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Mountain Biodiversity Programme of Work Convention on Biological Diversity

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- Overview of mountain biodiversity programme of work (PoW)
- COP16 decisions
- Intersessional work
- Mountains in international processes
- From Cali to Yerevan

Evolution of the Mountain Biodiversity PoW

- COP7 (2004) adopts the Mountain Biodiversity PoW
- Seven decisions relevant to MB were taken between 1994 and 2010
- COP 10 -In-depth review based on the national reports on mountain ecosystems
 - Invited Parties and partners to share information on trends of MB, traditional knowledge and best practices



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Overview of the Mountain Biodiversity PoW

Programme Element 1 DIRECT ACTIONS FOR CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE USE AND BENEFIT SHARING	Programme Elements 2 MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE USE AND BENEFIT-SHARING	Programme Element 3 SUPPORTING ACTIONS FOR CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE USE AND BENEFIT-SHARING
Goal 1.1: To prevent and mitigate the negative impacts of key threats	Goal 2.1. To enhance legal, policy, institutional, and economic framework	Goal 3.1. Identification, monitoring and assessment of mountain biodiversity
Goal 1.2: To protect, recover, and restore mountain biological diversity	Goal 2.2. To maintain knowledge, practices and innovations of IPLCs	Goal 3.2. To improve methods for the assessment and monitoring
Goal 1.3: To promote the sustainable use of mountain biological resources	Goal 2.3. Regional and transboundary collaboration and the cooperative agreements	Goal 3.3 Data and information management, develop associated databases
Goal 1.4: Access and benefit-sharing		Goal 3.4: Research, technical and scientific cooperation, capacity-building
Goal 1.5: To maintain genetic diversity in particular through traditional knowledge and practices		Goal 3.5: Public education, participation and awareness

Landmark decisions of COP16



IISD

- New “**Cali Fund**” launched to share benefits from uses of data of genetic resources, 50% for IPLCs
- Establishment of the **permanent arrangement for the financial mechanism** (COP 17 criteria for institutional structure and COP 18 reviews reforms of existing entities and decides on establishment)
- New **subsidiary body and Programme of Work** adopted to ensure the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities towards the conservation and use of biological diversity, and benefit sharing
- **Monitoring framework** is operational and global review of collective progress at COP17 and COP19
- **Biodiversity and Climate Change** - prioritizing protection, restoration and management of ecosystems important for the full carbon cycle, potential joint work programme of the Rio conventions



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Review and analysis of programmes of work in the context of GBF



COP 15 and COP 16 decisions request to **conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work** of the Convention in the context of the GBF to facilitate its implementation, **to prepare draft updates of the programmes of work on the basis of the analysis**, taking into account documents prepared for the SBSTTA 26 related to that work, and to submit them for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at a future meeting held before COP17

COP Decision 16/12



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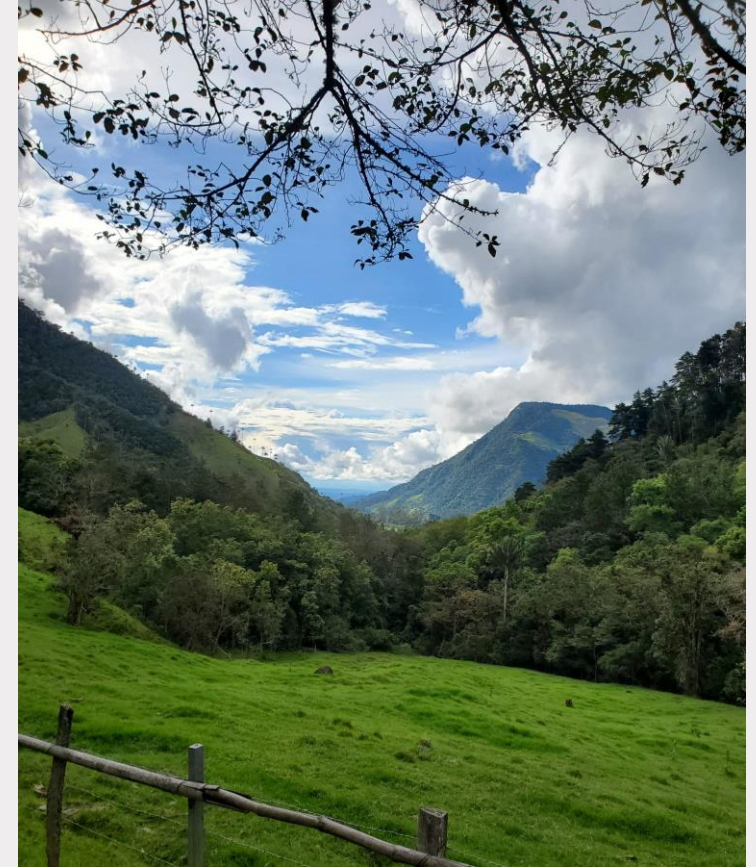
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Intersessional work

- SBSTTA 25 –Gap analysis of Programmes of Work
11 overarching guidance gaps common for all PoWs,
- Guidance, scientific and technical tools developed by
other organizations
- SBSTTA 27 (October 2025, Panama) – review and analyse
all programmes of work and based on this analysis the
updates of some PoW
- COP 17 will take a decision on the review and updates of
programmes of work



Overarching gaps identified

Rapid gap analysis	Programme of Work
<i>biodiversity-inclusive land-use planning (Target 1)</i>	1.1.1 Reduce the impact of adverse land-use practices and changes in urban, forest, inland waters and agricultural areas in mountain ecosystems
<i>human-wildlife conflict (Target 4).</i>	1.2.8. Address issues related to conflict between humans and other species, especially with regard to coexistence with predators.
<i>types and sources of pollution are of heightened interest for each biome (Target 7), and means to address these</i>	1.1.8. Identify local and long-range pollution (air, water and soil) which threatens mountain biodiversity at all levels and take appropriate measures to prevent and mitigate the impacts.
<i>sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services (Target 9).</i>	1.3.8. Promote the sustainable use of economically valuable wild plants and animals, as an income-generating activity for the local inhabitants
<i>Sustainable consumption and implications for specific biomes and thematic issues (Target 16 and 18</i>	Range of opportunities for local, regional, national Governments, indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders to manage tourism activities in an ecological, economic and socially sustainable (<i>Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development</i>)



Mountain in international processes

- Global Mountain Dialogue for Sustainable Development/Bishkek +25 Dialogue, 24-25 April
- Everest Dialogue, 16-18 May
- High-level International Conference on Glaciers Preservation, Dushanbe, 29-31 May
- Carpathian Biodiversity Framework
- Leveraging mountain agenda in the climate change processes



From Cali to Yerevan

- 49 NBSAPs submitted
- 7th reporting cycle is launched with a deadline in February 2026
- COP17 will review the global progress on the implementation of the KM-GBF
- Opportunity to highlight mountain-specific needs, scientific and technical gaps



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