



MESSAGE

This **International Day for Biological Diversity**, the Climate Change Commission calls for bolder and more concerted global action on sustainable biodiversity management.

This year's theme, *Our Solutions Are In Nature*, is a timely and powerful reminder of the fundamental role of biodiversity in promoting the health and well-being of peoples.

The covid pandemic has given us a peek into grim scenarios that the future holds when we fail to protect our forests, our watersheds, our wildlife, and our shared environment. The global economy is in a standstill. Health care systems are overwhelmed and challenged. The lives and livelihoods of our peoples are increasingly at risk.

As we adopt measures and economic stimulus packages for an early recovery from the current crisis, let us ensure that our responses today prevent biodiversity loss and reduce carbon emissions.

We urge the international community to adopt an ambitious and inclusive post-2020 global biodiversity framework in the next Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Let us all care for our common home—for a healthier and safer environment and a more secure and sustainable future for all.

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