

## **Concept Note High Ambition Coalition for Nature & People**

### **Focus Areas of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature & People**

The HAC for Nature & People is an inter-regional group established to achieve an ambitious deal at the Convention on Biological Diversity in order to reverse the severe trend of biodiversity loss and revive ecosystems that are critical to species and humanity's survival. It will also promote the integral role that additional terrestrial and marine protection must play in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

#### *Central Goal of the HAC for Nature & People*

Specifically, as its central goal, the HAC is championing the protection of at least 30 percent of the world's land and ocean by 2030, in line with scientific advice. This increased target should promote indigenous-led conservation, prioritize intact ecosystems, and focus on areas most important for biodiversity and climate. The resulting network of conserved areas should be ecologically representative, well-connected, and maintain species diversity and abundance.

#### *Additional Goals of the HAC for Nature & People*

To ensure that protection is able to fully deliver on its potential in terms of the fair sharing of benefits to people, to biodiversity, and to a stable climate, the HAC for Nature & People supports several related goals, including 1) the effective management of protected and conserved areas, 2) increased public and private financing to ensure long-term management and local governance, and 3) clear implementation mechanisms to put nature on a path to recovery by 2030.

While the HAC for Nature & People is centering its efforts on the goal of protecting at least 30 percent of the planet by 2030, it supports action for the rest of the planet to be sustainably managed, which will require addressing the drivers of biodiversity loss, and transformative change worldwide.

### **Goals of the HAC for Nature & People**

- An agreement to protect at least 30% of the planet's lands and seas by 2030 at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Promoting nature-based solutions within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COPs.
- Other common grounds on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework that will be adopted at COP15, in particular the implementation framework.

## **Roadmap**

*The roadmap is in constant evolution due to the pandemic and the disrupted global agendas*

**December 2019:** Costa Rica and France hosted a pioneers meeting in Madrid at the UNFCCC COP25 where countries aligned on focus areas, structure and roadmap and formally committed to the HAC for Nature & People goals.

Throughout the year, bilateral with countries will be organized. The HAC for Nature & People also intends to host events at major regional and global intergovernmental summits. The HAC for Nature & People is also hosting series of webinars underlining key issues around the 30% target.

### **Key political meetings**

- September 2020 : Biodiversity Summit in New York –
- January 2021 : IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille- potential HAC LAUNCH
- First trimester 2021 : Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) in Kunming
- First trimester 2021 : UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26) November 2020 in Glasgow

### **Key technical meetings**

- November 2020: SBSTTA and SBI meetings in Montreal
- Date to be determined: Third Meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-3) on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in Cali, Colombia