

Target 22:

Ensure Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice and Information Related to Biodiversity for All



WHY THIS MATTERS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

This target seeks to improve the effective participation of Indigenous Peoples – as well as women, youth and other groups – in decisions about biodiversity, across all Global Biodiversity Framework goals.

Indigenous Peoples have a cultural and holistic understanding of nature based on their traditional knowledge, practices and innovations, which is essential for conserving and sustainably using biodiversity. For example, Indigenous Peoples have a deep understanding of their local ecosystems. This understanding supports Indigenous Peoples to develop effective conservation initiatives that integrate cultural values, traditional governance systems and customary sustainable use.

Target 22 includes several elements aiming to enhance the contributions that Indigenous Peoples (and other groups, including Indigenous women and girls) can make to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as to ensure the respect and protection of their rights. These elements aim to ensure:

- Full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in biodiversity-related decision-making
- Access to justice in relation to biodiversity-related actions, laws, policies, programmes etc that may affect them
- Respect for their cultures and rights over lands, territories, resources, and traditional knowledge
- Access to information related to biodiversity
- Protection of environmental human rights defenders – which includes the collective protection of Indigenous Peoples who are defending their territories as well as the nature within them.



TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE INDICATOR

Target 22 will be monitored in part by three of the four traditional knowledge indicators, including the land tenure indicator, the participation indicator and the linguistic diversity indicator.

This cross-cutting target is relevant for the implementation of all the goals and targets throughout the Global Biodiversity Framework. The target also recognises the importance of meaningful participation of women and girls, as well as the inclusion of children, youth and persons with disabilities, in promoting social equity and empowering these groups to actively contribute to biodiversity conservation.

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OFFICIAL CBD TARGET TEXT

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 their cultures and their rights over lands, territories, resources, and traditional knowledge, as well as by women and girls, children and youth, and persons with disabilities and ensure the full protection of environmental human rights defenders.