

INC-2 Plastic Pollution Treaty

Second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-2). 29 May – 2 June 2023, Paris, France

As part of the triple planetary crisis, pollution is one of the major drivers of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, and plastic pollution is detrimental to our terrestrial, [a4F4\[t\]284lalolon](#)

economy – is needed⁴. Circular economy has important potential benefits for nature, but needs to be integrated more closely with biodiversity policies and strategies. This will help ensure unintended negative impacts are avoided while strengthening its positive contribution to nature⁵.

The INC process provides a unique opportunity for the global community to reinforce plastic pollution governance at the interface of human rights, environment and biodiversity, trade rules, and sustainable development, including a circular economy and a just transition.

Delegates to [INC-2](#) will discuss “*Potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument*” ([UNEP-PP-INC.2-4](#)), under Agenda item 4 ([Programme and Agenda](#)), including options for objectives, for substantive obligations, means of implementation and implementation measures.

⁴ [Turning off the Tap: How the world can end plastic pollution and create a circular economy | UNEP - UN Environment Programme](#);

national delegates with the best science and law viewpoints.

IUCN also offers tools to guide, monitor, and measure action against plastic pollution, including the [IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™](#), the [IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions](#), the [Species Threat Abatement and Recovery \(STAR\) metric](#), alongside emerging work on a nature positive approach and our well-advanced work on gender mainstreaming across MEAs.

The following actions and products are worth highlighting:

Co-developed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and IUCN, the [National Guidance on Plastic Pollution Hotspotting and Shaping Action](#) contributes to filling gaps in knowledge. It provides a methodological framework and practical tools applicable at national level.

The [Blueprint to zero plastic waste](#), devapsMCID (a)-wast49g.44 457.5(a/8.Artifa766 0 0 e53e3 (l)G0.002 Tw 9i95-9.7