

Proposals for Enhancing Synergies between Biodiversity and Climate Change

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About COND

VISION

Creating better society in living in harmony with nature

Established in August 2019 to act for CBD-COP15 as youth

→ incorporated in August 2021

- Nominated by WIN WIN Sustainability Youth Award 2020 (20/358 organization)
- To mainstream environmental fields in society and encourage more youths to biodiversity
- Structured by 8 people across Japan who are eager to act upon biodiversity conservation



Our current activities



Policy Work

Tracking the CBD(post 2020 GBF)
and NBSAP Organizing
seminar & training



Raise Awareness

Spreading information on some
Social medias Organizing
seminar & workshop



Biodiversity Youth Reporter

Interviewing local youth-led
organization's activity in Japan
Survey on youth attitude for BD



Two proposals from COND

1. Emphasize intergenerational equity and ensure youth participation in decision-making
2. Promoting policies based on synergies between climate change mitigation and adaptation measures and biodiversity conservation



Emphasize intergenerational equity and ensure youth participation in decision-making

【Current Situation / Issues】

Due to recent climate change and loss of biodiversity, it is impossible for future generations to receive the same rights and livelihoods as the present generation if things continue as they are today.

Therefore, it is necessary to incorporate an intergenerational equity perspective into policymaking and to ensure that youth are positioned as important stakeholders and are further involved in decision-making so that the rights of future generations are protected.

【Proposals】

- Be sure to incorporate an intergenerational equity perspective when formulating policy
- All policies/institutions/actions should be targeted to address the "common but differentiated responsibilities of all generations" and avoid or minimize potential negative impacts
- Position youth as one of the most important stakeholders and put in place systems and mechanisms that enable their equity participation in policy making



Emphasize intergenerational equity and ensure youth participation in decision-making

The Post-2020 GBF will include a goal on equity participation of youth, which was not included in the Aichi Targets.

Target 21.

Ensure the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation in decision-making, and access to [justice and] information related to biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities, respecting [and recognizing] their cultures and their rights over lands, territories [, and] resources, and traditional knowledge, [including as set out in] [while acting in accordance with] [in line with] [the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples] [and international human rights law] [in accordance with relevant national legislation and international instruments,] as well as by women [, and] girls, children and youth, and persons with disabilities [and ensuring [access to justice] [and] [the protection of environmental human rights defenders, and their access to justice]] [while enhancing the engagement of all relevant stakeholders].



Promoting policies based on synergies between climate change mitigation and adaptation measures and biodiversity conservation

【Current Situation / Issues】

Climate change actions should not be such as to lead to a loss of biodiversity. However, the current situation is such that mega solar facilities are being built by destroying satoyama, and offshore wind farms are being constructed in many areas, the impact of which on marine ecosystems has been underestimated.

Rather than focusing on the short-term profit or on solving climate change only and not taking biodiversity into consideration, we expect that efforts will be made to find ways to balance both measures, since conserving biodiversity will also lead to climate change solutions.



Promoting policies based on synergies between climate change mitigation and adaptation measures and biodiversity conservation

【Proposals】

- Focus not only on the effectiveness of climate change adaptation and mitigation, but also consider whether the measures are having a negative impact on biodiversity loss.
- Enhancing synergies through cross-sectoral recognition of issues, cross-sectoral policies and regulatory frameworks rather than dealing with climate change and biodiversity loss as separate issues.
- Mainstream solutions such as Nature based Solutions (NbS) that can address multiple issues at the same time, including climate change mitigation, adaptation, and ecosystem conservation.



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