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TO SECURE A FUTURE FOR NATURE, PEOPLE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS IN AFRICA



We, more than 200 experts, specialists and senior Government officials from 24 countries of Eastern and Southern Africa participated in the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Regional Conservation Forum was co - hosted by the Government of South Africa through the Department of Environment Forests and Fisheries and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Regional Office of Eastern and Southern Africa.

We shared experience and success stories generating a common agenda to position and safeguard the regions long term conservation interests while delivering results for people and nature.

The objectives of the Regional Conservation Forum were to:

- Discuss Africa's immediate and near future Conservation scenarios, identify key challenges and opportunities that Conservation is facing and re-think its role.
- Identify implications from observed outlook of Africa and what it means for IUCN Programme 2021-2024 and ongoing reforms as a foundation for a future approach that is more relevant, inclusive, transparent, impactful and transformative.
- Exchange views and agree on common actions for collaboration between Governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private sector, Youth and local Communities with respect to IUCN One Programme approach.

We recognize that the world is living through a decisive moment in its history and in the conservation of nature. The pivotal year of 2020, when the world will agree new targets for nature to 2030, is a defining moment. There is no more critical challenge for the global community than to understand and secure a future for nature so that humanity and all life on Earth may continue to prosper.



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Conserving nature is a non-negotiable prerequisite for achieving a more prosperous, healthy and equitable world. If the world does not reverse the loss of nature, it will undermine any prospect of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

We further recognize that there is great room for optimism, because the integrity of the natural world can be assured. Nature conservation enhances peoples' lives – it can greatly enhance food and water security, help tackle climate change and contribute significantly to securing human rights and world peace

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We are committed to strengthen our collaboration and to work together as a Union through the IUCN One Programme approach to address the challenges facing nature and people in the Eastern and southern Africa Region. We will work together to:

- Help ensure the voice of eastern and southern Africa is heard loudly and clearly, and reflected in global policy platforms and processes, such as the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 and the ongoing development of the post 2020 framework;
- Strengthen conservation of biodiversity and help improve and maintain the health of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems by upscaling effective restoration, protection, management and governance measures;
- Increase efforts to ensure the Marine and Coastal areas of Eastern and southern Africa are effectively protected and managed, so that they can continue to deliver benefits into the future;
- Support sustainable climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies that deliver resilience and benefits to both humans and ecosystems;
- Strengthen natural resource governance through effective and equitable partnerships, across different economic sectors and creating enabling policies, while fully respecting and recognizing the role of communities, including youth and women in biodiversity conservation;
- Actively seek and enhance partnerships to help develop and strengthen financing mechanisms to support nature conservation, including wildlife economies, in the Eastern and Southern Africa region

