



In honor of World Biodiversity Day, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the living beings we share this amazing planet with, especially the heroes who are working to protect and restore biodiversity across the globe. The incredible variety of life on earth is what makes our planet so unique, but it's also what makes all our life supporting systems function. Yet alarmingly, it's estimated **we've lost over two-thirds of all animal populations over the last 50 years**. This month we're featuring some inspiring ways that people are helping build a shared future for all life, and we hope you'll join us in appreciation for these crucial efforts to protect our planet for all who call it home.



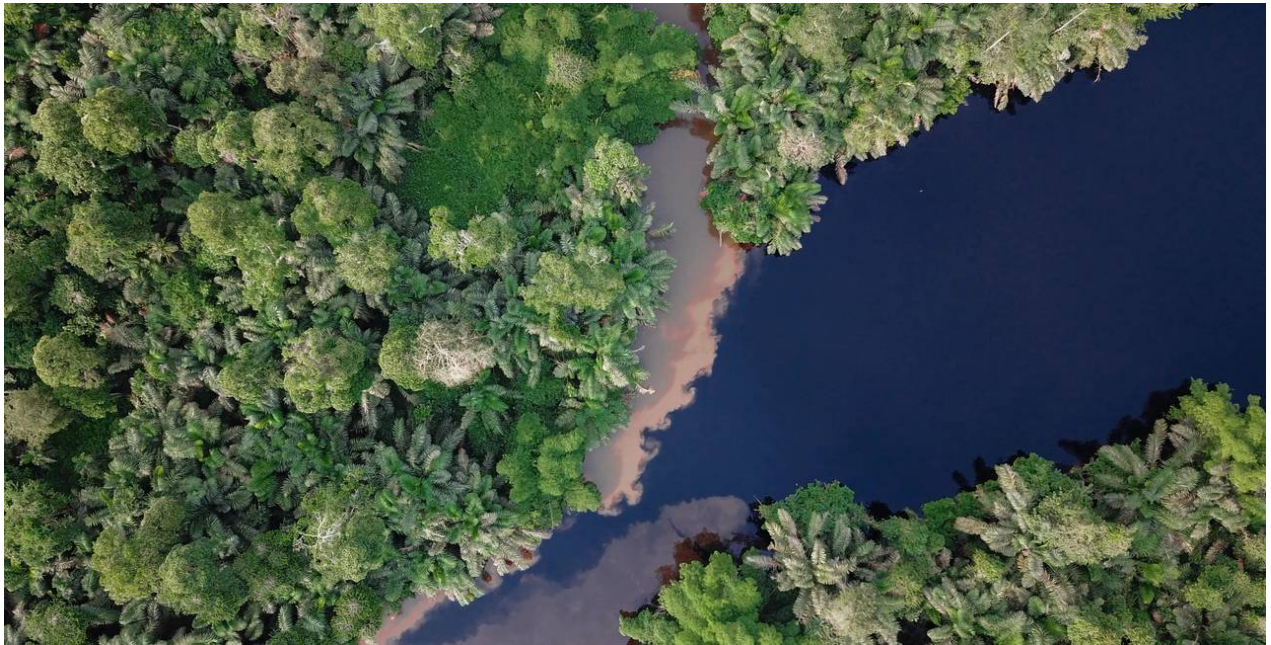
Rewilding just 20 species can restore ecosystems across almost one-quarter of the Earth's land

A new study, supported by One Earth and led by RESOLVE, reveals significant opportunities to restore ecosystems across vast areas of the globe by reintroducing historically present large mammals. The study identifies 20 priority species that – if reintroduced or allowed to recolonize through improved land protection and connectivity, and with the removal of threats that led to their original decline – could restore natural large mammal groupings across 8.5 million square kilometers of land area. Areas with intact large mammal assemblages also store more carbon, underlining the important link between biodiversity and climate resilience. Watch the video to learn more.



Protecting cultural and biological diversity is central to solving climate change

We often think of nature as remote and separate from people, but in reality, some of the ecosystems that are the richest in biodiversity are also the richest in cultural diversity. Take the Amazon rainforest, for example. Over 400 unique Indigenous peoples live here — each group with their own language, dialect, style of dress, art, and music. For over 8,000 years, they have tended to and actively encouraged the diversity of plants and animals of the Amazon, which is home to three out of every ten species on Earth. It is the cultural and biological diversity of the Amazon region that has created one of the most powerful engines in the fight against climate change. [Watch the video](#) to learn more, and be sure to [follow One Earth on TikTok](#) so that you never miss a new video!



Featured Project

Protecting and restoring Conkouati-Douli in the Congo Basin

A partnership with the Congo government and the communities within the Congo Basin is saving one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Conkouati-Douli National Park spans 1.2 million acres along the coast of the Republic of Congo. Biodiversity thrives here as the tropical rainforests of Central Africa meet the Atlantic Ocean. However, illegal logging, poaching, and mineral mining threaten the park. Parcs de Noé, a French nonprofit, has signed a 20-year management agreement to safeguard the area, with a plan for it to become a pristine refuge for iconic terrestrial and marine wildlife. Species such as forest elephants, chimpanzees, and even humpback whales will be protected. The project includes the active participation of over 7,000 local people living within the park, with basic services, like health care and education, as well as jobs, provided to community members. [Watch the video](#) to learn more.