



Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions

Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
 Convention on Biological Diversity
 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
 Convention on Wetlands
 International Plant Protection Convention
 International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
 International Whaling Commission

Joint communiqué of the members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions

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We, the Heads and members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions¹, met at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy, on 20 February 2026 and agreed to:

- Strengthen cooperation among the secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions at a time when biodiversity loss continues at an alarming pace and global ambition has been elevated through the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Strongly support Parties in their efforts to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Framework.
- Underscore that enhanced coherence across conventions is essential to support Parties at the national level.
- Recognize that resource mobilization, national capacity, and institutional coherence are all important to achieving global biodiversity goals and targets.

Many countries face capacity and resource constraints and increasingly call for streamlined processes, aligned reporting, and coordinated capacity-building. We, as the Executive Heads of the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements and members of the Liaison Group, therefore commit to further advancing practical collaboration within our respective mandates, including through:

- Continued collaboration to support Parties in accessing finance, strengthening institutional arrangements, and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans in a coherent manner across conventions.
- Improved information-sharing and complementarity of work programmes where appropriate;
- Enhanced coordination in capacity-building and technical assistance to countries;
- Continued exploration of synergies in data, monitoring, and reporting;
- Strengthened joint communication efforts to amplify and convey coherent messages across processes; and
- Coordinated engagement in relevant global policy discussions and financing processes.

We welcome the entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Conventions on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) and look forward to constructive engagement with its secretariat.

We stand ready to continue leveraging the Liaison Group as a strategic coordination platform to navigate shared challenges and identify solutions for improved effectiveness of our processes.

¹ Established in 2004, the Liaison Group brings together the secretariats of eight biodiversity-related conventions to promote collaboration, reduce duplication, and enhance synergies. Over the past two decades, the Group has demonstrated its value as a practical coordination platform delivering tangible results for Parties.