

Governments



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Australia

Australia is working with countries in region to develop an Asia Pacific Rainforest Recovery Plan to help meet the global goal of slowing, halting and reversing forest loss by 2030. This was launched at the inaugural Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit last week.

Australia

Australia pledges its support for the international effort to fight wildlife crime. We will support the development of a resolution to the United Nations General Assembly on poaching and illegal wildlife trafficking.

Australia and other nations have said that they will work with their home governments to fulfill their commitment to tackle the illegal wildlife trade.



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Australia

The Queensland Government will put a legislative ban on capital dredge disposal in the Great Barrier Reef marine park through regulation.

Australia

Commits an additional \$2M to boost recovery of Threatened Species in Commonwealth National Parks, including \$750,000 to support four Kakadu projects as part of the Kakadu threatened species strategy.

Australia

Australia will share its experience of appointing a dedicated Threatened Species Commissioner with other nations seeking to strengthen protections for threatened species.

Australia

Will establish a newly reconstituted Indigenous Advisory Committee, chaired by Melissa George. This committee is an important group to provide sound and ongoing advice on cultural and natural resource management under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.*

Australia

Commits to provide \$1.2 million to better link our Bush Blitz species discoveries with conservation outcomes. This great example of a successful public-private partnership between the Australian Government, the mining company BHP Billiton and Earthwatch Australia has already uncovered more than 825 new species.



Australia

Commits an extra \$2 million to boost the recovery of threatened species in Australia's national park estate. The funding will mean 10 innovative projects targeting key species, habitat and threats across the Parks Australia network.

Australia

Commits \$100K from the Director of National Parks to support a strong partnership between local universities and the Tasmanian Land Conservancy. This will support curriculum development to build capacity in protected area management in Australia, and across the region through agreements with our universities in the Asia-Pacific region.

Australia

Commits further \$6M for Regional Asia Forest Trade Program to reduce deforestation and combat illegal logging in Asia, including through support of world-leading research by the University of Adelaide to build up a DNA-database of illegally logged timber.



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Australia commits an additional \$6M to support the 120 million people in our region who rely on rich and diverse marine life for their livelihoods. This builds on the \$7.2 Million that Australia has provided to the Coral Triangle Initiative since 2009. This is a significant partnership between 6 countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, PNG, the Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.



Australia

Australia has provided \$700,000 from our Reef Trust to clean up marine debris across the Great Barrier Reef, protecting the iconic marine species and helping to conserve the reef's Outstanding Universal Value.



Australia

Australia will take a leadership role in working to support a decision by the United Nations General Assembly to commence negotiations on an international instrument to address gaps in sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity on the high seas.

Australia

**Commits AUD \$300,000 to
boost control of rats to save
Norfolk Island Green Parrot
and other birds.**

Australia

The New South Wales Government commits to the protection of an additional 5000ha of precious wetlands including the creation the Everlasting Swamp National Park.

Australia

The New South Wales Government commits to helping reduce litter, improve bushfire safety and benefit individual and public health and well-being by banning smoking in all State national parks and reserves.

Province of Québec, Canada

By 2035, to dedicate 50% of the Plan Nord territory for purposes other than industrial ones, to environmental protection and the safeguarding of biodiversity. In the short term, by 2020, the Québec Government is committed to establishing strict protected areas in at least 20% of the Plan Nord territory (equivalent to 240,00km²).

Gabon

Will create a network of new Marine Protected Areas equivalent to 23% of its territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The 18,000 square mile (46,000 sq km) area includes a range of ecosystems and bans commercial fishing.

Kiribati

Will implement a new Cooperative Arrangement to help conserve the Phoenix Islands Protected Area of Kiribati and the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (PRIMNM) of the US. The aim of the arrangement is to jointly coordinate and support research and conservation activities for the two protected areas, collectively known as the Phoenix Ocean Arc.

Japan

The Ministry of the Environment, Japan, in collaboration with IUCN and other partners, commits to promote roles of protected areas as a solution for disaster risk reduction through developing guideline on protected areas and disaster risk reduction for protected areas managers, bringing the outcomes of the World Parks Congress to the third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Sendai in March 2015, and facilitating international collaboration on ecosystem based disaster risk reduction and ecosystem based adaptation.



South Africa

South Africa will triple its ocean protection over next 10 years from 0.5% to 5% of Economic Exclusion Zone. This will create 60,000 sustainable jobs, by restoring 2 million hectares of conservation lands, as well as 300,000 head of game as well as 1 billion USD equity in the hands of the indigenous people and supporting 1 million beneficiaries.

Japan

The Ministry of the Environment, Japan and IUCN Asia Regional Office commit to enhance collaboration among Asian countries on protected areas management through the Asia Protected Area Partnership (APAP), which was officially established during the 6th World Parks Congress based on the broad and fruitful discussion in the 1st Asia Parks Congress (APC) held in Sendai, Japan in 2013 and the Asia Protected Areas Charter, which is referred to as the Sendai Charter, adopted in the APC.



Costa Rica

Commits to continue and strengthen the course of conservation and sustainable use of natural resources developed through a robust system of National Parks and Protected Areas created 44 years ago, and to promote internationally that the use of these areas be consistent with the principles of their creation.

Russia

Over a 10-year timeframe there will be 27 new federal Protected Areas and 12 existing ones will be expanded. Also to increase Marine Protected Areas by 28%. We will restore the once extinct Persian Leopard and establish two more wild roaming populations of the European Bison to bring the number of populations in Russia to 2,000 individuals.

Brazil

The Brazilian Ministry of the Environment (MMA) commits to expand and consolidate the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas System in Brazil, bringing under biodiversity protection 5% (equivalent to 175,000 km²) of the Brazilian marine territory as Protected Areas and enhanced protection of at least 9,300 km² of marine and coastal areas, and identifying and designing mechanisms for their financial sustainability. The MMA also commits to the consolidation of 60 million hectares of PA in the Brazilian Amazon by 2020.

Bangladesh

The Government of Bangladesh declaration for the country's first Marine Protected Area, Swatch of No Ground, to safeguard whales, dolphins, sea turtles, sharks, and other oceanic species under the Wildlife (Conservation and Security) Act, 2012.

Perú

The Ministry of the Environment and the State's National Service for Protected Areas, with the support of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Blue moon Fund, PROFONANPE, and the Peruvian Society of Environmental Law, declare their intention to support the implementation of the project *“Ensuring the Future of Protected Areas in Peru (Asegurando el Futuro de las Áreas Protegidas del Perú)”*, through mutual and wide collaboration, and collective action aimed at guaranteeing the ecological, political, institutional and financial sustainability of the National Systems of Protected Areas.



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China

By 2020, China will increase its protected areas territory by at least 20%. It will at the same time increase its forest area by 40 Million hectares.

United States of America

The National Park Service is setting up a programme to hire/engage 100,000 youth in US Protected Areas

Panama

**To restore 1M hectares of degraded lands
within protected areas**

Lagos

We pledge to improve public sensitization and enlightenment, to promote relevant legislative tools to protect the wetlands in the state, and to monitor and pursue vigorously the enforcement of laws which help to regulate both legal and illegal extractive industrial processes to prevent the loss of biodiversity.

New Zealand

About 1/3 of Wellington's green belt has been lost but the Council has an active plan to buy it back.

French Polynesia

**We will create a new large
scale MPA initiative in the
Austral Islands**



Organisations



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Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The GEF, as the financial mechanism of the CBD and the largest funder of protected area systems, commits, through its biodiversity strategy as well as its long term GEF 2020 strategy, and taking account of the innovative approaches identified in Sydney, to support country-driven actions to help conserve and sustainably use biodiversity through effectively-managed protected area systems that are integrated into sustainable landscape and seascape mosaics in 146 developing countries and countries with economies in transition



UNCCD and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

To achieve Land Degradation Neutrality, whereby all communities worldwide aim to reach a state where the total area of healthy and productive land and wetlands stabilises and eventually increases. This means addressing the drivers of degradation and then promoting restoration – across the board.

***Wildlife Conservation Society (Pacific), WWF Pacific,
Fiji Locally Managed Marine Protected Area,
University of the South Pacific, Secretariat of the
Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP),
IUCN-CEESP, Conservation International (CI), IUCN
Oceania Regional Office***

**The Pacific commits to Global action
to appreciate and value the global
significance of our Pacific island
space – in a climate-challenged
planet.**



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BirdLife International

BirdLife International will commit, through our global strategy, to continue to provide authoritative, updated, high quality data on Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs), through strengthened IBA monitoring, and to make these data accessible to guide decision-making. Through the 'IBAs in Danger initiative' we will maintain a list of the most highly threatened IBAs, and invite governments, the private sector, local communities and civil society organisations to join with us to implement actions to conserve them.



UNDP

Building on a \$16 million partnership between the Government of Germany and the GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP commits to mobilizing at least \$100 million in support of the diversity and quality of governance of protected areas, including through the appropriate recognition and protection of indigenous and community conserved territories and areas (ICCAs), in at least 50 countries at the global level in support of the Promise of Sydney and CBD Aichi targets 11, 14 and 18 from 2014-2024.



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GlobalParks.org in partnership with IUCN WCPA

Commits to create a mentorship program by developing policies and operational guidelines, including participation, time commitment, mentor training, code of conduct and mentoring agreements, consonant with the Capacity Development Road Map.



American Museum of Natural History

Commits to form a diverse working group on capacity development evaluation, to identify and seek support for building evidence for the essential role of capacity development in achieving biodiversity conservation and social equity goals, and for developing an annotated directory of evaluation tools, practices, and processes that will help document the role of capacity development in overall goals into the future.

The Nature Conservancy

Commits to bringing spatially explicit ecosystem services science to conservation, development, climate and engineering fora to inform management decisions and increase investments in coastal and marine habitat protection and restoration.

The Rockefeller Foundation and IUCN

A Natural Capital Dialogue and Working Group, convened by The Rockefeller Foundation and IUCN, aims to connect the natural capital and biodiversity community with public and private finance to advance the integration of the value of nature investment decisions and measures of economic performance.



Fondation Segré

**Commits to new funding to tackle illegal
wildlife trade of pangolins through SOS -
Save Our Species**



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International Institute for Environment and Development

IIED, supported by representatives from Indigenous peoples, local communities, private conservation organisations, NGOs, funders and governments (among others), commits to develop Human Rights Standards for Conservation to support ethical conservation.

Noé Conservation

Noé is committed to implementing the principles of the promise of Sydney, particularly through its partnership programmes on the conservation of protected areas in Niger, Chad, Guinea- Bissau, the Balkans (Montenegro - Albania) and the Philippines. Also, to utilizing their educational programmes to highlight the importance of the link between biodiversity and humanity.

The Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Territories and Areas Consortium

The Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Territories and Areas Consortium, representing 76 civil society members organisations from five continents, commits to promoting the full diversity, quality and vitality of governance and conservation of nature in the wider landscape and seascape to achieve the CBD Aichi targets and UN post-2015 sustainable development goals through transformational models of subsidiarity in economic and political systems to support the commons, territorial-based democracy, equity and justice, ecological sustainability, and human well-being.



Our Promises



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Elisabeth Kersten

I promise to engage young people in my village (Orinda, CA, USA) and region (Bay Area, CA) in experiencing nature through BioBlitz, iNaturalist & National Geographic online tools.



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Elisabeth Kersten

To work with IUCN regional office and InterEnvironment to publicize and disseminate recent publication "Urban Protected Areas: Profiles and Best Practice Guidelines" to CA-based Protected Areas, media, elected officials, and relevant NGOs.



Sharyn Munro

I promise to continue to work towards urging the Australian government to exclude all extractive industries from any exploration or production licences in protected conservation areas under the National Reserve system.



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Titilayo Raji

In my capacity as the head of Department of conservation and Ecology, Lagos State Ministry of the Environment, my contribution to the promise of Sydney; I promise to intensify effort in the area of public sensitization and enlightenment, promotion of relevant legislative tools to protect the wetlands in my state as well as prevent loss of Biodiversity due to excessive hunting of bush or forest animals especially pangolin which is currently endangered. I also promise to monitor and pursue vigorously, the enforcement of laws regulating surface mining as well as illegal sand excavation which is very prevalent in my country. Most importantly, I look forward to hosting a Regional version of this congress all things been equal and ultimately promise the participant a pleasant time in my country!

