

# How to contribute to the CBD COP15 business advocacy campaign

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## AGENDA



What is being negotiated at COP15



COP15 Business Advocacy Campaign



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Business & finance presence at COP15

Act now





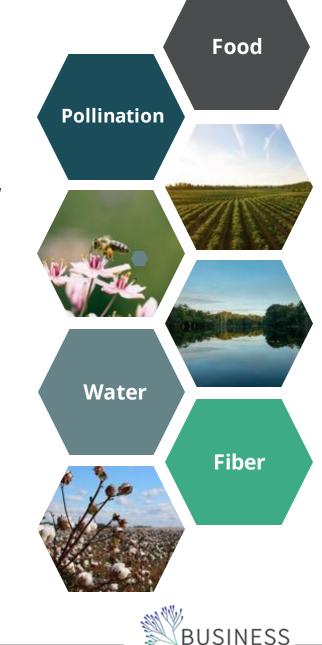
# WHY NATURE?

Because nature is everyone's business.

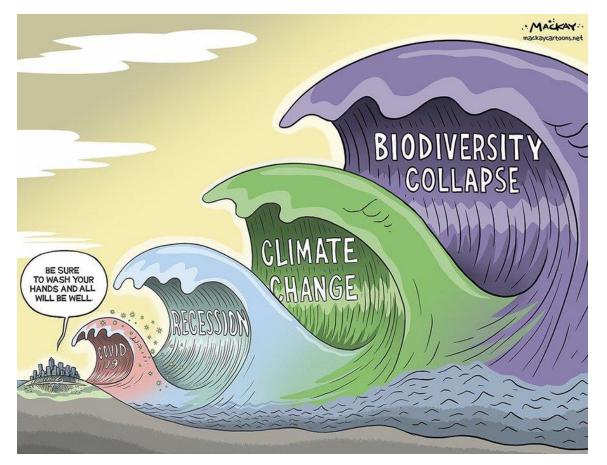
- Every business not only impacts, but relies on nature for food, water, pollination, fiber, and more.
- Nature is at a tipping point over half of the world's total GDP is at moderate or severe risk due to nature loss.
- Transitioning to a nature-positive economy could yield annual business opportunities worth \$10 trillion and create 395 million jobs by 2030. (World Economic Forum, 2020)

In 2022 and beyond, world leaders can forge international agreements on nature to give our societies and economies a chance to become more resilient and to thrive within nature's limits.

Businesses must be part of the solution.



# AN INTEGRATED RESPONSE FOR A NATURE-POSTIVE, NET-ZERO AND EQUITABLE FUTURE



By Graeme MacKay - mackaycartoons.net



Global crisis in recent years have shown how **interconnected** everything is, nature, people, climate, health, food, finance, economy



# WHO IS BUSINESS FOR NATURE?

#### We partner with 77 business and conservation organizations around the globe



Business for Nature is a **global coalition** that brings together influential organizations and forwardthinking companies to act and advocate for nature.



# WHAT DO WE AIM TO DO?

Together, we demonstrate and amplify credible **business leadership** on nature calling for governments to adopt policies now **to reverse nature loss by 2030**.



#### CREATING A **POSITIVE FEEDBACK** LOOP

# AT COP15 – ADOPTION OF A GLOBAL AGREEMENT ON NATURE



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Convention on Biological Diversity The CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

nature equivalent to the 2015 Paris agreement on climate.

To be adopted at the next conference (COP 15) 7 to 19 December 2022 in Montreal, Canada, under the Presidency of China.





# COP15: WHAT IS IT; WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR BUSINESS & FINANCE?



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# HOW HIGH IS THE BIODIVERSITY COP15 ON YOUR BUSINESS RADAR?



- □ It's one of our top priorities for the year
- □ It's important and has our attention
- □ It's quite low, but gaining attention
- □ It's pretty low, and I don't think this will change





What will be agreed at COP15?

Why does it matter for business?

What is the status of the negotiations ?

What is Business for Nature advocating for?

# WHAT WILL BE AGREED AT COP15 ?

# A new plan to address the nature crisis

The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

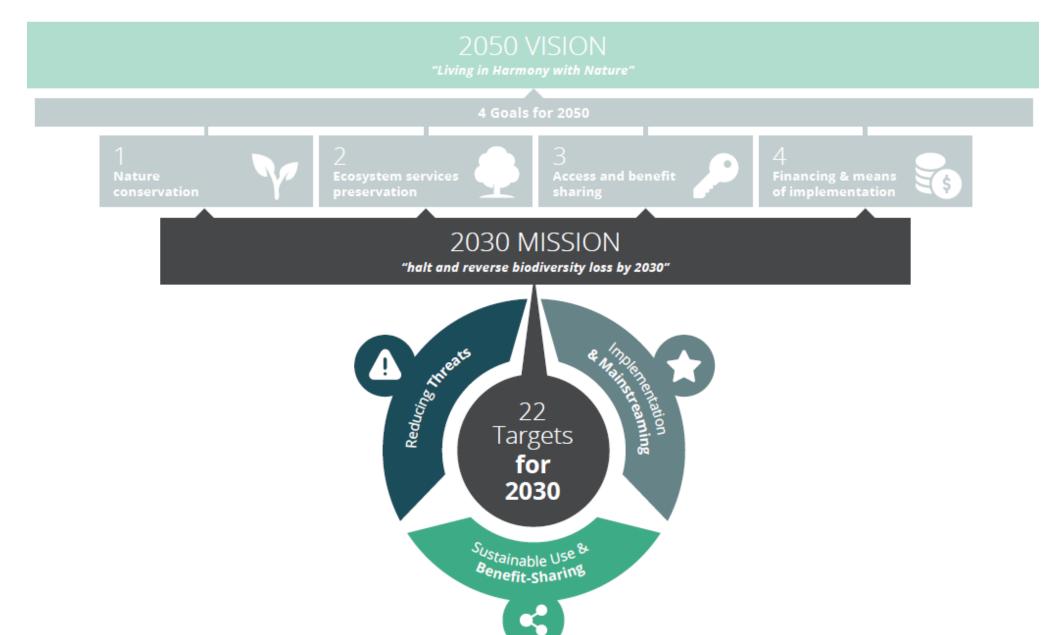


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## THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK



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HOW WILL THIS AFFECT BUSINESSES AND FINANCE?

# Once adopted, the Framework will be translated into national policies, laws and regulations



# STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS



Negotiations have so far progressed at a very slow pace



Most of the agreement text is still in brackets = no approval yet



Very limited progress on conservation goals and targets



Renewed sense of urgency

Presence of Ministers at COP15 to unblock contentious items



It is 100 days until Cop15 - and the omens are good for a global plan to protect nature *John Vidal* 

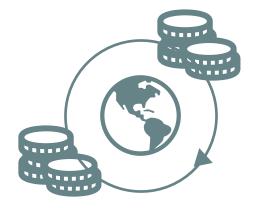
Despite many challenges, December's crucial biodiversity talks in Montreal may set a new path for humans to live with nature





# STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

# Main contentious items:



Financing of the implementation of the Agreement



Access and Benefit Sharing



## WHAT IS BUSINESS FOR NATURE ADVOCATING FOR?



FOR NATURE

# BUSINESS FOR NATURE POSITION ON TARGET 15



TARGET 15

Going beyond voluntary actions

Adoption of a strong target that will require business and finance to act.

#### Target 15 must apply to:

- 1. All large business and financial institutions
- 2. All impacts and dependencies along operations, value chains and portfolios

#### **Target 15 must include:**

- 1. Mandatory requirements to assess and disclose impact and dependencies on biodiversity by 2030
- 2. An aim to reduce negative impacts by half and increase positive impacts by 2030



Business survey 91% agreed mandatory requirements are needed

# BUSINESS FOR NATURE POSITION ON TARGET 15

# TARGET 15 Going beyond voluntary actions

#### Negotiations status

- Strong consensus that business and finance have a key role to play
- Growing consensus to address only large business and financial institutions
- Growing support on mandatory disclosure requirements but no consensus
- Questions on how to implement a reduction of impacts target.



# POSITION ON TARGET 18



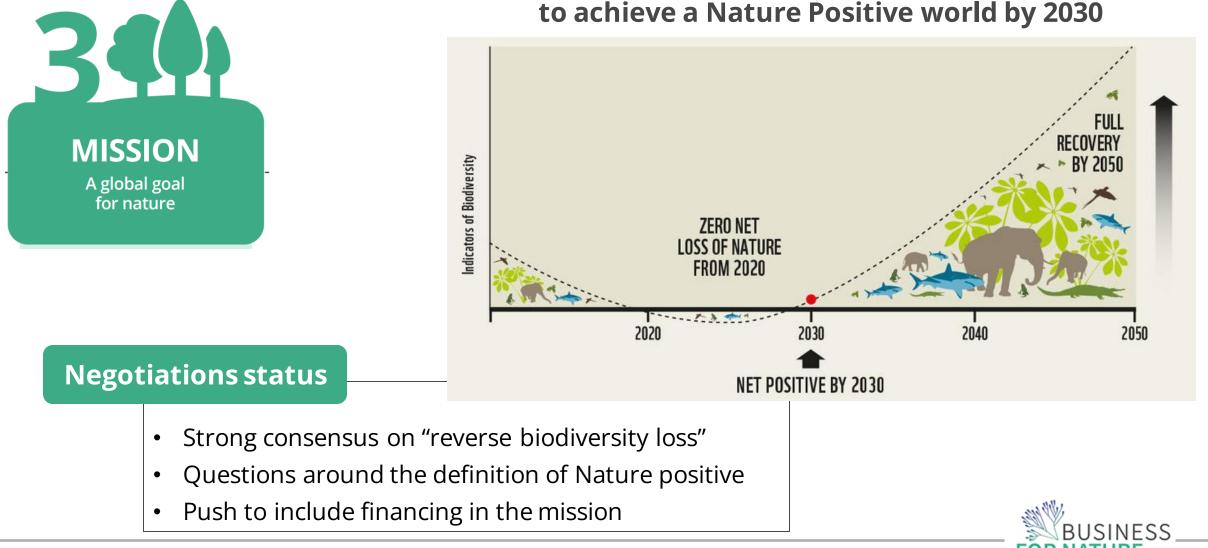
#### Raise the ambition in Target 18 by committing to:

- 1. Reform, redirect or eliminate ALL direct or indirect environmentally harmful subsidies and incentives
- 2. A reduction of at least USD 500 billion per year
- 3. Scaling-up positive incentives

#### **Negotiations status**

- Most of the target is in bracket
- Debate on eliminating subsidies vs. redirecting them
- Debate on the need of a numerical objective

# POSITION ON 2030 MISSION



#### Adopt a mission to halt and reverse biodiversity loss to achieve a Nature Positive world by 2030

# ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING (ABS)

Countries' sovereign right to:

- control access to and use of their biodiversity (genetic resources)
- request financial or non-financial benefits from the users of those genetic resources

#### Key Q: "Whether/how should ABS principles be extended to **digitised genetic sequences**?"

#### Why does it matter at COP15?

- **Controversial and central to COP 15 outcomes** seen by some as an essential prerequisite to the agreement of the Global Biodiversity Framework itself
- Linked to **financing the implementation** of the Global Biodiversity Framework

#### Why does it matter to businesses?

- **Risk** of more challenges for innovation vs **opportunity** to develop a better system
- Business actively engaged CBD and related processes ; engagement coordinated by ICC

BUSINESS

# **COP15 -** REFLECTION FROM BUSINESS



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# Contribute to the COP15 business advocacy campaign



# BUSINESS ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

- Focus: call for mandatory assessment and disclosure of impacts and dependencies on nature by 2030.
- Centered around an ambition statement for <u>any</u> <u>company or financial institution</u> to sign (including SME's).
- Today the statement is open for companies to sign.
- Launch of the global digital, media and advocacy campaign ahead of UNFCCC COP27 and COP15 on 27 October.

#### Our businesses. Our economies. Our societies. All depend on nature.

Join leading companies calling to make it mandatory for business and finance to assess and disclose their impacts and dependencies on nature.

#MakeItMandatory

Read the statement and sign up here: <u>https://www.businessfornature.org/make-it-mandatory-campaign</u>

#### DEADLINE: 18 OCTOBER 2022

















Date	What?	Action for you
6 September	Sign up phase for COP15 business statement for mandatory assessment and disclosure	Review the statement and sign up.
18 October	Deadline for companies to sign the statement	
22 October	Communications and Advocacy toolkit shared with all signatories (English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Indonesian)	Let your Public Affairs & Communications teams know this is coming as soon as possible!
27 October	Campaign launch - digital, media and advocacy campaign announcing the full list of signatories	<ol> <li>Use the toolkit to post publicly you are a signatory</li> <li>Share the campaign video on your social media channels #MakeltMandatory</li> <li>Send a letter to your governments urging them to support</li> </ol>
7 November – 5 December	UNFCCC COP COP27, Egypt UN CBD, COP15, Montreal	Continue to support and amplify our campaign on the road to COP15

#### REACTIONS ON THE CALL FOR MANDATORY DISCLOSURE AND THE CAMPAIGN





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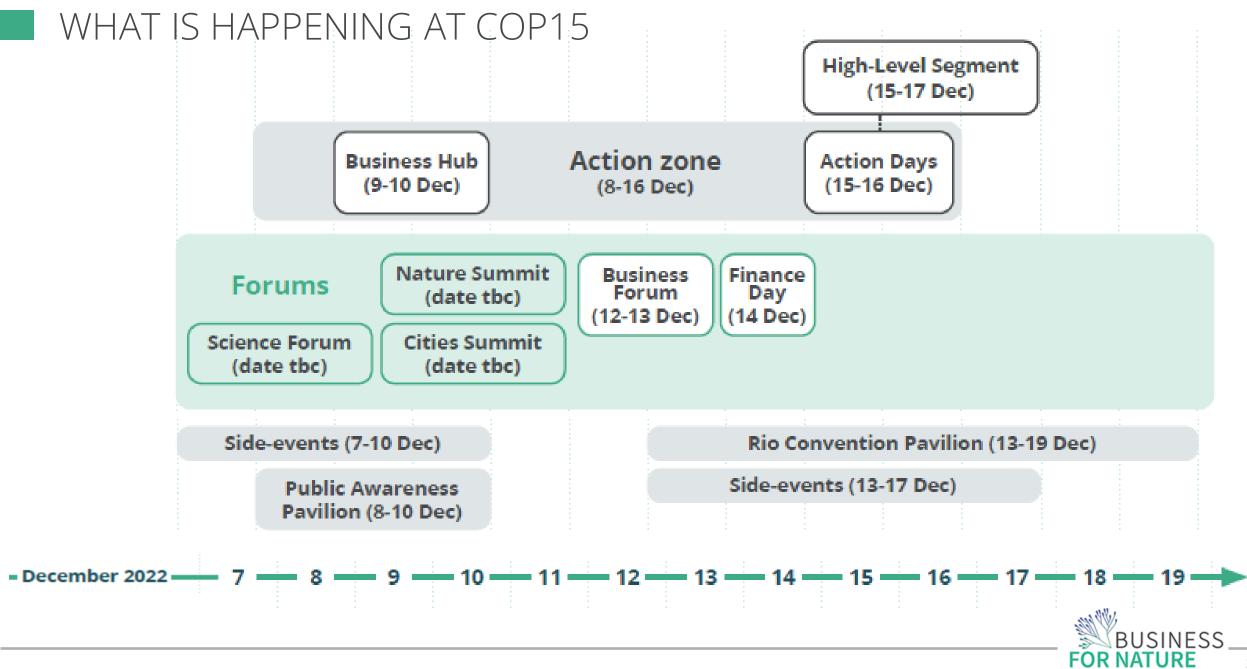
**Magali Anderson,** Chief Sustainability and Innovation Officer, Holcim





# Business presence at COP15





# HOW CAN BUSINESS ENGAGE ?

Business have a key role to play in ensuring the adoption of an ambitious framework

Here are ways you can contribute at COP15:

- Make a nature pledge/commitment during the Action Days
- Participate in the Business Forum, Business and Finance Hub, sideevents and the Action zone events.
- Contribute to the negotiations
- Join off-site business events hosted by Business for Nature's partners



How can the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework ensure that the value of biodiversity is embedded across decision making?





## **REGISTER INTEREST FOR COP15**

Business representatives can now express interest to participate in COP15 by completing this joint registration process by 10 October

Note: this register expressions of interest and does not guarantee an access badge.



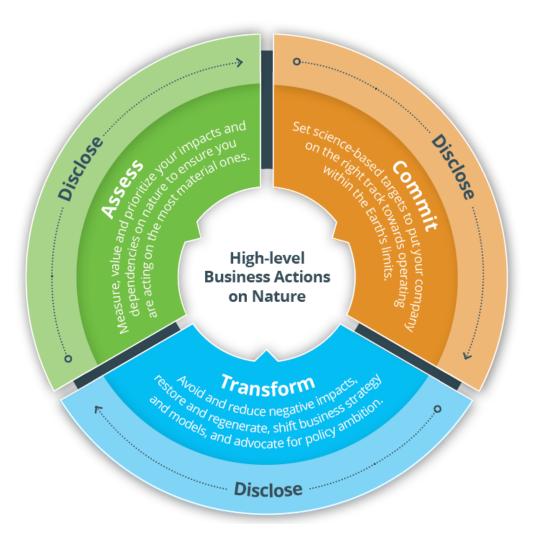




# What actions can business already take now?



#### BUSINESS MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO HELP REVERSE NATURE LOSS



#### Developed in collaboration with, and supported by these organizations and more:



 SCIENCE BASED TARGETS NETWORK









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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO HELP MAKE THE **GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE?** 



□ Engage with our government representatives

- Participate and support the Business for Nature COP15 Advocacy Campaign on mandatory assessment and disclosure
- □ Participate at COP15 in Montreal (either on the ground or virtually)
- Make a commitment or nature announcement ahead of or during COP15



# CONCLUSIONS: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS



Sign up to the COP15 business ambition statement by 18 October Inform your communication and public affairs teams NOW about the Campaign launch date on 27 October



Register your expression of interest to attend COP15 by 10 October



Stay engaged: speak up, step up and show up!





# **Questions / Discussion**



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# Thank you!



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