



OUR UK GOVERNMENT MANIFESTO

FOR CBD COP17 & UNFCCC COP31

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Forests are essential for nature, people and a stable climate – in the UK and around the world. But deforestation continues.

Governments are failing to protect forests, and all the people and wildlife that depend on them.

We have reached a critical point in time. The UK government's analysis shows that less forest means a more unstable world, putting the UK's food, water and economic security at risk. It also means more rapid climate change, less protection against extreme weather events, and less biodiversity.

For example, Indonesia's forests are incredibly biodiverse, sheltering around a tenth of plant species on Earth - yet palm oil expansion is one of the single largest drivers of deforestation, accounting for around one third of Indonesia's loss of old growth (primary) forest over the past two decades. More than half the products we buy in the UK contain palm oil, much of it grown in Indonesia.

The UN biodiversity summit COP17 in Armenia in October and the UN climate summit COP31 in Türkiye in November together offer a prime opportunity to move the dial on phasing out deforestation and conversion by 2030.

In the run up to both summits, we are asking the UK governments to demonstrate progress with asks on the following pages.



ASKS TO UK GOVERNMENTS

Secure investments that keep forests standing and support Indigenous Peoples and local communities

Following its Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF) investment, the UK Government must also accelerate efforts to encourage its private sector to contribute to the **Cali Fund** by COP17 to protect biodiversity and demonstrate responsible businesses leadership.

This fund will support countries to conserve their precious genetic resources that are used by pharma and other industries. At least 50% of the funds will go to Indigenous Peoples and local communities, who are custodians of nature in these countries.

It is very welcome that the UK Government has made a substantial investment in the **Tropical Forest Forever Facility** (TFFF).

This commitment must be used to leverage further investments from other countries to reach at least 10bn USD by the end of this year and incentivise private investors to come in at scale.

The TFFF is one of the most effective ways major countries can mobilise finance to protect standing forests and curb deforestation.

Proactively support Brazil's roadmap for ending deforestation by 2030 to accelerate and focus action

The UK should proactively support the **deforestation roadmap** process, led by Brazil, to become a compass and accelerator for existing and new efforts to end deforestation and forest degradation by 2030, as well as for fostering climate justice.

Many such efforts are already underway but greater focus on deforestation and conversion free supply chains and a faster roll out of activities across UNFCCC, CBD and other fora is required.



ASKS TO UK GOVERNMENTS

Recruit other countries to switch to Nature-Positive Pathways

The UK Government should use the UNFCCC COP31 and CBD COP17 to champion and recruit other countries to adopt nature-positive pathways.

The UK is in a unique position to do so, as they are [already developing National Nature-Positive Sectoral Pathways](#) for three sectors: agriculture, water and built environment.

These **national sectoral pathways** will guide the UK's public and private sectors on how different sectors of the economy should transition in order to align with the UK's nature goals as set out in the Environmental Improvement Plan and contribute to halting and reversing nature loss by 2030.

These should ultimately be integrated with existing sectoral pathways to reach net zero.

Get the destruction of forests out of the products on our shelves

It is very welcome that the UK government has said it will introduce the long-awaited **due diligence regulation** for forest risk commodities in 2027.

This must be aligned as much as possible with the EU's Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

This will demonstrate the UK's commitment to ending deforestation and conversion in its supply chains and show the UK's support for sustainable agriculture globally.



ASKS TO UK GOVERNMENTS

Join the 2030 Positive Tipping Point Alliance

The UK should promote the 2030 Positive Tipping Point Alliance at COP17 and COP31 to other governments and stakeholders.

The Alliance is a vehicle to better and faster **deliver 2030 commitments** on climate, nature and people, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework and the 2030 NDCs under the Paris Agreement.

The Alliance will prioritise key 2030 commitments that trigger positive tipping points for three systems: energy, food and finance.

We urge the UK Government to join as a first mover, demonstrate leadership, and help shape which tipping points the Alliance prioritises.

Questions?

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