

SAVING SPECIES SUSTAINS LIFE



Saving species:

Upholds the intrinsic value of nature

Supports human survival, health and wellbeing

Enables environmental and social justice

Safeguards water, land and air

Underpins the global economy

Promotes food security

Sustains Indigenous and cultural connections

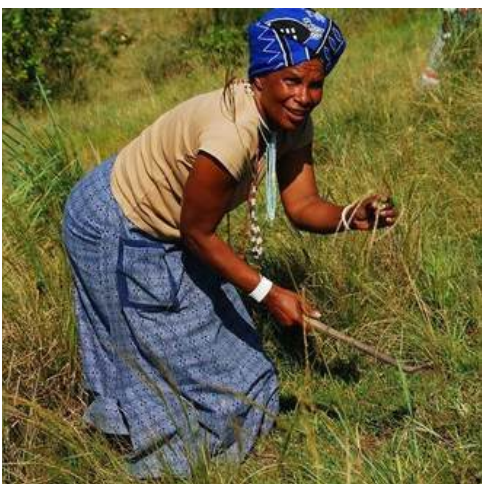
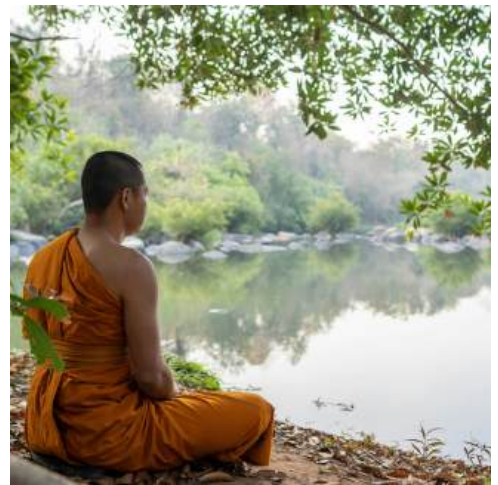
Stabilises climate

Creates jobs

Drives innovation

Preserves diversity for future generations

Brings inspiration and joy.





More than **46,000** species are known to be threatened with extinction.

With many species still unknown, this number could be as high as

2 MILLION

Losing species is costing us too much.



The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) comprises more than 10,000 world-leading experts in the conservation of animals, fungi and plants. We are driven by our passion for the wonder of nature. We assess, plan and act, to ensure survival and recovery of species in all their diversity.



We know how to save species and we have proved that conservation works. SSC has doubled its actions since the 2019 Abu Dhabi Call for Global Species Conservation Action, even as threats continue to emerge and accelerate.

We urge you to **act and prioritise species survival:**

- **National and Sub-National Governments**, in your planning, implementation, legislation and spending across sectors;
- **Intergovernmental Organisations**, in your strategies and funding;
- **Businesses**, in your operations, supply chains and corporate responsibility plans;
- **Donors**, in your philanthropy;
- **Civil Society Organisations**, in your strategies, actions and advocacy;
- **Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**, in applying your knowledge and custodianship;
- **Education Institutions**, in your curricula, research and engagement;
- **Religious and Spiritual Groups**, in your prayers, worship, practices and giving;
- **Natural Resource Managers**, in your stewardship and management;
- and **individuals**, in your actions and decisions.





The world has already committed to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement.

Saving species is fundamental to achieving these commitments.



We look forward to meaningful progress in saving species by the IUCN World Conservation Congress to be held in Abu Dhabi, 9-15 October 2025.



This declaration was the conclusion of the 5th Leaders Meeting of the SSC, convened in Abu Dhabi 25-28 October 2024 in partnership with the Environmental Agency - Abu Dhabi.



These statements are supported by the following evidence [CLICK HERE](#)

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