



Global Action for Species

Conserving species and ensuring their equitable and sustainable use is essential to life on this planet. Parties to the Biodiversity Convention (CBD) are urged to support species conservation through a clear and ambitious species goal for 2050 and specific targets on species for 2030 in the on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

The Global Species Action Plan (GSAP) offers implementation support to assist governments and other stakeholders take all the actions needed to prevent extinctions and improve the status of wild species.

What is the issue?

The 2019 [IPBES Global Assessment](#) revealed that around 25% of species of animals and plants assessed on [The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](#)TM are threatened, suggesting that one million species may face extinction.

In 2010, governments agreed a global target: to bring about the sustained recovery of known threatened species by 2020. Far from being achieved, current extinction rates have increased. Without immediate action, there will be further extirpation and acceleration of species extinction risk.

The good news is that the number of extinctions would likely have been higher without conservation actions over the past decade. M a global target: torisk.

Why is this important?

Millions of species on land, in freshwater, and in the ocean form the web of life on this planet. Actions to conserve them are integral to securing our life support system:

- Species and their interactions are the fundamental building blocks of ecosystems in all realms;
- Species act as indicators for the intactness, functionality, connectivity, and health of ecosystems;
- Keystone species, such as pollinators and predators, are essential to ecosystem function;
- Livelihoods and well-being of Indigenous