



Take Action

for

COP15 UN Biodiversity Conference

7-19 December 2022

Background

The World Ocean Day Youth Advisory Council assisted in drafting this letter, and sent it to each of their national leaders using the following steps. In order to keep the pressure on, we encourage you to do the same! You may use the letter as it is currently written, edit and personalize it to your own country, and/or translate it into your native language.

Key Country Contacts

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Individuals called "National Focal Points" will likely serve as each country's lead negotiators at COP15.

- Link: <https://www.cbd.int/countries/>
- Use the drop-down menu to find your country
- Scroll to "CBD Information", then "National Focal Points" to get names and contact information for those who are lead in your country for "Convention on Biological Diversity."

Environment Ministers

Sending a message to your country's Environment Ministers would also be very helpful in pushing for action on 30x30. You can CC them on any emails you send out to the CBD leads above, or send them individual messages.

- Link: <https://bit.ly/3TXwE4AENVIRONMENTMINISTERS>
 - This list may not be entirely up to date. Sometimes, for example, it lists ministers who are in charge of climate but not biodiversity.

Additional Resources:

- [What is COP15 and why does it matter for all life on Earth](#), from The Guardian
- [Campaign for Nature latest news, 112 countries committed to 30x30.](#)
- All sessions at COP15 will be [streamed live](#) and check out [the main schedule](#)
- More info on 30x30 here WorldOceanDay.org/30x30 and here TheOceanProject.org/30x30
- Read the Youth Advisory Council's [Letter to National Leaders](#)

For 20 years, [The Ocean Project](#) has globally coordinated World Ocean Day as an opportunity to unite and rally the world on 8 June, and throughout the year, to take personal, community, and societal action on behalf of our blue planet. It is powered by the Youth Advisory Council, this year comprised of 26 young people from 20 diverse countries.

One Ocean, One Climate, One Future – Together!

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