

“A critical challenge to global community is to understand and secure nature’s support systems so that humanity and all life on Earth may continue to prosper. IUCN has been responding to this challenge since its founding 70 years ago.

Our work arises from broad experience that nature is not an obstacle to human aspirations, but an essential partner, offering valuable contributions towards all human endeavors. To put this observation into practice to guide decisions, we must understand, measure, value, and document how nature contributes to prosperity.

At IUCN, we are encouraged by advances in ecosystem accounting. We look forward to supporting its further development and helping put it into practice worldwide.”



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