



Resources for Nature Based Solutions (NBS)

The Community of Practice working on Nature Based Solutions will post information that is relevant to the topic of this CoP. We will follow processes at the UN, from research and science as well as policy, and collect and showcase documents that are relevant to this theme. We will though documents shed light on policy development, challenges of various nature and explain as much as we can about the UN system itself.

As this resource base is developing, you will find a growing number of relevant documents, resolutions, their analysis, and also how policy interferes with and is necessary to the development of solutions based implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

You will find information and knowledge under RESOURCES that are organised under the following three headings:

- The UN Family
- Research, science, policy and formal agreements
- Written papers and articles on the CoP NBS theme

We have at the beginning only added three UN family members, but as this part of our website grows, we will add more segments of the UN family that is relevant to the content of this CoP.

THE UN FAMILY

- **The UN Environment Programme, UNEP** with its UN Environment Assembly, the UNEA, is the key UN body that has a mandate to work on Nature Based Solutions, NBS. UNEP's website is found here:

<https://www.unep.org/who-we-are/about-us>

If you click on a segment called Resources,

https://www.unep.org/resources/filter/sort_by=publication_date/sort_order=desc/page=0

you will find here several reports and UN documents relevant to the issues of Nature Based Solutions.

- **The UN Environment Programme “World Conservation Monitoring Centre”, UNEP-WCMC** is a global centre of excellence on biodiversity and nature's contribution to society and the economy.

<https://www.unep-wcmc.org/en>



UNEP-WCMC works at the interface of science, policy, and practice in order to tackle the global crisis facing nature and support the transition to a sustainable future for people and the planet. UNEP-WCMC has a vested interest in Nature Based Solutions and its website is rife with information and background knowledge on this issue.

- The Convention on Biological Diversity, UNCBD

<https://www.cbd.int/>

As one of the so-called Rio Conventions, the Convention on Biological Diversity was opened for signature on 5 June 1992 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the Rio "Earth Summit") and entered into force on 29 December 1993. The first session of the Conference of the Parties was scheduled for 28 November - 9 December 1994 in the Bahamas.

The Convention on Biological Diversity was inspired by the world community's growing commitment to sustainable development. It represents a dramatic step forward in the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.

As other UN framework conventions, UNCBD also has its COP - its Conference of Parties, where key policy decisions are made. COP 15, which took place in Montreal, Canada in 2022, decided on a landmark agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the GBF, which aims to address biodiversity loss, restore ecosystems and protect indigenous rights. The plan includes concrete measures to halt and reverse nature loss, including putting 30 per cent of the planet and 30 per cent of degraded ecosystems under protection by 2030. It also contains proposals to increase finance to developing countries - a major sticking point during talks. It is hugely important to work on Nature Based Solutions.

Background material, an executive summary and the entire Global Biodiversity Framework, the GBF can be downloaded here: <https://www.cbd.int/article/cop15-cbd-press-release-final-19dec2022>

RESEARCH, SCIENCE, POLICY AND FORMAL AGREEMENTS

Solutions to environmental degradation can be found by preserving nature. This idea was formally expressed in the outcome document from the UN Conference on the Human Environment which took place in Stockholm, Sweden, 1972, when also UNEP was founded.

The UN Environment Assembly, UNEA 5, in 2022, agreed to a formal definition of what Nature based solutions should be. This definition is found in UNEA Resolution 5.5.



Resolution 5 (UNEA 5.2) on Nature Based Solutions for Sustainable Development, can be downloaded here: <https://www.unep.org/resources/resolutions-treaties-and-decisions/UN-Environment-Assembly-5-2>

WRITTEN PAPERS AND ARTICLES ON THE COP NBS THEME AND RELEVANT TOPICS

We will search for relevant papers pertaining to the theme of restoring nature, which is a core issue with Nature Based Solutions. But we will also list here documents shedding light on intergovernmental and multilateral organisations working on issues that influence and direct policy which affects Nature Based Solutions.

“The People’s Environment Narrative - (the PEN) - 50 years with UNEP and Civil Society.”

At UNEA 6 in 2024, Stakeholder Forum published a document named “The People’s Environment Narrative - (the PEN) - 50 years with UNEP and Civil Society.” The PEN is a compendium of articles with encyclopaedic ambitions. With over 100 articles written by more than 100 scholars representing academia and civil society, from all over the world, the document gives a thorough insight into how UNEP works, its political challenges, its 50 year history working to preserve nature, develop environmental rights, and showcasing how civil society has interacted with this organisation in developing environmental policies. As UNEP will be a key multilateral organisation for us, reading about the organisation will give you insights into possibilities and challenges working on Nature Based Solutions in the years to come. The PEN is freely downloadable [here](#).

Report and appraisal of the sixth UN Environment Assembly, UNEA 6 (February-March 2022)

UNEA 6 in 2024 was significant in many respects. The NBS theme was a major issue during this conference, but unfortunately efforts to further develop this resolution failed to materialise. Our report from this UNEA sheds light on this issue, and can be downloaded from [here](#).