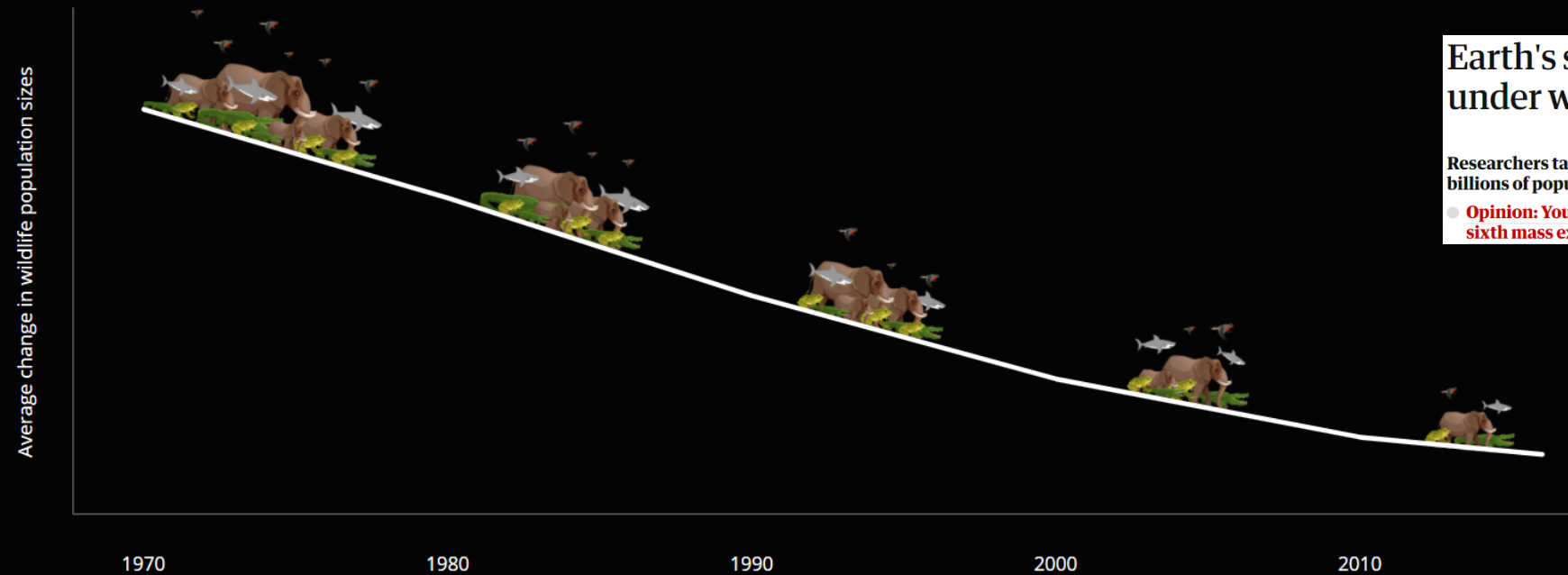
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# What is CBD about?

## THE LIVING PLANET INDEX

The population sizes of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles have seen an alarming average drop of 68% since 1970.



## One million species at risk of extinction, UN report warns

A landmark global assessment warns that the window is closing to safeguard biodiversity and a healthy planet. Yet solutions are in sight.

## Earth's sixth mass extinction event under way, scientists warn

Researchers talk of 'biological annihilation' as study reveals billions of populations of animals have been lost in recent decades

Opinion: You don't need a scientist to know what's causing the sixth mass extinction

# What is CBD COP15 about?

March: Geneva

First negotiations  
on draft goals and  
targets

June: Nairobi

Additional set of  
negotiations on  
draft goals and  
targets

Sept (?): Kunming

Agree 2030  
Global  
Biodiversity  
Framework

# How is it going? Current content of GBF

**VISION** for 2050: living in harmony with nature

**MISSION** for 2030: halt loss of biodiversity (and reverse!)

**GOALS** for 2050:

A state of nature improved

B nature's services enhanced

C benefits fairly shared

D financial contributions provided

**TARGETS** for 2030:

## Reducing Threats

1. Plan & Retain
2. Restore
3. Protect & Conserve
4. Species preserved
5. Harvest & Trade
6. Invasive
7. Pollution
8. Climate

## People's Needs

9. Species provide
10. Agriculture
11. Clean air, water, etc.
12. Urban
13. ABS

## Tools & Solutions

14. Government
15. Business
16. Citizens
17. Biotech
18. Harmful subsidies
19. Increase financial flows
20. Indigenous Peoples
21. Participation in decision-making

# How is it going? Current level of ambition

Target	CBD		Other Multilateral Commitments						Current Highest Ambition Text
	First Draft	Kunming Dec.	Leaders' Pledge <sup>1</sup>	High Ambition Coalition <sup>1</sup>	Global Oceans Alliance <sup>1</sup>	G7 Nature Compact	G20 Leaders' Dec.	IUCN Resolution 116	
Overall ambition	✗	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Halt and reverse biodiversity loss to achieve a nature-positive world by 2030 – <i>IUCN Resolution 116</i>
Extinctions & species abundance	✗	✗	✓			✓		✓	By 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species – <i>Aichi Targets</i> The 2030 Milestone... recovery of the population abundance of species – <i>IUCN Resolution 116</i>
Sustainable Production & Consumption	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓			✓	Halving the footprint of production and consumption by 2030 – <i>IUCN Resolution 116</i> Transform the current unsustainable patterns of consumption and production into sustainable ones to meet people's need while remaining well within the limits of planetary boundaries – <i>PreCOP Joint Coalition Statement</i>
Nature-based Solutions	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	We will scale up and encourage the implementation of Nature-based Solutions or Ecosystem-based Approaches as valuable tools providing economic, social, climate and environmental benefits – <i>G20 Leaders' Declaration</i>
Harmful Subsidies	?	?	✓	✓	✓			✓	By 2030... Eliminating or repurposing subsidies and other incentives that are harmful to nature, biodiversity and climate – <i>Leaders' Pledge</i>
Area based conservation	✗	?		✓				✓	at least 30% of terrestrial areas and inland waters... and of coastal and marine areas, respectively, are effectively and equitably governed, protected and conserved... by 2030, with the free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples, and with appropriate recognition of the rights of indigenous peoples to their lands, territories and resources, as set out under UNDRIP – <i>IUCN Resolution 116</i>

Key: ✓ Highest ambition ✗ Not highest ambition ? Unclear<sup>2</sup>

1. Includes the [PreCOP Joint Coalition Statement](#); 2. Where targets do not include time limits, they are counted as being unclear

# How is it going? WWF's must-haves

## A SUCCESSFUL POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK MUST INCLUDE:

A MISSION TO REVERSE THE LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY TO ACHIEVE A NATURE-POSITIVE WORLD BY 2030

DELIVERED THROUGH RIGHTS-BASED AND WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACHES



### CONSERVE HABITATS

TARGETS TO CONSERVE 30% OF LAND, FRESHWATER AND OCEANS AND RESTORE DEGRADED ECOSYSTEMS GLOBALLY BY 2030



### FOOTPRINT

A MILESTONE TO HALVE THE FOOTPRINT OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION BY 2030 AND TARGETS COVERING ALL SECTORS DRIVING NATURE LOSS



### IMPLEMENTATION

A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM, INCLUDING A RATCHETING UP OF ACTION OVER TIME



### FINANCE

A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN RESOURCES, TOGETHER WITH MEASURES TO ALIGN FINANCIAL FLOWS TO BE NATURE POSITIVE AND TO REPURPOSE ALL HARMFUL SUBSIDIES BY 2030



### NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NbS)

THE INCLUSION OF NbS, ALONGSIDE ECOSYSTEM-BASED APPROACHES, TO DELIVER BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE, NATURE AND CLIMATE

# How was Geneva?

## Overall progress

- Soooooo sloooooow
- So many brackets

## Good news

- It's happening!
- 2030 mission to reverse nature loss supported

## So so

- Nature based solutions
- 30x30 area-based conservation

## Bad news

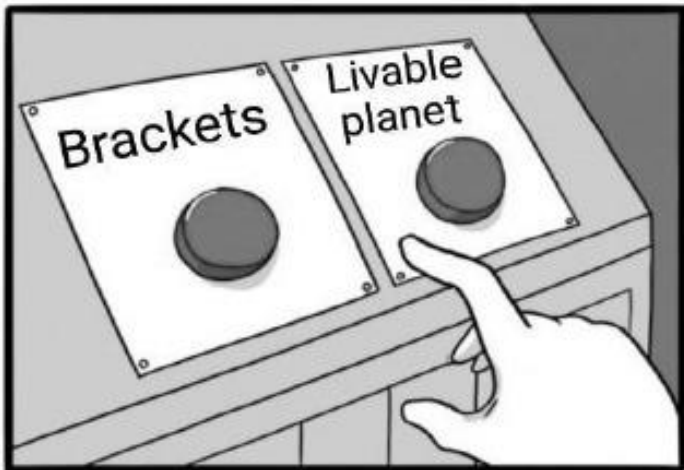
- Lack of political leadership
- Species extinction ambition

## Bombshells

- \$ 100/700 billion Finance ask
- Biopiracy debate

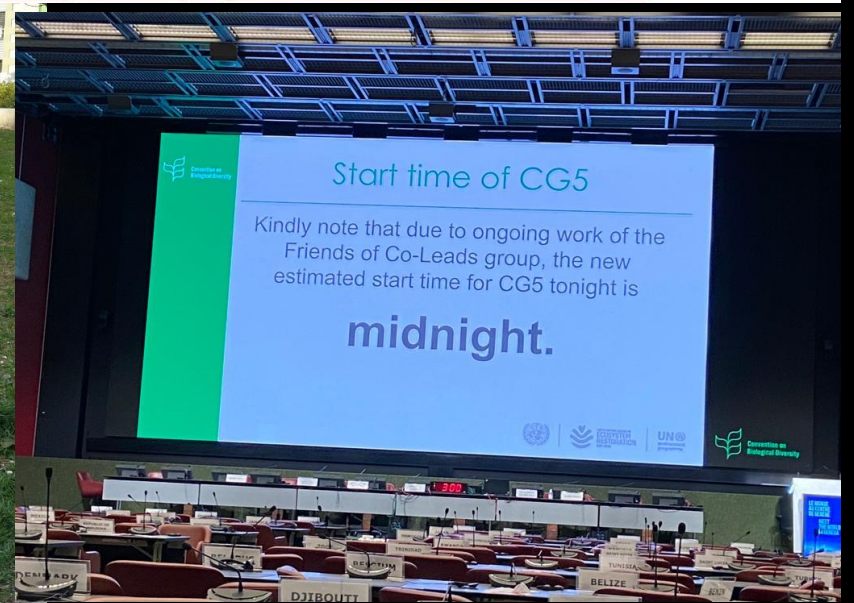


# How was Geneva?



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Restore, maintain and enhance Maintain and enhance nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem services functions and structures such as to ensure the such as regulation of climate, air, water quality as well as and soil quality health, pollination and contributions to health food provision and to ensure water security water availability, accessibility and affordability, protection from natural hazards, such as land use induced pathogen spillover flooding and extreme weather events, restoring ecosystem services currently in decline including through national legislation on payment for environmental services applying ecosystem-based approaches, rights-based approaches, mother earth centered actions such as and/or nature-based solutions as defined in UNEA 5..., with safeguards especially in the places most important for providing these services and benefits, for the benefit of all people and nature, actively improving these critical services in [20%] of natural ecosystems where they have become degraded, in particular wetlands and coastal





# What is most news worthy?

## Jeopardy and opportunity

Nature is in decline – we're doomed – BUT these goals and targets can pave a way back from the brink

Celebrate framework (when/if agreed!) that will reverse the loss of nature by 2030

## Holding world leaders to account

Prime Ministers and Presidents have committed to reversing the loss of nature by 2030, now they need to walk the talk

Individual country positions and behaviours: good, the bad and the ugly; developed vs developing world dynamics

## Sticky issues => most political issues

Finance mobilisation

Biopiracy (DSI discussion)

## Other stuff that can go wrong

Species extinction not ambitious enough

Transforming food sector overlooked

Harmful subsidies not redirected

# What is most news worthy?

## Nature Positive momentum grows



- **9.56k** mentions of #NaturePositive during the Geneva negotiations
- **1.69k** mentions of #NaturePositive and #COP15, significantly more than the previous period showing both are well linked
- Previous peak of similar amount was during COP26
- #NaturePositive mentions: UN CBD, IUCN, Geneva Environment Network, the GEF, many others...

