

CONVENTION ON BIODIVERSITY

Biodiversity does not follow borders, so it's everyone's job to protect it. The important Convention on Biological Diversity, also known as the Earth Summit, took place in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. It urged all countries to take steps to preserve biodiversity and use its benefits sustainably. Following up on this, the World Summit on Sustainable Development happened in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2002. There, 190 countries promised to work towards a big decrease in the rate at which biodiversity is being lost by 2010, globally and locally.