

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 protection, impact mitigation, conservation and restoration of nature in order to deliver the nature positive societal goal, defined as 'Halt and reverse nature loss by 2030 on a 2020 baseline, and achieve fully recovery by 2050', in line with the mitigation and conservation hierarchy;

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, and RECOGNISING the need to align this with existing standards, frameworks and metrics and other target-setting and disclosure and reporting requirements or voluntary measures (e.g. Science-based Targets Network, Global Reporting Initiative, consensus state of nature metrics);

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

NOTING WITH INTEREST the establishment of compliance and voluntary national schemes to support nature-positive contributions (e.g. the UK biodiversity net gain requirement for new development and Australia's voluntary biodiversity market (the Nature Repair Market)) as innovative models for requiring and 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 map, support, drive, and track nature-positive pathways to ensure national contribution and collective delivery of the global nature positive goal, including by focusing on furthering public-private partnerships for conservation, driving investment in priority nature (i.e. areas of importance for biodiversity such as Key Biodiversity Areas), requiring all development to adhere to the mitigation hierarchy as a minimum, and working towards a regulatory environment that requires biodiversity-related disclosures and net gain of biodiversity and ensures transparency and accountability through public registries for biodiversity;

2. CALLS on businesses and financial institutions to commit to demonstrably contributing to the nature-positive global goal and to adopt and utilise nature-related risk management and disclosure

frameworks, to identify, report 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, report and manage nature-related impacts and dependencies, including through relevant regulatory and/or voluntary standards, frameworks and metrics (e.g. SBTN, TNFD, GRI, consensus state of nature metrics);

b. support sustainable finance reform, including the development of sustainable finance taxonomies, ensuring additionality of finance for nature-positive action;

c. commit to exploring further opportunities to expand nature positive regulatory and market mechanisms (for instance, biodiversity markets and green and blue bonds) to finance nature protection and repair and to facilitate collaboration across landscapes and sector to drive action at scale;

d. Support initiatives encouraging private sector investment in climate adaptation to be undertaken through Nature-based Solutions that enhance biodiversity, strengthen ecosystem resilience, and align with national adaptation strategies and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; and

e. ensure that risk and investment frameworks incorporate principles of social justice, equity, and respect for the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and territorial actors, as appropriate, as a condition for the effectiveness and legitimacy of a nature-positive economy.