

**A Message from H.E. Mr. HUANG Runqiu,
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on the occasion of
the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2025**

Biodiversity is an important foundation for human survival and development. Conserving biodiversity helps maintain our home planet and promote sustainable development for humankind. The theme of this year's International Day for Biological Diversity is "Harmony with nature and sustainable development", which echoes the ancient Chinese wisdom of "harmony between human and nature" and "all things grow together", aiming to promote harmonious coexistence between human and nature and create a path of harmonious and sustainable development.

China has always promoted global biodiversity conservation with the highest political will and strongest practical actions. With China as the CBD COP15 Presidency, the milestone Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) was successfully adopted, outlining a new blueprint for global

biodiversity conservation. China launched the Action Initiative for Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework with the participation of 29 parties and relevant international organizations. China has set up and put into operation the Kunming Biodiversity Fund with a capital of 1.5 billion RMB, and the first batch of 9 projects have been officially implemented. China welcomes more countries and institutions to contribute to the Fund and work jointly to support the implementation of the KMGBF.

As one of the countries with the richest biodiversity in the world, China has put biodiversity conservation to the national strategic level, released *China National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (2023-2030)*, implemented major projects for biodiversity conservation, and comprehensively improved biodiversity conservation capacity and management.

As the saying goes, “The going may be tough when one walks alone, but it gets easier when people walk together.” China is willing to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with all, work together to address global challenges such as biodiversity loss and climate change, and jointly build a beautiful home planet featuring harmony with nature and sustainable development.