



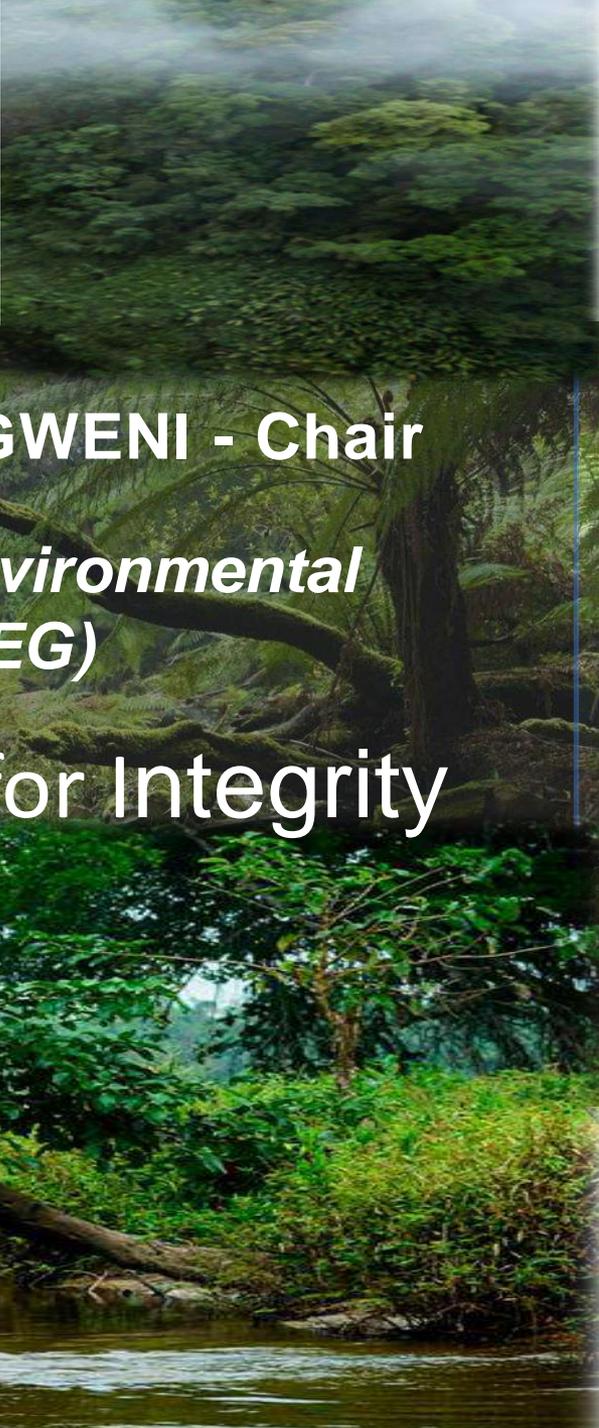
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**Rights-First Approach for Integrity
Nature Market**



International Environmental Guardianship (IEG)



The IEG's mission is to promote ethical, equitable, and sustainable stewardship of nature through robust global, regional, and participatory governance frameworks.

IEG is a member-based organisation of Indigenous Peoples (IPs), Local Communities (LCs), and Afro-Descendant peoples (ADs) committed to promoting the conditions for trust and elevating communities and nature-based rights and approaches in present-day nature markets for the benefit of future generations and nature itself.

**The
Founding
Assembly**

**The
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**The
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**The
General
Secretariat**

**The Board
of
Trustees**

IEG – The Founding Assembly



The IEG Founding Member Composition

Chair and six Vice-Chairs representing the seven socio-cultural regions

Founding members are Community Nature Market Leaders who;

- Are actively supporting the nature markets at the community level, regional level and global level.**
- Have experience and expertise from international networks in promoting nature markets, rights of nature, rights of Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, and Afro-descendants in the implementation of nature markets projects for the ultimate aim of benefiting communities at national, regional, and global levels.**
- Commit their entire term to supporting and complying with IEG statutes, policies, and governance framework.**

IEG – 8BH Pledge



Mobilising 8 billion hours of verified work for nature by 31 Dec 2030.

One hour for every human supporting Mother Earth.

Registering efforts by Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities & Afro-Descendants across all seven socio-cultural regions

IEG 2030 Target – IEG 8BH Pledge



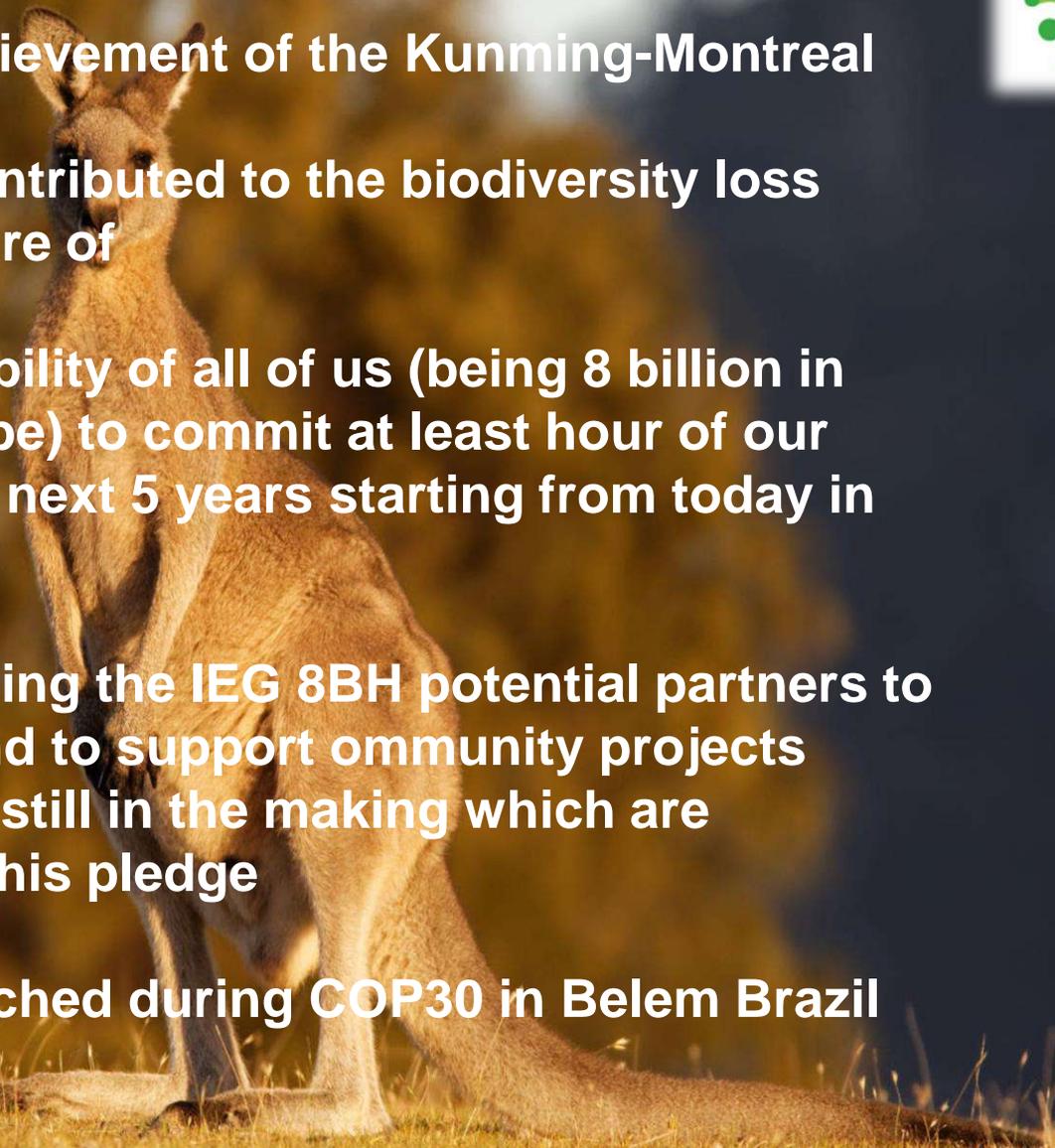
Contribution to the achievement of the Kunming-Montreal (GBF) Targets

Every human being contributed to the biodiversity loss being aware or not aware of

It is again the responsibility of all of us (being 8 billion in number across the globe) to commit at least hour of our time per person for the next 5 years starting from today in service of nature

We are currently engaging the IEG 8BH potential partners to set up the IEG 8BH Fund to support community projects already in existence or still in the making which are prepared to be part of this pledge

It is planned to be launched during COP30 in Belem Brazil this year





Role of IPs, LCs and ADs

in stewarding nature and biodiversity – We are Heritage Owners and Heritage Holders



We are trusted by our ancestors to safeguard and protect this heritage for the generation to come.

Compromising our spiritual role comes with heavy risks.

Where we comply and practice our ancestral knowledge, the biodiversity heritage is guaranteed





What Rights-First Approach for IPs, LCs and Ads in Nature Markets?

**Rights-First Approach analysis may differ from one region
to another**

A Rights-First Approach is essential to ensure that IPs, LCs & ADs can fully participate in and benefit from these nature markets. This approach will help to address policy gaps, promoting inclusivity, and integrating traditional governance systems and for fostering sustainable, equitable, and rights-based nature markets that will benefit both people and nature

**Consultation and consensus with nature stewards before
agreements is important**



Key Approaches to Rights-First Approach



Full IPs, LCs & ADs Autonomy. IPs&LCs leading and implementing projects independently, ensuring that the majority of benefits remain within the community.

Primary IPs,LCs&ADs Control envisions IPs,LCs&ADs partnering with external organizations for technical support while retaining substantial control over the project.

IPs,LCs&ADs as Equal Partners or Co-Managers. IPs,LCs&ADs co-managing projects with external organizations, sharing responsibilities while ensuring that traditional governance systems are respected.

IPs,LCs&ADs as Stakeholders. External organizations leading project design and management, with IPs,LCs&ADs participating as stakeholders, their traditional governance systems may or may not be fully integrated



Recommended Principles Nature Projects

IPs, LCs&ADs have practiced FPIC in choosing the rights-first approach aligned with BCA HLPs

Respect for the rights of Nature

Aligned with IEG project framework

Aligned with recommended environmental health assessment tool

Compliant with international and country policies





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