

only species and habitats but also, critically, people who depend on the ecosystems that provide for their livelihoods. At a global level, preventing, halting and reversing degradation and restoring ecosystems is fundamental to keep temperatures below 2 degree Celsius.

It is cost-effective and feasible to restore 2.5 billion hectares of forests, crop and grazing land as well as restoring natural ecosystems covering over 230 million hectares⁴. However, this requires systemic changes in the economic system combined with support for vulnerable people impacted by degradation.

The Decade supports the achievement of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Its fundamental message is that everybody has a role to play in creating a global movement for restoration. From local and neighborhood-level action, business transformations to fundamental national reforms to restore ecosystems, signals of action can energize and replicate action elsewhere.

IUCN adopted [WCC-2020-Res-035](#) in its last World Conservation Congress, where members made express requests to raise the ambition on ecosystem restoration in line with the CBD Post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with specific support towards implementation. IUCN is playing a key leadership role during this Decade by i) mobilizing its constituency, ii) working with decision makers across stakeholders to build action, and iii) generating sound scientific underpinning of key aspects of ecosystem restoration to facilitate implementation.

Useful tools and references

Global restoration movement: The [Bonn Challenge](#) is a global restoration movement to bring 350 million