

085 Amplifying the role of businesses in achieving a nature positive world

RECOGNISING the urgent need for action from all sectors of society for the repair, protection and conservation of nature;

RECALLING Target 15 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework which tasks governments to take measures to encourage and enable businesses to assess and disclose their biodiversity-related risks, dependencies and impacts;

CONCERNED that business reliance on nature and natural resources is poorly understood and remains largely unquantified, exposing businesses and sectors of the global economy to nature-related risks;

AWARE that a range of mechanisms exist for businesses to assess, understand and manage their nature-related dependencies and impacts, risks and opportunities, providing more comprehensive risk management approaches;

SUPPORTIVE of increased uptake of nature-related reporting by businesses and financial institutions in alignment with global baselines, such as the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) recommendations;

ACKNOWLEDGING the interconnections between nature- and climate-related risks, dependencies and impacts;

NOTING WITH INTEREST the establishment of a voluntary national biodiversity market (the Nature Repair Market) in Australia as an innovative model for supporting private investment in nature;

EXPANDING on Resolution 6.066 *Strengthening corporate biodiversity measurement, valuation and reporting* (Hawai'i, 2016);

REITERATING the value of the IUCN Leaders Forum as a platform for continued advocacy and calls to action on the critical role of the private sector for nature repair and protection, and as a way to drive momentum between World Conservation Congresses on the topic; and

RECALLING the 2024 Global Nature Positive Summit in Sydney, Australia in which business leaders joined with government, Indigenous peoples and non-governmental organisations agreeing that nature needs to be factored into economic and business decisions to establish nature positive economies and accelerate collective action to drive investment in nature;

The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025, at its session in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates:

1. ENCOURAGES IUCN State Members and governments to focus on furthering public-private partnerships for conservation, drive investment in nature, and strengthen activities to protect and repair the environment;
2. CALLS on businesses and financial institutions to adopt nature-related risk management and disclosure frameworks, to identify and act on nature-related impacts, risks, dependencies and opportunities; and
3. CALLS for increased collaboration between governments, businesses and financial institutions to:
 - a. better assess and manage nature-related impacts and dependencies;
 - b. support sustainable finance reform, including the development of sustainable finance taxonomies; and
 - c. commit to exploring further opportunities to expand nature positive market mechanisms (for instance, biodiversity markets and green and blue bonds) to finance nature protection and repair.