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IUCN NL strengthens Indigenous Peoples' and local community-led biodiversity governance in tropical forest landscapes where nature is under threat. We apply a unique bottom-up approach to protect crucial habitats, restore degraded forests and establish Indigenous and Community-Conserved areas and territories (ICCAs) and other means of effective conservation.



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One million plant and animal species are facing the threat of extinction. Major causes include the loss and fragmentation of their habitats, including the world's forests. It is increasingly difficult for (endangered) species living in these areas to survive.

People are aware of the urgent need to conserve and restore biodiverse ecosystems by stopping deforestation, mitigating climate change, and halting habitat loss, but they do not (always) have the means. Many consumers do not know how to act to prevent biodiversity loss. To achieve this we need the whole of society, effective strategies for ecosystems-based biodiversity conservation, an active and strong civil society, habitat protection, watershed management, ecosystem restoration, species conservation, and regenerative farming and sustainable use of natural resources. We also need a culture and consumption change to live within planetary boundaries and increase people's connectivity to nature.

## OUR COMMITMENT

### IUCN NL

- contributes to the conservation and restoration of biodiversity, while promoting social justice and economic resilience for local communities
- aims to stop or reduce the speed of biodiversity degradation
- protects crucial habitats, restores degraded forests and promotes ecosystem-based land use, together with local communities and civil society
- empowers local communities through capacity building and leadership
- creates conditions for policy change and environmental justice

### USPs

- case studies and scientific reports demonstrating the effectiveness of our approach
- proven impact in terms of habitat area maintained and ecosystems restored
- portfolio of successful projects and partnerships worldwide
- experience with land purchase, forest restoration, and the promoting sustainable economic alternatives
- regranting capacity

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### AN EXAMPLE OF OUR WORK



Supported by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), IUCN NL and partners in Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and the Seychelles are guiding ecosystem-based adaptation and conservation projects in this biodiversity hotspot - a group of islands with incredible species diversity and extremely high rates of endemism.

IUCN NL's Land Acquisition Fund provides grants to local NGOs across the globe. With these grants, they can strategically acquire threatened patches of nature to protect and connect wildlife habitats. This results in the expansion and conservation of the habitat of endangered species. It allows us to safeguard the survival of these species in an extremely effective and cost-efficient manner.



## JOIN US IN PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY



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