COP 31 ASKS

LEAD WITH NATURE. DELIVER WITH NATURE.

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At COP31, our ask is simple. Lead with nature in the negotiating rooms: secure decisions that put nature at the heart of climate action. Deliver with nature beyond them: turn commitments into finance and action, with Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth at the center.

LEAD WITH NATURE:
INSIDE THE NEGOTIATING ROOMS

1 SECURE A FORMAL DECISION ADVANCING COOPERATION ACROSS THE RIO CONVENTIONS.

Parties and Presidency must adopt language advancing cooperation between UNFCCC, CBD, and UNCCD and in their implementation, giving political weight to the "triple COP" moment.

2 OPERATIONALIZE AND CLOSE DATA GAPS AND SCALE MEASURABLE RESILIENCE ACTION UNDER THE GGA.

With the Belém Indicators adopted, COP31 must focus on operationalizing and closing remaining data and methodological gaps, aligning policy with implementation, and ensuring indicators translate into financed, measurable adaptation action, including nature-based approaches.

3 TURN OCEAN COMMITMENTS INTO MEASURABLE ACTION.

Parties must translate commitments into delivery by championing the Blue NDC Challenge, and mainstreaming the ocean across UNFCCC processes: create a multi-year development plan for the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue, appoint an SCF Ocean Focal Point, and scale coastal NbS finance. This connects ocean solutions with mechanisms and resources to scale them, particularly across UNFCCC finance architecture, GST, and Rio synergies.

4 ADVANCE NDC IMPLEMENTATION AND SUBMIT PROGRESS ON NATURE INTO GST2.

With 2035 NDC submissions largely behind us, the priority now is implementation: Parties must report how NbS are delivered on the ground and contribute to Paris Agreement goals, through formal GST submissions on nature, so GST2 can show real progress against 2030 goals by its 2028 conclusion.

DELIVER WITH NATURE:
BEYOND THE NEGOTIATING ROOMS

5 DELIVER REAL, INVESTABLE PATHWAYS UNDER THE $1.3T ROADMAP THAT INCLUDE NATURE.

The Baku–Belém Roadmap to $1.3T must translate into concrete, bankable pathways integrating ecosystem conservation, biodiversity recovery, and land restoration alongside mitigation finance, not stay aspirational.

6 CATALYZE INVESTMENT INTO HIGH-INTEGRITY NATURE MARKETS AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE.

Accelerate capitalization and deployment of vehicles such as TFFF, JREDD, and high-integrity carbon markets, with a guaranteed minimum share of funding directly and easily accessible to Indigenous Peoples and local community stewards.

7 ACCELERATE ACTION ON WETLANDS FOR CLIMATE MITIGATION, ADAPTATION, AND WATER RESILIENCE.

Parties must strengthen integration of wetland conservation, restoration, and wise use in NDCs, NAPs, and their implementation, recognizing their role in storing carbon, regulating water flows, and building resilience to floods and droughts, especially carbon-rich ecosystems such as peatlands and mangroves. Action should also maintain water flows and ecological connectivity sustaining rivers, lakes, and floodplains.

8 DEMONSTRATE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP BEHIND THE FOREST ROADMAP, EMBEDDING ITS PROGRESS INTO GST2.

With the COP30 Presidency's forest roadmap delivered ahead of COP31, the task now is building political and financial backing and leadership to carry it through implementation: clear, dated milestones to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation this decade and restore forests at scale, with incentives, finance, governance, and political will aligned across countries and companies.

CROSS-CUTTING: Indigenous Peoples' rights, knowledge and stewardship are foundational to lasting outcomes. Local and coastal communities must be recognized and directly financed on their own terms.

NATURE DELIVERS MORE

ONE INVESTMENT. MULTIPLE WINS.

1/3
cost-effective mitigation needed by 2030

$10.50+
benefits per US$1 invested in resilience

26%
potential reduction in climate-hazard intensity

60M+
people working in nature-based-solution sectors