

MEDIA ADVISORY
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COP15: 3.2 million call for the conservation and protection of 50% of the Planet by 2030

Current spatial targets discussed at biodiversity negotiations in Montreal fall short on ambition and science, says a group of grassroots NGOs

WHAT: Civil society groups at COP15 demand that science, not political expediency, guide the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

As negotiations have already hit a wall, a petition backed by 3.2 million citizens worldwide offers Parties a path forward for the recovery of half of our planet- the science-backed condition for the welfare of all life. The petition can be seen here: <http://globaldealfornature.org>. Avaaz, WILD Foundation, One Earth, CoalitionWILD, Grounded, the Jane Goodall Institute, Nature Needs Half, Tompkins Conservation, SeaLegacy, and Earth Law Center, are among the organisations that endorse a target of at least 50% conservation and protection of lands and the ocean.

Civil society organisations will argue that the 30x30 target, conceived in the drafting negotiation process between 2019 and early 2020, is now an outdated figure based on the latest understanding of science and technology. These organisations also warn that the national pledges from countries to protect 30% of their own territories by 2030 are now opening a “vulnerability policy loop” in the negotiations, where countries like Brazil or Indonesia are pushing for national targets around that percentage, which would allow further destruction in biodiversity-rich nations.

WHEN: Friday, December 9th 2022, 4 pm Montreal time.

WHERE: Media Center, room 220D, 2nd floor, at the Palais des Congrès, Montreal, 1001 Pl. Jean-Paul-Riopelle, Montréal, QC H2Z 1H5.

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