



22 Actions for Biodiversity

During the 2022 [Biodiversity Day](#) campaign, lists of 22 actions for biodiversity will be released gradually for various audiences to inspire action for nature. The actions are aligned with the post-2020 [global biodiversity framework](#). The public is called to:

- Adopt any of the 22 actions or propose their own actions or lists
- Share photos/videos of their action(s) on social media with the hashtag [#BiodiversityDay](#) ([available in other languages](#))
- In the run-up to 22 May, the campaign will showcase these actions taking place around the world.

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Biodiversity Day 2022 is commemorated mainly through online campaigns to ensure safety of all participants. You are in the best position to know what awareness-raising campaigns and calls to action are feasible at your national level considering local conditions, the COVID context and related restrictions.

The lists of 22 actions for biodiversity are not exhaustive. Examples are given for online and in-person actions. We acknowledge that some actions may not be feasible in certain countries or communities. The actions suggested in the lists are meant to mobilize action for biodiversity and to create engagement and participation in the [Biodiversity Day](#) campaign. They are by no means exhaustive or fully representative of all the possible actions that can be taken around the globe. We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding this could cause. We look forward to your feedback. Please [contact us](#) for any comments and suggestions to rectify any inconsistencies. More importantly, we invite you to create your own lists of 22 actions for biodiversity, which will be more representative of your work and adapted to your field of interest.

21 of the actions are aligned (but not identical) with the post-2020 [global biodiversity framework](#) to be adopted at the [United Nations Biodiversity Conference \(COP15\)](#). Through these actions, every person can play a role in achieving the targets set in the framework. The 22nd action is to celebrate [Biodiversity Day](#).

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22 Actions for biodiversity through benefit-sharing (for various audiences)

Actions by the general public

1. Find out if your favorite products are sustainable

- Learn about the ingredients in your favorite products, including where they come from in the world. Are the brands behind these products taking steps to care for the people and places behind their ingredients?

2. Support your local communities

- Invest and buy products directly from indigenous peoples and local communities, such as produce, crafts or goods.
- Check reputable non-profits or online stores working with indigenous peoples.
- Spread the word among your friends and family so that they can also support local communities in their area.

3. Support companies committed to ethical standards

- Non-profits such as [UEBT](#) or [FairWild](#) certify brands committed to ethical standards. Learn how these companies respect and uphold the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities whose knowledge helped create their products.
- Learn about other [practices](#), [companies](#) and [brands](#) committed to respecting people and nature.

4. Learn about the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing

- This [Protocol](#) contributes immensely to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. It ensures that the benefits from the use of genetic

resources are shared fairly and equitably with countries or communities providing genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. Read these [factsheets](#) to find out why it matters.

5. Learn about the ABS Clearing-House

- This platform shares information, for example, on genetic resources that are being shared or researched around the world ([International Certificates of Compliance - IRCCs](#)). Meanwhile, [Community Protocols and Procedures and Customary Laws](#) show how indigenous peoples and local communities wish to share their traditional knowledge respectfully and on their terms.

6. Ask your employer about their sustainability standards

- Do you work in a sector that uses compounds extracted or derived from nature? Bring biodiversity protection to your employer's attention.

7. Lobby your leaders

- Ask your local or national government(s) to support passing legislation that protects, conserves, and restores the environment and that respects indigenous peoples and local communities, including legislation on Access and Benefit-Sharing.
- If your country hasn't ratified the Convention or its Protocols, start a conversation with your lawmakers and representatives on the issue.
- Write a petition in support of environmental laws or policies and rally members of your community, town, city or district and submit it to your local government.

Actions by businesses

8. Apply Access and Benefit-Sharing principles to your business

- A growing number of laws and regulations around the world establish requirements on access and benefit-sharing. Learn how and when ABS requirements may apply to your supply chains and [how your business can better comply with these regulations](#).

9. Share best practices with other businesses

- Share your best practices on Nagoya Protocol compliance with your business partners to get them involved. This can include any benefit-sharing agreements you have in place or challenges you have faced and how you overcame them.

10. Search the access measures of the country where you want to obtain genetic resources

- According to the Nagoya Protocol, if you are using biodiversity (i.e. genetic resources) from another country in your research and development processes, you need to get permission from the country that is the origin of that resource. Contact the country's [ABS National Focal Points](#) and [Competent National Authorities \(CNAs\)](#) to find out more about legally accessing a genetic resource.

Actions by academia

11. Know how access and benefit-sharing requirements may relate to your research

- To have an idea whether or not ABS is applicable to your research, [read this guide](#) which offers comprehensive information to assist scientists and research institutions in planning and performing projects that use genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge from abroad.
- If you are based in Germany and are interested in complying with the Nagoya Protocol, check out the [German Nagoya Protocol HuB's](#) resources.

12. Declare benefits shared when submitting an article to a journal

- Think about disclosing how genetic resources were accessed and where they came from.
- If applicable, share information on monetary and non-monetary benefits, especially their impacts on livelihood security at the national or local level.
- If using the traditional knowledge, practices and innovations of indigenous peoples and local communities, make sure to have their free, prior and informed consent and credit them appropriately.

13. Share your experience about implementing ABS in your academic research

- Explain how your research can help conserve and sustainably use biodiversity in countries where it is found.
- Share tips, stories, resources and photos of ABS in your own research.
- Share pictures of benefits that you are most proud of. Tag @UNBiodiversity, #theABSweALLneed or #BiodiversityDay in your social media post about it.

14. Reach out to your Nagoya Protocol Competent National Authority

- Find out more about applicable procedures in your country for local researchers. The [Competent National Authority \(CNA\)](#) can give you information or let you know about upcoming trainings sessions on ABS.

15. Advocate for fair and ethical collaboration in biodiversity research

- Ask your university if they have developed strong collaboration and partnerships with local researchers and communities when carrying out research on local biodiversity and knowledge.
- Advocate for supporting women, including indigenous women, in the fields of science and technology.
- Share research results with those who participated or provided knowledge in a project.
- Consider checking if there are opportunities and grants for suitable members of local and indigenous communities to attend short courses or seminars at your university for which they will receive an appropriate paper or qualification.

Actions by indigenous peoples and local communities

16. Connect with other IPLCs

- Network and strengthen your actions through the [International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity \(IIFB\)](#) and [participate in CBD processes](#) to make sure your community fully and effectively participates in decision-making for biodiversity.

Actions by Biodiversity- or ABS-related organizations

17. Raise awareness on the importance of Access and Benefit-Sharing

- Use the [ABS Campaign Trello Board](#) to promote key and easy-to-use messages on why Access and Benefit-Sharing matters for environmental governance and social and environmental justice.

18. Connect with other Access and Benefit-Sharing organizations

Share best practices, for example, by visiting the following websites:

- [ABS Capacity Development Initiative](#)
- [Union for Ethical BioTrade](#)
- [International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity](#): contact us at absch@cbd.int and we can provide any information that will help you better implement and [communicate ABS](#).

Actions by Governments

19. Ratify the Nagoya Protocol

- As the triple planetary crises of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss continue, we need to urgently adopt measures to conserve, sustainably use and restore biodiversity. This includes supporting Access and Benefit-Sharing implementation as outlined in the post-2020 [global biodiversity framework](#) to be adopted in 2022. Let's work together to continue addressing our crises, one ratification at a time.

20. Establish a sound national Access and Benefit-Sharing framework

- Take advantage of free resources such as the e-learning modules on [Establishing Measures to Implement the Nagoya Protocol](#). Reach out to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (absch@cbd.int) to find out how to make this happen.

21. Include up-to-date information on the ABS Clearing-House

- According to the Nagoya Protocol, each country has the authority to grant access to their resources. Therefore, it is important to provide clear and transparent [ABS Procedures](#) on accessing genetic resources in your country so that researchers and private companies can easily find this information and share benefits with your country.

22. Celebrate Biodiversity Day

- Take your favorite product (e.g. food, cosmetics, household items etc.) and identify its country of origin. Was it made locally or was it imported?
- On a world map, put a pin for 5-10 products and post a photo/screenshot of your map on social media and tag @UNBiodiversity and #BiodiversityDay.
- 22 May is Biodiversity Day! Participate in celebrations that are happening in your country or organize an activity to get others involved. Find out more at www.cbd.int/biodiversity-day. *Anyone can organize activities!*

Propose your own list of 22 actions for biodiversity (guidelines) >

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