
Launch of the 2nd Edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks

We are pleased to be launching the 2nd edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks, a landmark collaborative piece of research and analysis which acts as a companion publication to Global Biodiversity Outlook.

This edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks is released during crucial negotiations towards a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and the findings presented here are of fundamental importance to the outcome of those negotiations.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, said “LBO-2 embodies an optimism that the destruction of Nature and the dramatic loss of biodiversity and cultural diversity can be successfully reversed, by embracing the values, and building on the collective and local actions of the World’s indigenous peoples and local communities.”

Ramiro Batzin, Co-Coordinator of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), said “In order for the 2050 vision to be successful, the contribution of all sectors must be taken into account. In our case, it must be in line with indigenous worldviews that place emphasis on the intrinsic relationship between human beings, Mother Nature and the universe, and the essential link that exists between nature and culture.”

Key details:

- **Launch:** The LBO-2 will be officially launched during the special virtual sessions of the SBSTTA meeting on 16 September 2020. [View the official launch notification here.](#)
- **Press briefing:** we will hold a separate press briefing on 23 September 2020. [Please register here for the press briefing.](#)
- Panellists and experts will be available for interview at both events (details below).

The LBO-2 publication assesses progress against all 20 of the Aichi Targets which characterised global ambitions between 2011 and 2020. It finds that the contributions of IPLCs have been too often neglected and marginalised and that failure to recognise and support these contributions is directly tied to our global failure to meet the majority of them. Target 18 on Traditional Knowledge is illustrative of this wider trend. The authors of this publication argue that future global biodiversity goals must recognise the vital contributions made by indigenous peoples and local communities in protecting the biological and cultural diversity we all depend on. Over 50 indigenous and community authors have contributed, providing their perspectives and experiences in the assessment of progress in global biodiversity goals and their perspectives on what should be done to bend the curve and change our direction of travel.

Despite the failure to adequately recognise and support the contributions of IPLCs, the LBO-2 also reveals local solutions to the pressing global challenges we face that have continued to be developed, implemented and sustained by indigenous peoples and communities.



Following up on the publication of the first global assessment of nature and biodiversity in 2019, which suggested that IPLC lands are ‘islands of nature in a sea of decline’, this publication points to the reasons for those slower rates of decline and provides powerful recommendations about how to support those local efforts and to re-think our global relationship with our planet.

The 2nd edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks also addresses the future of our planet and how we can transition towards a more reciprocal and balanced relationship between humans and nature. Outlining 6 key transitions which can underpin such a transformational journey, the report provides concrete and real steps that can be taken towards such transformation and the contributions that this can make not only towards global nature and biodiversity goals, but to our global commitments on climate change and on sustainable development.

Note to media outlets

- Panellists and experts from this session are available for interview. Please contact Tom Dixon, Communications Manager, Forest Peoples Programme. tdixon@forestpeoples.org +44 7876 397915.
- Further information is available here: localbiodiversityoutlooks.net and the publication will come out of embargo September 15th 19:00 GMT -4 (Montreal) | September 16th 00.01 GMT +1 (London).
- We will be holding a full press briefing on LBO-2 on 23 September, where contributing authors and experts will be available for comment: [Please register here for the press briefing.](#)

Background

Local Biodiversity Outlooks presents the perspectives and experiences of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) on the current social-ecological crisis, and their contributions to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and to the renewal of nature and cultures. The first edition (LBO-1) was produced in 2016 as a complement to the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-4) and has become a key source of evidence about the actions and contributions of IPLCs towards achieving the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. www.localbiodiversityoutlooks.net

Agenda: Launch of the 2nd Edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks

Opening

- 5 minutes: Moderator (*John Scott*, Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity) opens
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First section:

- 5 minutes: Welcome remarks, *Elizabeth Maruma Mrema*, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity
 - 5 minutes: Framing remarks, *Joji Carino*, on behalf of Maurizio Farhan Ferrari and Joji Carino, lead authors of the 2nd Edition of Local Biodiversity Outlooks
 - 5 minutes: *Ramiro Batzin*, co-chair of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB): Contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities to addressing the biodiversity crisis: time to recognise and protect underlying rights
 - 5 minutes: *Brenda Asuncion*, Kua āina Ulu Auamo (KUA): Our healthy future: local sustainable food systems
 - 20 minutes: Moderated Q&A session
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Second section:

- 5 minutes: *Rodion Sulyandziga*, Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Sustainable development, climate change and biodiversity: intertwined crises with intertwined solutions
 - 5 minutes: *Josefa Tauli*, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, Traditional knowledge and sustainable use
 - 5 minutes: *Milka Chepkorir*, Sengwer representative, Conservation of nature: any target set must rest on the recognition of the land and territorial rights of indigenous peoples and local communities
 - 5 minutes: *Eduardo Brondizio*, IPBES Global Assessment
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End:

- 5 minutes: Concluding remarks, *Maurizio Farhan Ferrari* as second lead author



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