



# CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY AND PROMOTING ACCESS TO NATURE

2030 NATURE PLAN

2024–2028 ACTION PLAN

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# MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER, BENOIT CHARETTE



This first action plan of the 2030 Nature Plan includes some forty concrete measures aimed at achieving the 14 targets and 33 objectives that Québec has set itself to help meet global targets and conserve biodiversity on its territory by 2030.

Our objectives between now and 2028 include improving our knowledge of the ecological functions of natural environments—particularly those in southern Québec, where biodiversity is rich and pressures on ecosystems are greatest. We also plan to optimize the tools we use to monitor changes in biodiversity throughout Québec, and make them available to the public.

To improve access to nature, particularly in residential areas, new ecological corridors will be created. These corridors ensure connectivity between aquatic and terrestrial environments, for the benefit of the species that live there. In addition, funding offered as part of the Destination Nature! program will be increased to enable all Quebecers, including young people and low-income or at-risk individuals, to discover nature and enjoy its benefits.

Various initiatives to educate and raise awareness of biodiversity conservation will also be developed over the coming years. This will give the whole of Québec the tools it needs to understand the threats to biological diversity, and to act on them. Among other things, we want to mobilize citizens to protect and promote the recovery of species in a precarious situation, as well as their habitats. A round table will be set up with First Nations and Inuit communities, for example, to define their contribution to the implementation of this ambitious plan.

We will also be increasing funding for programs aimed at preserving, restoring and promoting nature in Québec. We plan to fund more partnership initiatives in this area, and offer support to encourage the adoption of more sustainable practices in key strategic sectors such as agriculture, forestry and tourism. For example, in the finance sector, we want to support the introduction of new decision-making tools (e.g., guides and standards) to help Québec's economic players integrate biodiversity more actively into their activities.

These are just a few examples of the actions that will be implemented between now and 2028 with the historic budget of nearly a billion dollars for the 2030 Nature Plan. I would like to thank all the people and organizations who will contribute to the success of these actions.

*Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks  
and Minister Responsible for the Laurentides Region*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benoit Charette". The signature is fluid and cursive.

*Benoit Charette*



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## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

|                |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ALPA</b>    | Aboriginal-led protected area                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>FECC</b>    | Fonds d'électrification et de changements climatiques<br>(Electrification and Climate Change Fund)                                                                |
| <b>FPEDHE</b>  | Fonds de protection de l'environnement et du domaine hydrique de l'État<br>(Fund for the Protection of the Environment and the Waters in the Domain of the State) |
| <b>IAS</b>     | Invasive alien species                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>MAMH</b>    | Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation                                                                                                             |
| <b>MAPAQ</b>   | Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec                                                                                          |
| <b>MELCCFP</b> | Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques,<br>de la Faune et des Parcs                                                         |
| <b>MEQ</b>     | Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec                                                                                                                                |
| <b>MRIF</b>    | Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie                                                                                                     |
| <b>MRNF</b>    | Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts                                                                                                                 |
| <b>MTO</b>     | Ministère du Tourisme                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>OECD</b>    | Other effective conservation measures                                                                                                                             |
| <b>PASU</b>    | Protected area with sustainable use                                                                                                                               |
| <b>SPN</b>     | Société du Plan Nord                                                                                                                                              |



# 1. BACKGROUND

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The 2030 Nature Plan<sup>1</sup> is the framework policy for biodiversity conservation in Québec. It sets out a vision for 2030 based on three areas of action (goals) and 14 targets, in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>2</sup> (Global Biodiversity Framework) adopted at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15).

Adapted to Québec's realities and priorities, the Nature Plan makes it possible to reach the conservation target of 30% of Québec's territory, to support Indigenous conservation initiatives, to act on threats to biodiversity and to promote access to nature for all Quebecers. To achieve this, it is essential to focus on the contribution and commitment of the various stakeholders. Furthermore, the actions identified for each of these objectives will help to ensure the consistency of the actions taken by the Québec government and its partners when it comes to biodiversity conservation.

## Foundations of the 2030 Nature Plan

The preservation and conservation of biodiversity are at the heart of the Nature Plan's vision. Achieving these targets requires the commitment of both the government and the various stakeholders. Four foundations essential to the success of the Nature Plan have been identified and have served as the basis for defining the three suggested goals. These four foundations consist of:



### **Involve the First Nations and the Inuit**

This is one of the fundamental elements of the December 2022 COP15, and one of the key elements of the Global Biodiversity Framework that Québec wishes to reflect in its Nature Plan. Moreover, it respects Indigenous rights, the agreements between the Québec government and First Nations and Inuit, and the constitutional duty to consult them.



### **Actively engage and mobilize society as a whole**

As biodiversity conservation is a shared responsibility, the collaboration and mobilization of all citizens is a prerequisite if Québec is to achieve its biodiversity targets.



### **Foster discussion and synergy**

Cooperation is a founding principle of the Nature Plan. To achieve our shared ambition of conserving biodiversity, we need to encourage interaction and synergies between stakeholders, including at the international level, to give ourselves the capacity to act.



### **Improve access to nature**

The COVID-19 pandemic tangibly demonstrated the importance of nature in the physical and mental well-being, social contact and stress reduction of not only city dwellers, but also many users of natural environments.

1. [2030 Nature Plan](#).

2. [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#).

## **2. THREE MAIN AREAS OF ACTION**

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## 2030 NATURE PLAN 2024–2028 ACTION PLAN

The purpose of the Nature Plan is to plan the Québec government's contribution to implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework's targets in Québec. The Nature Plan is aligned with international biodiversity ambitions (see appendix), and includes strategic objectives tailored to the Québec context, covering a wide range of areas such as protected areas, the restoration of degraded ecosystems, the protection of threatened or vulnerable species, the fight against invasive alien species, the sustainable use of biological resources, and the consideration of biodiversity issues in economic activities.

The Nature Plan paves the way for the realization of the vision by 2030, and is structured around three areas of action (goals), broken down into 14 targets. The 2024–2028 Action Plan specifies the objectives pursued by the Québec government over the next four years to make progress toward these targets.

**FIGURE 1**  
The three goals and 14 targets of the 2030 Nature Plan

|                                                                                                                                                 |                  |                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>GOAL 1</b><br><br><b>Protect and restore biodiversity to ensure ecosystem resilience</b>                                                     | <b>TARGET 1</b>  | Land-use planning                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 2</b>  | Ecosystem restoration                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 3</b>  | Protected and conserved areas                         |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 4</b>  | Threatened and vulnerable species                     |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 5</b>  | Invasive alien species                                |
| <b>GOAL 2</b><br><br><b>Encourage sustainable practices that foster biodiversity and enhance access to nature</b>                               | <b>TARGET 6</b>  | Agriculture                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 7</b>  | Forestry                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 8</b>  | Sustainable wildlife management and access to nature  |
| <b>GOAL 3</b><br><br><b>Encourage all stakeholders to engage in biodiversity conservation efforts, and make the most of their contributions</b> | <b>TARGET 9</b>  | Governance                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 10</b> | Private sector                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 11</b> | Sustainable development                               |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 12</b> | Funding                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 13</b> | Indigenous leadership                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <b>TARGET 14</b> | Mobilization, education and international cooperation |

# **3. 2024-2028 FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK**

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**2030 NATURE PLAN  
2024–2028 ACTION PLAN**

The 2024–2028 Action Plan complements the various initiatives undertaken by government departments and agencies in the field of biodiversity conservation as part of their respective mandates and responsibilities. It strengthens, complements and optimizes government action, while taking action on all fronts to achieve Québec's objectives in this area. It includes a number of transformative actions designed to implement the three main goals of the 2030 Nature Plan. To this end, a budget of CA\$922.0 million over four years has been earmarked, including CA\$380.3 million from the March 2023 Budget Plan measure for the development of the 2030 Nature Plan, and CA\$541.7 million in appropriations available under other government strategies, action plans or initiatives already in place for actions that contribute to the Nature Plan, carried out by other government departments and agencies.

**TABLE 1**  
**Financial framework of the 2024–2028 Action Plan**  
(millions of Canadian dollars)

| GOALS                                                                                                                   | 2024–2025    | 2025–2026    | 2026–2027    | 2027–2028    | TOTAL        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Protect and restore biodiversity to ensure ecosystem resilience.                                                     | 94.7         | 110.2        | 125.7        | 136.3        | 466.9        |
| 2. Encourage sustainable practices that foster biodiversity and enhance access to nature.                               | 124.3        | 78.1         | 81.3         | 42.6         | 326.2        |
| 3. Encourage all stakeholders to engage in biodiversity conservation efforts, and make the most of their contributions. | 23.4         | 26.1         | 26.1         | 20.1         | 95.7         |
| <b>TOTAL OF MEASURES IN THE 2024–2028 ACTION PLAN</b>                                                                   | <b>242.4</b> | <b>214.4</b> | <b>233.1</b> | <b>199.0</b> | <b>888.8</b> |
| Governance and coordination                                                                                             | 8.3          | 8.3          | 8.3          | 8.3          | 33.2         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                            | <b>250.7</b> | <b>222.7</b> | <b>241.4</b> | <b>207.3</b> | <b>922.0</b> |

**Note :** Under its March 2023 Budget Plan, the Government of Québec has planned investments of \$CA443.4 million by 2027-2028 to implement the 2030 Nature Plan. The annual distribution of this measure is as follows: \$CA63.1 M for 2023-2024, \$CA90.3 M for 2024-2025, \$CA93.1 M for 2025-2026, \$CA97.7 M for 2026-2027 and \$CA99.2 M for 2027-2028.

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**TABLE 2**

**Budget breakdown by government department and agency**

(millions of Canadian dollars)

| GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES                                                                    | BUDGET<br>2024–2028 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs | 582.2               |
| Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts                                                      | 165.7               |
| Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation                                         | 130.6               |
| Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation                                                  | 16.5                |
| Ministère de l'Éducation                                                                               | 12.9                |
| Société du Plan Nord                                                                                   | 6.0                 |
| Ministère du Tourisme                                                                                  | 4.1                 |
| Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie                                          | 4.0                 |

**Note :** Several other government departments and agencies are collaborating on the implementation of the action plan, although this collaboration does not have a financial impact. For example, the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable, the Fondation de la faune du Québec, Hydro-Québec and the Société des établissements de plein air du Québec support the implementation of the Nature Plan and actively participate through their actions in the field.

**FIGURE 2**

**Budget breakdown by broad foundation of the 2030 Nature Plan<sup>3</sup>**

(millions of Canadian dollars)



3. Each action is associated with broad foundations where a direct link exists. However, several actions could have been linked to more than one broad foundation. Conversely, some actions in the 2024–2028 Action Plan are not directly linked to any of the four broad foundations but still contribute to achieving one of the 14 targets of the Nature Plan. This explains why the total amount associated with the four broad foundations does not reach CA\$922.0 million.

## Improve access to nature

Quebecers' interest in nature is undeniable, and everyone agrees that national parks, ecological reserves, and the natural heritage as a whole are invaluable treasures.

The social aspect of visiting these spaces can be felt everywhere, attesting to the strong cultural values passed down from one generation to the next. Whether for sports or healing activities, or family, social or cultural gatherings, outdoor activities and contact with nature are an important part of many people's lives.

These places of discovery and learning create memories and develop knowledge, while fostering a sense of belonging to the land. Whether the visit is for excitement and adventure or to find peace and quiet, visiting our natural terrestrial, aquatic, or marine spaces sparks emotions, and a sense of accomplishment and wonder.

Promoting access to our natural environments means encouraging and supporting the well-being and quality of life of Quebecers, First Nations and Inuit. With this in mind, the government will invest more than \$360 M<sup>4</sup> in improving access to nature by 2028!

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4. See figure 2 on page 8.



## 4. 2024-2028 ACTION PLAN

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The following tables present the wording of the 14 targets of the 2030 Nature Plan, and the objectives pursued by 2028 for each of them.

**Note 1 :** The list of actions proposed in the document is not exhaustive, to simplify reading. All actions included in the action plan will be made public at the time of reporting.

**Note 2 :** The proposed indicators are provided as a guide. Reflection on the most relevant indicators for each target is continuing, and a monitoring framework will be drawn up after publication of the action plan. Proposals are therefore subject to change.



## GOAL 1

Protect and restore  
biodiversity to ensure  
ecosystem resilience



## TARGET 1

**Stop biodiversity loss through participatory planning and integrated development respectful of biodiversity throughout Québec, with a view to combating climate change and improving access to nature**

### OBJECTIVES

- 1.1. Develop land-use planning and decision-making tools to foster biodiversity conservation, ecological connectivity and access to nature.
- 1.2. Encourage nature-based solutions that benefit biodiversity and its resilience to climate change, including through ecological connectivity.
- 1.3. Support and promote actions aimed at integrated land-use planning that respects biodiversity and promotes access to nature.

### ACTIONS

- Improve knowledge of the ecological functions of ecosystems in southern Québec.
- Support efforts to identify natural areas of interest for ecological connectivity in order to promote their conservation.
- Provide the government and municipalities with tools to conserve priority carbon reservoirs and facilitate biodiversity adaptation to climate change (2030 Plan for a green Economy<sup>5</sup>).
- Support the creation of greenways and blueways, in particular to promote better access to nature for all citizens (Politique nationale de l'architecture et de l'aménagement du territoire<sup>6</sup> [national policy on architecture and land use planning]).

### MONITORING INDICATOR

- Land-use change

| TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET |                       | \$65.1 M |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Source of funds          | MELCCFP / Blue Fund   | \$35.9 M |
|                          | MAMH                  | \$16.5 M |
|                          | MELCCFP / FECC        | \$7.2 M  |
|                          | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$5.5 M  |

5. [Plan de mise en œuvre 2024-2029 du Plan pour une économie verte 2030.](#)

6. [Plan de mise en œuvre 2023-2027 de la Politique nationale de l'architecture et de l'aménagement du territoire.](#)



## TARGET 2



**Initiate restoration efforts for 30% of priority degraded ecosystems to promote biodiversity and access to nature**

### OBJECTIVES

- 2.1.** Identify priority degraded environments for restoration with the participation of society as a whole and Indigenous communities.
- 2.2.** Support the restoration of selected degraded environments, such as wetlands and waterbodies, as well as mining sites under government responsibility.

### ACTIONS

- Coordinate a multidisciplinary working group, including the First Nations and Inuit, to produce a report that will define, map and prioritize degraded environments requiring restoration efforts in Québec.
- Increase financial assistance to partners for the development and restoration of aquatic habitats essential to aquatic wildlife and in marine protected areas.
- Support an applied research program to incorporate biodiversity into mine restoration.

### MONITORING INDICATOR

- Percentage of priority degraded ecosystems for which restoration has been initiated

### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$65.0 M**

|                        |                       |          |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| <b>Source of funds</b> | MELCCFP / FPEDHE      | \$36.0 M |
|                        | MELCCFP / Blue Fund   | \$12.1 M |
|                        | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$9.0 M  |
|                        | MRNF                  | \$7.5 M  |
|                        | Other sources         | \$0.4 M  |



## TARGET 3

**Preserve 30% of terrestrial and inland water areas and 30% of marine areas in Québec with a focus on effective management, representativeness and ecological connectivity of the sites preserved, while improving access to nature**

### OBJECTIVES

In terrestrial, inland and marine water areas, and in partnership with the local, regional and Indigenous communities and organizations concerned:

- 3.1. Identify priority areas to improve the network of protected and conserved areas<sup>7</sup>, taking into account the representativeness and the ecological connectivity of its components.
- 3.2. Accelerate the deployment of protected and conserved areas, taking into account the new tools available and Québec's territorial contexts.
- 3.3. Ensure the effective management and appropriate use of protected and conserved areas to promote biodiversity-friendly access to nature.

### ACTIONS

- › Develop, by 2025 at the latest, an implementation plan to protect and conserve 30% of Québec's territory by 2030.
- › Fund the *Accélérer la conservation dans le Sud du Québec* initiative (the Accelerating Conservation in Southern Quebec initiative).
- › Complete the development of legal and regulatory tools for the protection and conservation of natural areas through Other effective conservation measures (OECM), marine reserves, protected areas with sustainable use (PASU), Aboriginal-led protected areas (ALPA), man-made landscapes and any other complementary conservation measures in terrestrial and inland water areas.
- › Accompany and support stakeholders in the development of sustainable and responsible tourism in protected areas.

### MONITORING INDICATOR

- › Percentage of protected and conserved areas in Québec

### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$237.2 M**

|                        |                       |           |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| <b>Source of funds</b> | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$203.3 M |
|                        | MELCCFP / Anticosti   | \$24.6 M  |
|                        | SPN                   | \$5.2 M   |
|                        | MRNF                  | \$1.6 M   |
|                        | MTO                   | \$1.5 M   |
|                        | Other sources         | \$1.0 M   |

7. The recognition of conserved areas is under development in Québec. Conserved areas include Other effective conservation measures (OECM) and complementary conservation measures.



## TARGET 4

### Protect threatened or vulnerable species in Québec and encourage their recovery

#### OBJECTIVES

- 4.1. Pursue and consolidate the acquisition of knowledge essential to the protection of threatened or vulnerable species and those likely to be listed as such, taking into account the scientific, Indigenous and local knowledge available.
- 4.2. Protect and effectively manage threatened or vulnerable populations and those likely to be listed as such, as well as their habitats, with the collaboration and participation of society as a whole as well as First Nations and Inuit communities.

#### ACTIONS

- › Establish and keep up-to-date a portrait of the situation of populations of threatened or vulnerable species and those likely to be listed as such in Québec, in support of the protection and recovery of wildlife and plant species at risk in Quebec.
- › Increase financial support for various programs to conserve species at risk.<sup>8</sup>
- › Support partnerships and mobilize citizens to protect and restore populations of threatened or vulnerable species and those likely to be listed as such, as well as their habitats.

#### MONITORING INDICATORS

- › Average proportion of potential habitat area of threatened or vulnerable species and those likely to be listed as such that is protected or conserved
- › Trend in precariousness rankings<sup>9</sup> for species at risk

| TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET |                               | \$68.5 M |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Source of funds          | MELCCFP / Faune <sup>10</sup> | \$42.6 M |
|                          | MELCCFP / Nature Plan         | \$25.8 M |
|                          | Other sources                 | \$0.1 M  |

8. Threatened or vulnerable species and those likely to be listed as such, or candidate species.

9. The government assigns wildlife and plant species in Québec a precariousness ranking (formerly known as a conservation priority ranking). This assessment allows for the quick identification of species whose disappearance is anticipated or whose survival is precarious even if their extinction is not expected.

10. The mention “MELCCFP / Faune” refers to various budgetary measures granted to the MELCCFP’s Faune sector to implement actions. Examples include making fishing more accessible (Budget Plan 2022), ensuring the conservation and protection of wildlife (Budget Plan 2022), etc.



## TARGET 5

**Avoid the introduction associated with human activity of new invasive alien species (IAS) and new pathogens in Québec, stop the spread of those already present and limit their impacts through control measures at priority sites**

### OBJECTIVES

- 5.1. Improve knowledge sharing to prevent the introduction and spread of new invasive alien species (IAS) and pathogens of concern.
- 5.2. Broaden the monitoring of IAS and pathogens of concern with the participation of society as a whole and Indigenous communities.
- 5.3. Limit the adverse effects of IAS and pathogens of concern by implementing control measures.

### ACTIONS

- Support the Fondation de la faune du Québec's IAS control program.
- Improve the centralization and dissemination of data on IAS.
- Support local and regional partners in their efforts to prevent and detect IAS.

### MONITORING INDICATORS

- Number of introductions of IAS
- Rate of spread of IAS

| TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET |                       | \$31.1 M |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Source of funds          | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$21.0 M |
|                          | MELCCFP / Blue Fund   | \$6.4 M  |
|                          | MELCCFP / Faune       | \$3.7 M  |



## GOAL 2

Encourage sustainable practices that foster biodiversity and enhance access to nature



## TARGET 6

**Ensure the sustainability of agriculture and aquaculture, especially through the use of biodiversity-friendly practices and a reduction of nutrient loads and risks for biodiversity linked to pesticide use**

### OBJECTIVES

- 6.1.** Broaden the adoption of agricultural and aquacultural practices that foster biodiversity conservation.
- 6.2.** Reduce the nutrient loads discharged into the environment and risks for biodiversity linked to pesticide use.

### ACTIONS

- Support and assist agricultural producers in adopting sustainable practices, in particular through the development of extended riparian buffers and vegetated strips along the shoreline, biodiversity habitats and hedgerows.
- Continue acquiring data on native pollinators in agricultural environments.
- Support projects aimed at the sustainability of fishing activities and the acquisition or renewal of eco-certification for Québec aquatic products.
- Reducing the environmental risks associated with pesticide use in public forest nurseries.

### MONITORING INDICATORS

- Proportion of farms engaged in agri-environmental practices<sup>11</sup>
- Proportion of farms that have made improvements to improve biodiversity<sup>12</sup>
- Number of projects aimed at the sustainability of fishing activities and the acquisition or renewal of eco-certification for Québec aquatic products

| TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET |                       | \$132.0 M |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Source of funds          | MAPAQ                 | \$129.4 M |
|                          | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$2.4 M   |
|                          | MRNF                  | \$0.2 M   |

11. [Plan stratégique 2023-2027](#).

12. [Plan d'action de développement durable 2023-2028 du MAPAQ](#).



## TARGET 7

**Maintain the sustainability of forest practices, in particular through sustainable resource use and the maintenance of ecosystem services for the benefit of everyone, including the Indigenous and local communities**

### OBJECTIVES

- 7.1. Encourage the implementation of measures aimed at adapting forest management and development, especially with respect to climate change.
- 7.2. Promote forest conservation and sustainable use on private land and support private landowners to act accordingly.

### ACTIONS

- › Support the deployment of improved forest management plans that identify biodiversity-related elements in private forests.
- › Bring back into production areas affected by fire that cannot regenerate naturally.

### MONITORING INDICATOR

- › Number of hectares of private forest covered by an improved forest management plan

### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$152.2 M**

|                        |                       |           |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| <b>Source of funds</b> | MRNF                  | \$145.2 M |
|                        | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$7.0 M   |
|                        | Other sources         | \$0.01 M  |





## TARGET 8

**Strengthen sustainable management and responsible use of exploited species and natural environments to ensure the long-term survival of wildlife and plant populations, preserve the integrity of ecosystems and improve access to nature**

### OBJECTIVES

- 8.1. Ensure ongoing monitoring of fish, game and fur-bearer species and their harvesting, using a broad knowledge base to improve their sustainable management and use
- 8.2. Promote and implement sustainable use practices for fish, game and fur-bearer species to simultaneously contribute to biodiversity conservation in a spirit of respect for the use that the First Nations and the Inuit make of such resources and their associated cultural values.
- 8.3. Facilitate sustainable access to nature for all, including First Nations and Inuit communities, in keeping with existing biodiversity conservation objectives.

### ACTIONS

- Support the Accès nature project, which aims to provide access to outdoor activities for as many Quebecers as possible by 2028.
- Extend the **Destination Nature!** program for young people and vulnerable people with lower incomes.
- Ensure the monitoring and management of exploited species.

### MONITORING INDICATORS

- Number of initiatives supported by government programs to promote activities in a natural environment
- Proportion of households participating in outdoor activities near their home<sup>13</sup>
- Proportion of species whose populations are exploited at a biologically sustainable level

| TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET |                       | \$42.0 M |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Source of funds          | MELCCFP / Faune       | \$24.0 M |
|                          | MEQ                   | \$12.9 M |
|                          | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$3.6 M  |
|                          | Other sources         | \$1.5 M  |

13. [Stratégie gouvernementale de développement durable 2023-2028.](#)



## GOAL 3

Encourage all stakeholders to engage in biodiversity conservation efforts, and make the most of their contributions



## TARGET 9

### Further incorporate considerations pertaining to biodiversity and its multiple values into government initiatives

#### OBJECTIVES

- 9.1. Take biodiversity impacts into account when awarding grants.
- 9.2. Ensure biodiversity monitoring in Québec, in particular to support biodiversity-friendly governance.

#### ACTIONS

- Identify grants<sup>14</sup> that are potentially harmful to biodiversity and set up a working group to propose solutions to minimize their impact.
- Introduce eco-conditionality and eco-responsibility criteria into standardized programs.
- Improve existing tools for monitoring changes in Québec's biodiversity and make them available to the public.

#### MONITORING INDICATORS

- Number of government biodiversity policies created
- Number of biodiversity monitoring tools developed or improved
- Number of measures taken to minimize the impact of certain financial incentives on biodiversity

#### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$10.6 M**

|                        |                       |         |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| <b>Source of funds</b> | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$5.1 M |
|                        | MELCCFP / FECC        | \$4.7 M |
|                        | SPN                   | \$0.8 M |

14. Grants are unrequited public financial contributions made to individuals, organizations or enterprises on the basis of the levels of their production (or consumption) activities or the quantities or values of the goods or services which they produce, sell or import (OECD 2021). This definition applies to both direct subsidies involving a transfer of funds between the government and the grant recipient (direct financial support, wage subsidies, prizes, bursaries, etc.) and indirect subsidies (tax credit, loan guarantee, rebate, tax rebate or exemption, etc.).



## TARGET 10

### Help businesses and investors act in favour of biodiversity

#### OBJECTIVES

- 10.1. Help businesses and investors integrate biodiversity into their activities.
- 10.2. Support the development of tools to facilitate the disclosure of businesses' and investors' impacts on biodiversity.

#### ACTIONS

- Develop decision-making tools, such as guides and applications, for integrating biodiversity into the activities of businesses and the financial sector.
- Assess methods to strengthen the disclosure of businesses' and investors' impacts on biodiversity.

#### MONITORING INDICATORS

- Number of decision-making tools created to integrate biodiversity into the activities of businesses and the financial sector
- Number of businesses reached

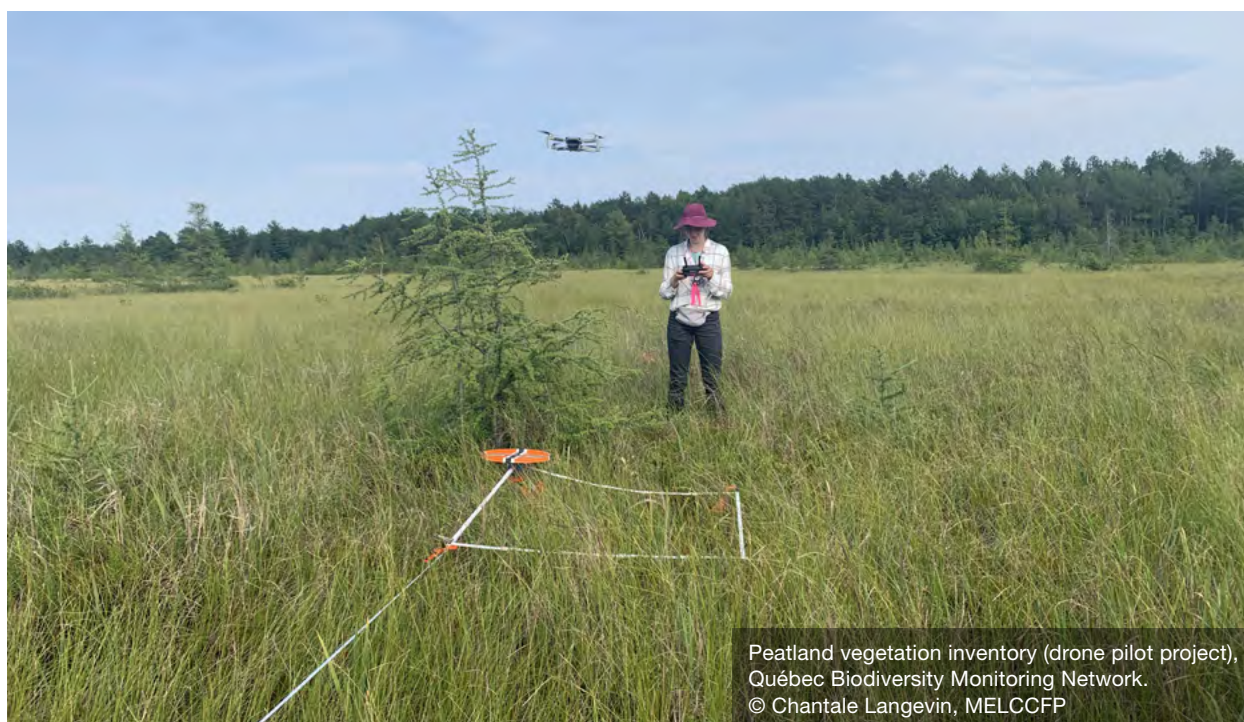
#### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$11.4 M**

#### Source of funds

MELCCFP / Nature Plan

**\$11.4 M**





## TARGET 11

**Empower Quebecers to make sustainable consumption choices and encourage greater contribution from economic activities to biodiversity conservation**

### OBJECTIVES

- 11.1.** Improve the information available to citizens on biodiversity to guide their consumption choices.
- 11.2.** Reduce the forms of pollution that have the most detrimental impact on ecosystems and species.
- 11.3.** Bolster the consideration of biodiversity in circular economy projects.

### ACTIONS

- Assess how to strengthen the framework for the disclosure of biodiversity-related information on the packaging and labelling of consumer and investment products and services, as well as in advertising.
- Support the acquisition of knowledge on the origins and impacts of plastics in the environment.
- Support the Feuille de route en économie circulaire (circular economy roadmap), by supporting projects aimed at mitigating biodiversity loss, including a research project on the links between the circular economy and biodiversity.

### MONITORING INDICATOR

- Number of studies supported on the correlation between the economy and biodiversity

| TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET |                       | \$6.9 M |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Source of funds          | MELCCFP / FPEDHE      | \$5.0 M |
|                          | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$1.9 M |



## TARGET 12



### Increase the financial resources allocated to biodiversity

#### OBJECTIVE

12.1. Develop and support biodiversity funding mechanisms.

#### ACTIONS

- › Implement a government initiative on biodiversity funding mechanisms.
- › Support the development of ecotaxation as a means of improving the state of biodiversity at municipal level.
- › Include actions to stimulate investment in biodiversity funds in the Feuille de route en finance durable (sustainable finance roadmap).

#### MONITORING INDICATOR

- › Number of municipalities involved in a pilot project to implement an ecotax measure that promotes biodiversity

#### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$1.2 M**

#### Source of funds

MELCCFP / Plan nature

**\$1.2 M**





## TARGET 13

### Support Indigenous leadership and initiatives in biodiversity conservation

#### OBJECTIVES

- 13.1.** Encourage the development, implementation and promotion of biodiversity conservation projects under the leadership of Indigenous nations, communities and organizations.
- 13.2.** Support the initiatives of Indigenous nations, communities and organizations for the acquisition, use and valorization of biodiversity-related Indigenous knowledge.

#### ACTIONS

- Develop, by 2025 at the latest, and deploy the Plan de mise en œuvre soutenant le leadership autochtone en matière de conservation de la biodiversité (implementation plan to support Indigenous leadership in biodiversity conservation).
- Develop biodiversity monitoring indicators in partnership with Indigenous communities and organizations.
- Set up a round table to ensure discussions between the government and Indigenous communities on the implementation of the 2030 Nature Plan.

#### MONITORING INDICATORS

- Number of communities benefiting from funding
- Number of Indigenous biodiversity conservation initiatives

#### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$37.9 M**

#### Source of funds

MELCCFP / Nature Plan  
Other sources

\$36.9 M  
\$1.0 M





## TARGET 14

**Get stakeholders involved with biodiversity conservation and access to nature, while supporting Québec and international cooperation initiatives in this respect**

### OBJECTIVES

- 14.1.** Share and promote biodiversity-related knowledge.
- 14.2.** Encourage awareness-raising, outreach and education initiatives related to biodiversity, and support actions to achieve the 2030 Nature Plan's targets.
- 14.3.** Support provincial and international biodiversity cooperation initiatives and consolidate Québec's leadership in this respect.

### ACTIONS

- Continue to develop and improve geomatic production and dissemination tools for biodiversity.
- Develop educational and awareness-raising initiatives for biodiversity conservation.
- Support MRNF partners' forest education initiatives related to biodiversity and sustainable forest management.
- Contribute to international cooperation efforts to support implementation of the Global Diversity Framework.
- Strengthen bilateral and multilateral partnerships by prioritizing technical exchanges with partner governments, in collaboration with MRIF.

### MONITORING INDICATORS

- Number and types of communication (education, awareness-raising), mobilization and cooperation initiatives encouraged
- Types of target audiences reached (diversity)
- Number of bilateral and multilateral partnerships created and maintained

### TOTAL PROVISIONAL BUDGET

**\$27.8 M**

|                        |                       |          |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| <b>Source of funds</b> | MRNF                  | \$7.2 M  |
|                        | MELCCFP / Nature Plan | \$13.1 M |
|                        | Other sources         | \$7.4 M  |

# **5. STAYING ON COURSE FOR 2050**

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Implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in Québec is just one step towards achieving the 2050 vision adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity:

**“By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people.”**

This 2024–2028 Action Plan enables the Nature Plan to be implemented through transformative actions for the conservation and restoration of biodiversity. It also provides an opportunity for further reflection on the role of each stakeholder that has an impact in this regard. Lastly, the assessment of the Nature Plan will lay the foundations for actions to be implemented beyond 2030 to continue to act in favour of biodiversity in Québec.



# APPENDIX THE 2030 NATURE PLAN AT A GLANCE

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**VISION  
2030**

Québec is protecting, restoring and sustainably using its natural heritage to preserve biodiversity and its ecological functions while improving access to nature and the quality of life for current and future generations.

**KEY FOUNDATIONS FOR  
THE PLAN NATURE'S DEPLOYMENT**



**Involve  
the First Nations  
and the Inuit**



**Actively engage  
and mobilize society  
as a whole**



**Foster discussion  
and synergy**



**Improve access  
to nature**

**Global  
Biodiversity  
Framework  
targets**

**GOAL 1**



**Protect and restore biodiversity to ensure  
ecosystem resilience.**



**TARGET 1**

Stop biodiversity loss through participatory planning and integrated development respectful of biodiversity throughout Québec, with a view to combating climate change and improving access to nature.

**1, 8, 11, 12, 21**



**TARGET 2**

Initiate restoration efforts for 30% of priority degraded ecosystems to promote biodiversity and access to nature.

**2, 11, 21**



**TARGET 3**

Preserve 30% of terrestrial and inland water areas and 30% of marine areas in Québec with a focus on effective management, representativeness and ecological connectivity of the sites preserved, while improving access to nature.

**3, 11, 21**



**TARGET 4**

Protect threatened or vulnerable species in Québec and encourage their recovery.

**4, 21**



**TARGET 5**

Avoid the introduction associated with human activity of new invasive alien species (IAS) and new pathogens in Québec, stop the spread of those already present and limit their impacts through control measures at priority sites.

**6, 21**

GOAL 2 •➤➤

Encourage sustainable practices that foster biodiversity and enhance access to nature.



TARGET 6

Ensure the sustainability of agriculture and aquaculture, especially through the use of biodiversity-friendly practices and a reduction of nutrient loads and risks for biodiversity linked to pesticide use.

7, 10, 11, 21



TARGET 7

Maintain the sustainability of forest practices, in particular through sustainable resource use and the maintenance of ecosystem services for the benefit of everyone, including the Indigenous and local communities.

10, 11, 21



TARGET 8

Strengthen sustainable management and responsible use of exploited species and natural environments to ensure the long-term survival of wildlife and plant populations, preserve the integrity of ecosystems and improve access to nature.

5, 9, 10, 11, 21

GOAL 3 •➤➤

Encourage all stakeholders to engage in biodiversity conservation efforts, and make the most of their contributions.



TARGET 9

Further incorporate considerations pertaining to biodiversity and its multiple values into government initiatives.

14, 18, 21



TARGET 10

Help businesses and investors act in favour of biodiversity.

7, 15



TARGET 11

Empower Quebecers to make sustainable consumption choices and encourage greater contribution from economic activities to biodiversity conservation.

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TARGET 12

Increase the financial resources allocated to biodiversity.

19, 20



TARGET 13

Support Indigenous leadership and initiatives in biodiversity conservation.

22, 23



TARGET 14

Get stakeholders involved with biodiversity conservation and access to nature, while supporting Québec and international cooperation initiatives in this respect.

20, 21, 22, 23

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Faune et Parcs**

**Québec** 