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Biodiversity and the Law

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Conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity is fundamental to the well-being of present and future generations. Yet, nature and its vital contributions to people are deteriorating worldwide. One of the five crucial levers to stop and reverse the loss of nature is environmental law and its implementation. This webinar will explore the environmental rule of law for protecting biodiversity. Scientists, decision-makers and lawyers will discuss the need for and the means of legal protection of nature. In particular, the panelists will address legal approaches that are needed and effective, the comparative use of emerging legal principles in biodiversity-related litigation, and the complexities of application of the environmental rule of law for upholding the rights of nature.

The webinar will close IUCN-WCEL Environment Week, a 5-day webinar series designed to explore emerging issues in environmental law leading up to [2021 World Environment Day](#). WCEL will provide language interpretation in English, French, and Spanish. Learn more and register [here](#).

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