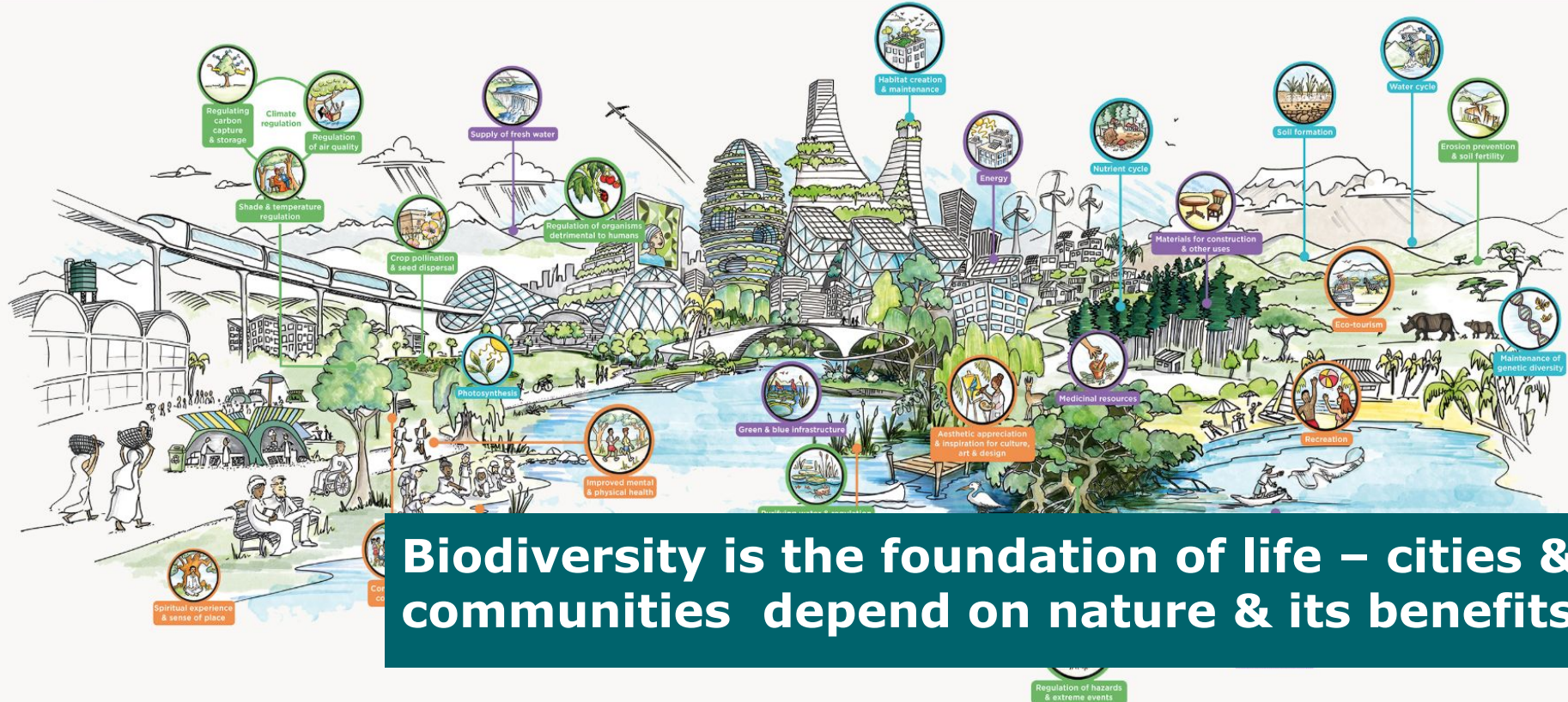


Importance of nature and biodiversity in cities, Edinburgh Declaration, First Draft of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

21 October 2021



Why do cities need to conserve biodiversity?



Biodiversity is the foundation of life – cities & communities depend on nature & its benefits

Current reality – life is under threat

Science is clear – we have reached universal tipping points:

- IPCC estimates global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 & 2052
- IPBES warned about rapid decline of nature, 1 million species threatened with extinction & what all this means for Agenda 2030 & SDGs - loss of biodiversity & ecosystem integrity will undermine our efforts on 80% of assessed SDG Targets

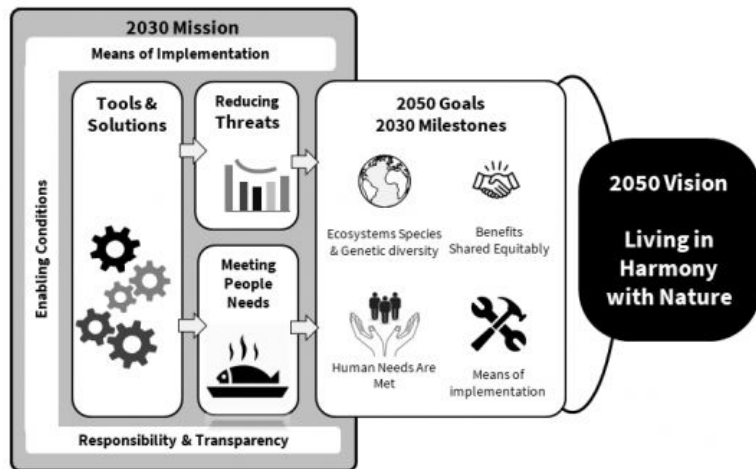
“Humanity is at war with nature ... making peace with nature is the defining task of the 21st century. It must be the top, top priority for everyone, everywhere.”

Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General
, State of the Planet address at the UN
Climate Change Dialogues, December
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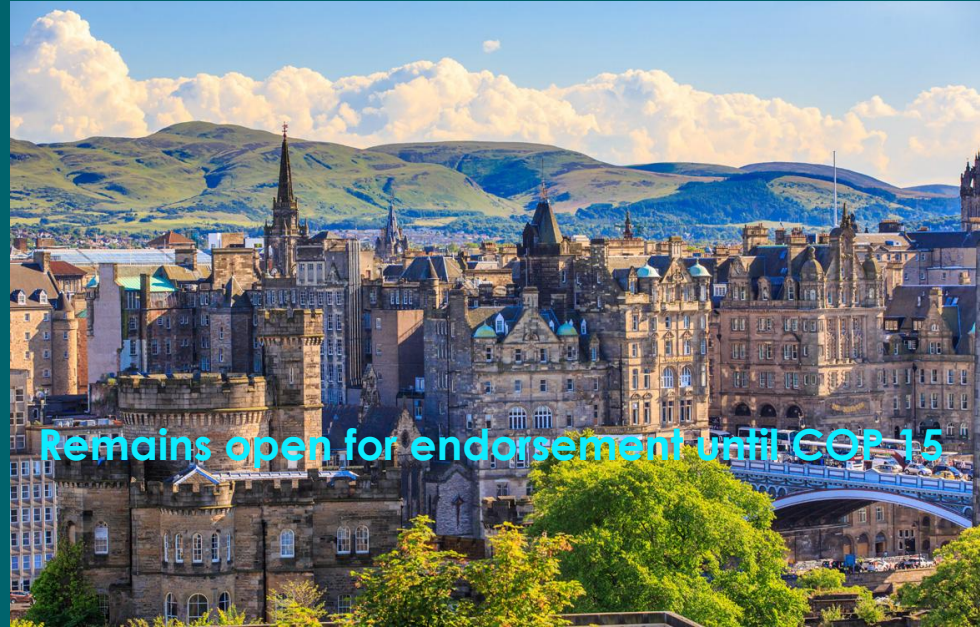
CBD COP 15 –the 'Paris moment' for biodiversity

CBD Parties are negotiating a **new global biodiversity framework** to be adopted at CBD COP 15, Kunming, China



Edinburgh Declaration making the voice of cities heard & subnational governments heard

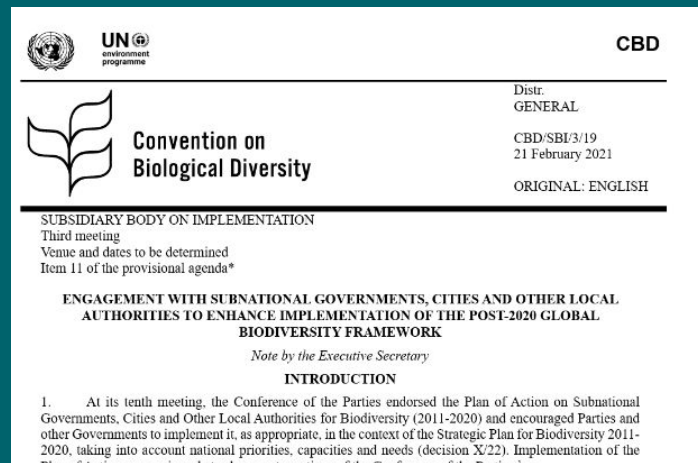
- High Level Political Declaration
- Represent the views of Subnational & Local Governments on the Post 2020 Framework
- Calls for subnational plan of action to implement the framework & mainstream biodiversity
- Addresses:
 - reducing threats to biodiversity
 - meeting people's needs through sustainable use & benefit sharing
 - developing the tools & solutions



<https://www.gov.scot/publications/edinburgh-declaration-on-post-2020-biodiversity-framework/>

Renewed Plan of Action – CBD/SBI/3/CRP 8

- Recognize subnational & local governments
- Mainstream biodiversity at subnational levels
- Ensure vertical integration in NBSAPs
- Invest resources & build capacity in line with principle 2 of the Ecosystem Approach
- Customise CEPA and action
- Monitor, evaluate & report on subnational actions through CitiesWithNature & RegionsWithNature
- Support subnational networks to accelerate biodiversity action



**Cities call on
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