

# Target 02:

## Restore 30% of all Degraded Ecosystems



### WHY THIS MATTERS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Target 2 offers Indigenous Peoples an opportunity to lead and contribute to the restoration of degraded ecosystems using their knowledge, but poses risks if restoration is imposed on their lands without free, prior and informed consent or meaningful participation.

Ecosystem degradation is when nature is damaged by human activity. This could be due to pollution, deforestation, change of land use (from forest to farmland, for example), species loss, or other activities. Target 2 aims to have 30% of degraded ecosystems under effective restoration by 2030 on lands, waters, seas and coastlands.

Many Indigenous Peoples have already seen ecosystem degradation in their territories, often as a result of activities that have taken place on their lands or waters without their free, prior and informed consent (such as industrial farming or construction). Degradation can also happen outside an Indigenous territory, but still have impacts on the Indigenous Peoples living there, for example where mining activities pollute rivers running into their territory.

Ecosystem degradation can have strong negative impacts on Indigenous Peoples' lives and livelihoods. It can upset their relationships with territory and their ability to pass down traditional knowledge to younger generations.

Target 2 is an opportunity for Indigenous Peoples who want to help restore nature in (or beyond) their lands and waters. Many Indigenous Peoples will be able to give valuable advice and support towards the restoration of nature, as they have in-depth knowledge about the land and a long-term commitment to care for their territories.

However, some restoration projects may also be undertaken on Indigenous Peoples' lands and waters without their free, prior and informed consent or meaningful participation. To make sure that the Global Biodiversity Framework is carried out with a rights-based approach (that is, respecting human rights), these restoration activities for Target 2 must only take place in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, making sure they can participate effectively and provide their free, prior and informed consent.

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### OFFICIAL CBD TARGET TEXT

Ensure that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective restoration, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity.