

30 x 30

NE Roundtable

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- 30 x 30 Context
- Global Biodiversity Framework
 - Target 3
 - Protection
 - Other Effective Area Based Conservation Measures
 - Target 10

Agenda

- BC committed to 30x30 in December 2022 (COP15)
- 30 x 30 is a key aspect to the Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation
- Noted in 2025 WLRS mandate letter
- Focus during 2025 Estimates Debate
- Commitment to land and water echoed in recent news releases from the Premier and federal speech from the throne.

BC 30x30 Commitment - Context

The Kunming-Montreal [Global Biodiversity Framework](#) was adopted by 196 countries, including Canada, in December 2022.

This global agreement is in response to the deterioration of biodiversity worldwide at rates unprecedented in human history.

The agreement contains 4 goals and 23 targets to reverse biodiversity loss. Signatories committed to acting on the goals and targets by 2030.

- [Target 3](#) is the 30x30 initiative
- [Target 10](#) recognizes sustainable uses of natural resources

Global Biodiversity Framework

Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least **30 per cent of terrestrial**, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are **effectively conserved and managed** through ecologically **representative**, well-connected and equitably governed systems of **protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures**, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is **fully consistent with conservation outcomes**, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories.

Target 3

Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas

A clearly defined **geographical space**, recognized, dedicated and managed, through **legal or other effective means**, to achieve the **long-term conservation** of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.

In B.C. this mostly falls into Parks and Conservancies

- Pan-Canadian definition is the IUCN [2008](#) definition

Target 3- Protected Area

A **geographically defined** area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve **positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in-situ conservation of biodiversity**, with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally relevant values.

BC building policy highlighting criteria and review of all area based conservation tools.

Pan-Canadian definition is the CBD [2018](#) definition

Target 3 -OECM

Ensure that areas under agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and forestry are managed sustainably, in particular through the sustainable use of biodiversity, including through a substantial increase of the application of biodiversity friendly practices, such as sustainable intensification, agroecological and other innovative approaches contributing to the resilience and long-term efficiency and productivity of these production systems and to food security, conserving and restoring biodiversity and maintaining nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services.

Target 10-Enhance Biodiversity and Sustainability in Agriculture, Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

Target 3

OECM criteria and policy for BC

- will run all landscape-based designations (FOR and Mining) through criteria to see “what counts”
- will look at unique areas of conservation like Muskwa Kechika (concluding this summer)

Target 10

- Commitment to future work with FOR to explore interest in recognizing, tracking, and reporting Target 10 areas in BC (starting next fall)

Next Steps