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Safeguarding space for nature and securing our future: developing a post-2020 strategy 27–28 February 2018

An international science-policy symposium to support negotiations on the Convention on Biological Diversity's post-2020 strategy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Challenge

We are rapidly losing Earth's wild species and wild spaces, with global vertebrate populations set to decline by two-thirds by 2020. Under the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) have pledged to protect, at least 17% of land and freshwater and 10% of our oceans by 2020. The plan focuses on areas of importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services in systems of effective, equitable, and ecologically connected protected and conserved areas. Beyond these milestone targets, conservationists, scientists, and policymakers are grappling with the question of how much space needs to be conserved—and how—in order to sustain humans and the rest of life on earth? Over the next few years, governments will be reviewing the current Strategic Plan and considering a new strategy to meet the vision of conserving biodiversity and maintaining ecosystem services and a healthy planet for all by 2050, as part of the wider 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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The Symposium

As part of the process to develop a post-2020 strategy, this symposium will bring together international scientists, conservation practitioners, policy-makers, business leaders, civil society and donors to:

- review the science informing future area-based conservation targets;
- evaluate the implications of various policy options;
- provide balanced, evidence-based recommendations to Parties to the CBD and other policy processes; and
- raise awareness of the need for a more ambitious, holistic, and effective strategy to safeguard space for nature, incorporating protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures.

The symposium will complement and integrate the work of other groups reviewing this issue, such as the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force. The outputs of the meeting will feed into post-2020 negotiations in the run up to the CBD's 14th Conference of the Parties and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development of the UN's Economic and Social Council later in 2018 and will help to ensure that nature conservation is at the heart of sustainable development.

This symposium will be hosted by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and National Geographic Society (NGS), in partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), BirdLife International/RSPB, UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD).

Further details: www.zsl.org/spacefornaturesymposium



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Day 1

Plenary Remarks: Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat

Topic: Evolution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Target 11 in the context of sustainable development – and what comes next?

Featured Topics and Sessions Highlighting Current Targets, Progress, and Shortfalls

- How much is currently protected?
- Areas important for biodiversity
- How ecologically representative are current networks
- The need for effective and equitable management
- Other effective area-based conservation measures
- Connectivity and integration into the land/sea-scape

Poster Session and Reception

Symposium Dinner

Day 2

Plenary Remarks: William Laurance, Distinguished Professor, James Cook University

Topic: Global development and impacts on biodiversity, protected areas and the earth's last intact natural spaces

Featured Topics and Sessions on Achieving a post-2020 Strategy on Space for Nature

- How much space do we need for nature?
- How can an ambitious strategy on Space for Nature help us achieve other goals?
- Space for Nature in a post-2020 strategy: how to achieve it
- Concluding Discussion: Mechanisms for implementing a more ambitious strategy on space for nature

For information on confirmed speakers, please visit: www.zsl.org/spacefornaturesymposium

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Registration Information

Registration should be made online www.zsl.org/spacefornaturesymposium

Ticket Price (including lunch)

2 days: Full price	£160
2 days: Discount price (for ZSL Members/Fellows and students)	£80
1 day: Full price	£100
1 day: discount price (for ZSL Members/Fellows and students)	£50
Symposium dinner (27 February, 7.15pm)	£40

Location

Huxley Lecture Theatre, Main Meeting Rooms, Zoological Society of London

ZSL London Zoo, Regent's Park, Outer Circle, London NW1 4RY, UK

Nearest Underground station: Camden Town; Nearest bus: Number 274



Booking notes

Places must be booked in advance. If you would like to pay by cheque, please contact

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Meals and refreshments

Coffee, tea and a buffet sandwich lunch are included in the ticket price.

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