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Setting the Stage: Ecosystems Services/Sustainable Use and Management of Biodiversity

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Why is a regional approach to the conservation and sustainable use and management of biodiversity important?

- Biodiversity faces common threats
- The three countries have committed to action to reduce these threats while meeting people's needs
- A regional approach will leverage the wealth of existing knowledge to deliver on-the-ground solutions integrating collective experience



Key 2030 biodiversity conservation goals

- Canada: Nature Strategy, GBF
- Mexico: National biodiversity strategy, Mex30x30, GBF
- United States: America the Beautiful



- 30 X 30
- Evidence-based, building on existing knowledge
- Collaborative and inclusive
- Recognizing Indigenous rights and priorities
- Integrating sustainable use and livelihoods
- Maintaining contributions to human wellbeing



CEC's work on ecosystems services/Sustainable Use and Management of Biodiversity

- Central grasslands conservation
 - filled social science knowledge gaps while facilitating inclusive and diverse collaboration
- Marine Protected Areas co-benefits
 - supported Indigenous leadership, adaptation and connectivity in coastal and marine conservation
- Nature-based solutions to address flood risk in coastal cities
 - Developed guidance for decision-makers to support implementation



CEC's work on ecosystems services/Sustainable Use and Management of Biodiversity (cont'd)

- Indigenous and local communities-led climate change adaptation strategies
 - Supported projects related to traditional food systems, freshwater management and riparian systems restoration
- Conservation of CITES listed species
 - built capacity to support the enforcement of CITES trade restrictions on specific plants and animals
- Pollinator Conservation
 - strengthened regional collaboration and communicated to inform and drive individual action



Looking ahead: Key questions

- What are the opportunities and strategies to implement actions that strengthen the provision of ecosystem services across the North American region?
- What are opportunities for trilateral collaboration to improve the sustainable management of biodiversity?
- What are effective, sustainable and inclusive ways of better accounting for our region's biodiversity and those who steward it?
- What are mechanisms and existing community-driven approaches that can scale across the region?



Three countries. One environment.
Tres países. Un medio ambiente.
Trois pays. Un environnement.



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