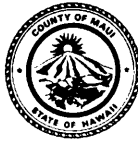


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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
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Dear Chair Lee:

**SUBJECT: CITIESWITHNATURE PARTNERSHIP AND
EDINBURGH DECLARATION (PAF 21-318)**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "ACCEPTING ICLEI USA'S INVITATION TO MAUI COUNTY TO JOIN THE CITIESWITHNATURE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE AND JOINING THE EDINBURGH DECLARATION ON THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly T. King".

KELLY TAKAYA KING
Councilmember

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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 21-509

Resolution

No. _____

ACCEPTING ICLEI USA'S INVITATION TO MAUI COUNTY TO
JOIN THE CITIESWITHNATURE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE
AND JOINING THE EDINBURGH DECLARATION ON THE
POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") proposed a rule to remove 23 species from the Federal Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants because of their extinction; and

WHEREAS, nine species the FWS proposed to be removed from the Federal Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants are native to Hawai'i, including *Phyllostegia glabra* var. *lanaiensis*, a plant endemic to Hawai'i last seen on Lāna'i, and four bird species that once inhabited Maui: *Maui 'ākepa*, *Maui nukupu'u*, *Kākāwahie*, and *Po'ouli*; and

WHEREAS, a *Maui News* article published October 1, 2021, titled "Forest bird species dwindling in Maui Nui after several go extinct," reported, "Experts have cited many factors contributing to these animals' extinction, including climate change, which has brought severe drought to Maui County, floods, wildfires and temperature swings, as well as increased development and human contact, and invasive species competition"; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is known as the "Endangered Species Capital of the World," in part due to the unique environment and geology of the islands, which allowed the evolution of species endemic to Hawai'i and found nowhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Maui Countywide Policy Plan states in part that the County should "Improve the opportunity to experience the natural beauty and native biodiversity of the islands for present and future generations"; and

WHEREAS, ICLEI USA, a global network of more than 2,500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development, invited Maui County to sign up to its CitiesWithNature Partnership Initiative on October 27, 2021 (Exhibit "A"); and

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WHEREAS, the CitiesWithNature Partnership Initiative includes 197 cities and counties, from 58 countries, committed to global biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the CitiesWithNature Partnership Initiative aims to grow the community of municipalities and regions committed to biodiversity, so members can “connect, learn, share, act, inspire, and grow in mainstreaming nature in urban planning and decision-making processes”; and

WHEREAS, the Edinburgh Declaration on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, attached as Exhibit “B,” sets out certain aspirations and commitments of subnational governments leading up to the 2022 meeting of the parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (“UN Convention”); and

WHEREAS, the Edinburgh Declaration on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework calls upon the parties to the UN Convention to:

- Take strong and bold actions to bring about transformative change to halt biodiversity loss;
- Recognize the vital role of subnational governments, cities, and local authorities in delivering the vision of the post-2020 biodiversity framework;
- Support the greater inclusion of subnational governments, cities, and local authorities within the post-2020 biodiversity framework;
- Establish a multi-stakeholder platform that ensures representation of subnational governments, cities, and local authorities to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and

WHEREAS, signatories of the Edinburgh Declaration stand ready to meet the challenge of delivering, alongside other parties, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to ensure investment, and play a stronger role in the implementation of the framework through a renewed and stepped-up plan of action for subnational governments for the coming decade; and

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WHEREAS, local and subnational governments have a critical role to play in implementing and mainstreaming the global biodiversity agenda and in conserving, restoring, and sustainably using nature for its many benefits to communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it accepts ICLEI USA's invitation to Maui County to join the CitiesWithNature Partnership Initiative;
2. That it supports the Edinburgh Declaration, and authorizes Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Chair of the Council's Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee, and the sole Councilmember attending the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, to sign the Edinburgh Declaration on behalf of the Council while attending the Conference;
3. That it will collaborate with the County's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resilience and other executive-branch agencies to support Maui County's participation in the CitiesWithNature Partnership Initiative, the Edinburgh Declaration, and efforts to preserve Maui County's biodiversity; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawai'i; the Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker, State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, State Senate; Members of Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation; Members of Maui County's Delegation to the State Legislature; Angle Fyfe, Executive Director, ICLEI USA; Kale Roberts, Senior Program Officer, ICLEI USA; Calyn Hart, Program Officer, ICLEI USA; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.



Dear Councilmember Kelly King and Maui County:

Nature provides a range of benefits and services to humans and our cities. But global urbanization and unsustainable development trajectories have put our natural world under critical strain. Acknowledging that local and subnational governments have a critical role to play in implementing and mainstreaming the global biodiversity agenda—and in conserving, restoring, and sustainably using nature for its many benefits to urban communities—CitiesWithNature provides the engagement mechanism to coordinate this voice.

Your leadership is especially relevant now, given the fact that 2020 is increasingly being seen as the “Paris Moment for Nature,” where the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will negotiate and adopt the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

We are thrilled to **invite your city to be a part of an exciting solution** to the immense challenges our natural world is facing. ICLEI, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) warmly encourage your city to join the journey and sign up to the [CitiesWithNature Partnership Initiative](#).

Joining this unique initiative means embarking on a dynamic and interactive journey for your city or subnational government to connect, learn, share, act, inspire, and grow in mainstreaming nature in urban planning and decision-making processes. By signing up, your city will join the growing community of practice where cities and regions are committed to ambitious action in contributing to the achievement of the global biodiversity agenda, and in turn other global agendas, such as the Paris Agreement and Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The platform provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work your city is doing in this space, and allows you to engage with a global network of cities, practitioners, and researchers, as well as with a variety of world-class tools and resources.

[Register now](#) to be a part of a growing network and community of cities, organizations, partners, and individuals who have already registered, committed and begun engaging.

We look forward to welcoming you in to the CitiesWithNature family. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any support or have any queries at info@citieswithnature.org.

Kind regards,

ICLEI USA

ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center



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EDINBURGH DECLARATION

For subnational governments, cities and local authorities on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

31 August 2020

Preamble

We, subnational governments, cities and local authorities - as participants and contributors to the *Edinburgh Process for Subnational and Local Governments on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework*, and supported by the Secretariat and some Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - are **deeply concerned** about the significant implications that the loss of biodiversity and climate change has on our livelihood and communities. The impacts on our environment, infrastructure, economy, health and wellbeing, and our enjoyment of nature are already visible. Indeed, the COVID-19 global pandemic has reminded us how important it is to live in harmony with nature. Healthy biodiversity and the ecosystem services that it provides are key for human well-being and to build the resilience of our cities and regions, both during and after the pandemic, and it should be central to our recovery.

We **are concerned** that, as outlined in the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, none of the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets have been fully met; that action by CBD Parties alone is insufficient to put us on a path to the 2050 vision of 'living in harmony with nature' or to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and that convergence across multilateral environment agreements (MEA's) is progressing at too slow a pace.

We **acknowledge** that the IPBES *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* concludes that, despite insufficient action, it is not too late for the climate or for biodiversity, but that transformative action is needed at all levels.

We **recognise** the need for transformative change across terrestrial and marine ecosystems, and across urban development and all productive sectors to ensure enhanced food security, human health and sustainable livelihoods whilst avoiding, mitigating or minimising the negative impact on biodiversity. We also **recognise** the role that many indigenous peoples and local communities have in the management of their territories, through effective biodiversity mainstreaming across all sectors.

We **note** the need to develop effective policy, governance and financing solutions at all levels of government and to ensure vertical integration across national, subnational, city and local levels to effect transformative change. These should address both the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss, and integrate all dimensions of sustainable development (environmental, economic, cultural and social).

We **also note** the vital role that indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, non-governmental organisations, and wider society, play in decision making and in taking action at

subnational, city and local levels, and that there should be a fully collaborative approach to ensure active participation of these groups.

We **highlight** the key role of the private sector, including the financial sector, and **encourage** them to catalyse the transformative change needed through full, active and responsible engagement, in support of biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration and sustainable use.

We **emphasise** the key role that subnational governments, cities and local authorities already play in protecting and enhancing biodiversity and in delivering actions across planning, implementation, and monitoring.

We **welcome** the endorsement of the *Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities, and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020)* under Decision X/22 and **recognise** the productive role that this has played in the last decade mobilising subnational, city and local authority actions towards implementing the goals of the Convention; and in fostering an increased recognition on the critical role of our constituency in the CBD.

We **celebrate** the commitments and statements already issued by subnational governments, cities and local authorities including recent declarations of intent¹², and in particular the results achieved through the outputs of the 5th and 6th Global Biodiversity Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments – the *Quintana Roo Communique on Mainstreaming Local and Subnational Biodiversity* (2016) and the *Sharm El-Sheikh Communique for Local and Subnational Action for Nature and People* (2018).

We **acknowledge** the need to build upon the existing *Plan of Action* under Decision X/22, and the advocacy agenda of subnational governments, cities and local authorities over the past decade, and **collectively commit** to raising our ambition and action in the coming decade.

Development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

We **welcome** the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in particular clear, action based, SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) targets and the inclusion of an integrated monitoring framework.

We **thank** the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for taking an inclusive and participatory approach in developing the framework; and **welcome** the 'whole of government' approach embodied in the framework, which captures the principle of governance across all levels of government, including at the level of subnational governments, cities and local authorities.

¹ [Aburra Valley – Medellin Declaration of Metropolitan Areas to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework \(2019\)](#)

² [Carta de São Paulo - BIO2020 – Brazilian Perspectives for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework \(2020\)](#)

We continue to **support** the 2050 vision "*living in harmony with nature*" and stand ready with a raised ambition to make a contribution that will deliver a local to global impact, and meaningfully contribute to the long term goals.

We **share the ambition** of the 2030 Mission as was set out in the Zero Draft version of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, '*To take urgent action across society to put biodiversity on a path to recovery for the benefit of the planet and people.*' This ensures a clear pathway towards the 2050 Vision and corresponds with the ambition of subnational governments, cities and local authorities towards addressing the most pressing global challenges, including climate change, disaster risk reduction, health and poverty alleviation, as well as biodiversity.

Implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

We **welcome** the inclusion of subnational governments, cities and local authorities, as key enablers for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. However, we **recognise** that our role extends beyond the provision of enabling conditions.

Subnational governments, cities and local authorities play key roles in conserving, restoring and reducing threats to biodiversity, in meeting people's needs through sustainable use and equitable benefit-sharing, in developing the tools and solutions needed for implementing biodiversity protection actions, and in monitoring and reporting.

We **recognise** that our actions in implementing and mainstreaming biodiversity ensure that support mechanisms and enabling conditions are in place at subnational, city and local levels - and that a vertically integrated and cross-cutting governance approach would enhance these efforts.

We **highlight** the significant role that subnational governments, cities and local authorities play in resource mobilisation for implementation and mainstreaming of biodiversity actions. We **stress** the need for immediate and increased efforts to mobilise financial resources at all levels of government and from the private sector.

We are uniquely and most effectively positioned to deliver the outreach, awareness, and uptake of the framework across the whole of society, facilitating engagement with key stakeholders to implement the framework at subnational, city and local levels. Nevertheless, we **recognise** that more can be done to build upon already existing policies and frameworks to ensure the full participation of the whole of society in delivering the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

COMMITMENT FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Subnational governments, cities and local authorities will continue to build upon our previous efforts, to deliver transformative actions by:

- Recognising the overall value of nature and integrating it into subnational, city and local planning, management and governance instruments;

- Implementing appropriate actions that deliver on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework goals and action targets;
- Aligning biodiversity strategies and actions, and our monitoring and reporting efforts with National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), within our subnational, city and local competencies;
- Increasing resource mobilisation for investment in biodiversity action at subnational, city and local levels, and providing incentives to ensure positive outcomes;
- Mainstreaming biodiversity across public, private and business sectors to achieve greater environmental, societal and economic resilience;
- Communicating, educating and raising public awareness with specific efforts to make knowledge available in several languages;
- Strengthening capacity building in order to implement nature-based solutions (NBS) and green and blue infrastructure, particularly through ecosystem based approaches and as a contribution to a green recovery from COVID-19;
- Providing opportunities for knowledge exchange across subnational, city and local levels, and between all sectors of society;
- Sharing best practices across subnational, city and local levels, to efficiently implement transformative actions;
- Delivering convergence with other intergovernmental agreements and processes, taking forward bold and innovative actions at the subnational, city and local level which result in mutually beneficial outcomes.

CALL FOR ACTION

We subnational governments, cities and local authorities therefore **call upon** Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to;

- I. Take strong and bold actions to bring about transformative change, as outlined in the IPBES global assessment report, in order to halt biodiversity loss.
- II. Recognise the vital role of subnational governments, cities and local authorities, in delivering the 2050 vision of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and the 2030 mission as set out in the Zero Draft document; and to explicitly place that recognition throughout the framework text, including the monitoring framework for the goals and targets.
- III. Support the adoption at COP15, of a new dedicated Decision for the greater inclusion of subnational governments, cities and local authorities within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; that builds upon and renews the *Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020)* as endorsed under Decision X/22; and that significantly raises ambition for subnational, city and local implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework throughout the next decade.
- IV. Establish a multi-stakeholder platform that ensures representation of subnational governments, cities and local authorities to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.



We, subnational governments, cities and local authorities, ***stand ready*** to meet the challenge of delivering, alongside Parties, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to ensure investment, and play a stronger role in the implementation of the framework through a renewed and significantly stepped-up *Plan of Action for subnational governments, cities and local authorities* for the coming decade.

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Ms Roseanna Cunningham, MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate
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On behalf of the Scottish Government



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Mr Ashok Sridharan

ICLEI President

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Ms Cheryl Jones Fur

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On behalf of ICLEI Europe

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Ms Elena Moreno

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On behalf of Regions4 Sustainable
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Mr Benoit Charette

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Mr Hideaki Ohmura

Governor of Aichi Prefecture

On behalf of the Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (GoLS)



Under consideration

On Behalf of the European Committee of the Regions



**European Committee
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Ms Francesca Osowska

Chief Executive

On behalf of NatureScot

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Mr Simon Milne MBE

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Botanic Garden
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Dated: 31 August 2020

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