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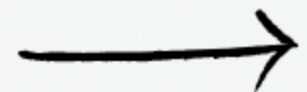
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What is Target 9?

Manage Wild Species Sustainably
To Benefit People

Ensure that the management and use of wild species are sustainable, thereby providing **social, economic and environmental benefits for people**, especially those in vulnerable situations and those most dependent on biodiversity, including through sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity, and protecting and encouraging **customary sustainable use by indigenous peoples and local communities**.



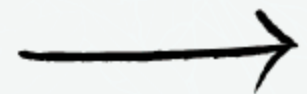


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Why is this Target important?

Biodiversity is the source of many goods and services on which people depend. The maintenance, in quantity and quality, of the benefits provided by biodiversity offers an important incentive for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. It will not be possible to reach the 2050 Vision if the benefits provided by biodiversity, particularly those related to nutrition, food security, livelihoods, health and well-being, are not ensured.





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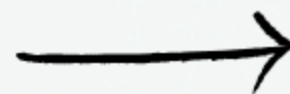
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How is this Target significant for a gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF?

Case Study: The Waorani Women's Legal Triumph Against Oil Extraction To Defend Their Ancestral Lands

Nemonte Nenquimo, a Waorani leader, spearheaded a landmark legal victory against oil extraction in the Ecuadorian Amazon. In 2019, Nenquimo and other Waorani women initiated a historic lawsuit against the Ecuadorian government, opposing plans to auction Indigenous lands for oil drilling.

Their relentless efforts resulted in a groundbreaking ruling by the Ecuadorian court, affirming the Waorani people's right to prior consultation and consent before any extractive activities could occur on their lands.





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Waorani women in Puyo at court proceedings. Photo by Sophie Pinchetti for Amazon Frontlines.

In addition to legal advocacy, Waorani women actively engage in community-based conservation initiatives. They have established indigenous-led conservation areas and sustainable ecotourism ventures, promoting traditional knowledge, ecological stewardship, and women's empowerment. Through these efforts, Waorani women are at the forefront of protecting their forests and fostering sustainable development in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

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