

Target 05:

Ensure Sustainable, Safe and Legal Harvesting and Trade of Wild Species



WHY THIS MATTERS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

This target seeks to slow down biodiversity loss by creating rules around the harvest and trade of wild species without restricting Indigenous Peoples' customary sustainable use and traditional management practices.

This target aims to put rules in place to make sure that wild species are harvested and traded in a sustainable and safe way – while also respecting and protecting Indigenous Peoples' **customary sustainable use**. The target is closely linked to Target 9, which focusses on managing wild species sustainably to benefit people.



Regulating the harvest and trade of wild species is very important to reversing biodiversity loss. The overuse of wild populations of species is the largest direct driver of biodiversity loss in marine ecosystems (for example, through overfishing), and the second largest in land and freshwater ecosystems. In particular, the overuse of wild species for trade in local, national, regional and global markets is having a serious impact, sometimes leading to species extinction. Overuse can also affect Indigenous Peoples' own customary sustainable use (for example, if it leads to scarcity of wild species within Indigenous territories).



Many Indigenous Peoples already have customary rules for the sustainable use of wild species on their lands, waters and territories to ensure that species are not overused. These rules reflect traditional knowledge and guide practices on their use, exchange and trade, and can contribute significantly to sustainable management and use of wild species in their territories and beyond.

Currently, some states have regulations on the use of wild species that stop Indigenous Peoples from carrying out their traditional practices, such as hunting. Sometimes these rules can mean that Indigenous Peoples are fined or sent to prison if they continue carry out their traditional practices. However, Target 5 makes it clear that Indigenous Peoples’ have the right to continue to engage in their customary sustainable use practices, which often have significant cultural and/or spiritual significance as well as forming a key part of livelihoods.

Correspondingly, states must respect and protect Indigenous Peoples’ customary sustainable use practices when creating rules around the use, harvesting and trade of wild species.

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SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Are Indigenous Peoples able to participate effectively in decisions around the regulation of wild species? Are their rights respected in these processes?

Does the regulation of the harvest and trade of wild species affect men and women differently?

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OFFICIAL CBD TARGET TEXT

Ensure that the use, harvesting and trade of wild species is sustainable, safe and legal, preventing overexploitation, minimizing impacts on non-target species and ecosystems, and reducing the risk of pathogen spillover, applying the ecosystem approach, while respecting and protecting customary sustainable use by Indigenous Peoples and local communities.