

[Dear Focal Point]

I/we are reaching out to request your formal support for the inclusion of Rights of Nature in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Our [recommendation](#) (also attached) is supported by a growing list of over 200 organizations and individuals from 40+ countries.

On July 12, 2021, the Secretariat of the CBD released the first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, deleting the provision “to consider, where appropriate, the rights of nature” from the zero draft and replacing it with “employing rights-based approaches.” We find this very problematic, since the legal systems focus primarily on human rights, rather than including the rights of nonhuman species and ecosystems to exist, thrive and evolve.

Including the Rights of Nature within the CBD is politically safe because it merely introduces the concept for consideration by member states, some of which already recognize the Rights of Nature. Similarly, the IUCN [has recognized](#) that Rights of Nature is a “rights-based approach” and should be a focal point of decision making. Therefore, we urge Parties to the CBD to reincorporate the Rights of Nature into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by defining a “**rights-based approach**” so that it **includes the Rights of Nature and other transformative rights-based movements**.

You can read our full [recommendation](#) and the [supplementary report](#) in the hyperlinks.

Thank you for reading our materials and for considering being one of the countries to propose the inclusion of the rights of Nature and our recommendations. For any further questions, please write to cbd@earthlaw.org and if you are interested in join our webinar at the end of February please let us know.

Best regards,

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Rights of Nature Sweden
Rights of Mother Earth
International Observatory of Nature Rights

About Us:

Earth Law Center (www.earthlawcenter.org) Earth Law Center champions Earth-centered laws and community-led movements that respect and protect all life on the planet. They authored the first-ever coursebook on the field of ‘Earth law’.

Rights of Nature Sweden (www.naturensrattigheter.se) is working with Rights of Nature and Earth jurisprudence as systemic tools for the transition to a society in harmony with nature. We arrange the [Earth Rights Conference](#) as a platform for these ideas.

Rights of Mother Earth is a global movement campaigning for the adoption of a Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth by the United Nations, to complement the Human Rights Declaration. Please sign and share the petition at: www.RightsofMotheEarth.com.

International Observatory of Nature Rights (www.observatoirenature.org) offers legal advice and support in enacting bills, public policies, and peaceful interventions in legal proceedings by representing our partners in defending the rights of Nature.