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.