

137 Advancing biodiversity finance with a human-rights-based approach

RECOGNISING the urgent need to close the financial gap to implement the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and EMPHASISING the need to embed a human rights-based approach into biodiversity finance mechanisms and flows, whether private or public, at all levels;

ACKNOWLEDGING that non-market-based approaches are essential for fostering equitable, community-driven biodiversity conservation, that such models require increased, predictable funding and that those approaches contribute to reducing reliance on and mitigating risks associated with market dynamics;

HIGHLIGHTING the importance of direct, flexible and sustained funding for Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth, which includes reducing administrative burdens, building trust through collaborative relationships that go beyond transactional donor-grantee dynamics, as well as fostering reciprocity and co-responsibility;

REAFFIRMING that structural barriers hinder access to equitable biodiversity financing, ADVOCATING for multilingual, culturally relevant processes and the dismantling of systemic obstacles that exclude underrepresented groups, and RECOGNISING that rights-based approaches, accountability mechanisms and redress systems are essential to uphold the dignity and priorities of Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth;

NOTING that this motion builds on and seeks to enhance the implementation of key IUCN Resolutions, including Resolution 7.056 *Biodiversity Financing* and Resolution 7.041 *Ensuring funding to secure rights and secure ecologies* (both adopted in Marseille, 2020); and

EMPHASISING the importance of equitable and rights-based approaches to biodiversity financing and the need for increased, direct and flexible funding that supports the self-determined priorities of Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth while safeguarding ecological integrity and human rights;

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

1. REQUESTS the Director General to:

- a. ensure IUCN's funding processes address structural barriers by adopting inclusive, multilingual, and culturally relevant practices;
- b. track and publicly report resource flows, disaggregated by ethnicity, gender and age; and
- c. develop and enforce grievance and redress mechanisms, accessible by Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth;

2. FURTHER REQUESTS IUCN Commissions, particularly the Commission on Ecosystem Management, Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy, and World Commission on Protected Areas, to:

- a. generate and disseminate knowledge on non-market-based approaches to biodiversity finance, with focus on practical application;
- b. provide technical and capacity-building support to Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth, to implement and monitor non-market-based approaches; and
- c. facilitate knowledge exchange between rightsholders, funders and policymakers to advance equitable biodiversity financing;

3. URGES States, financial institutions and multilateral funds to:

- a. integrate human rights-based approaches in their operations and establish redress mechanisms;

b. provide direct, flexible and sustained funding to Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth; and

c. advance and report on non-market-based approaches by allocating policy and budgetary attention; and

4. ENCOURAGES funders and conservation organisations to:

a. co-design funding models, with local actors, that respect human rights, and foster trust-based partnerships; and

b. monitor, disclose and publicly report financial flows, including their impacts on human rights.