30x30 biodiversity target is not a one-size-fits-all

World leaders met in Kunming, China in October for the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, advancing a “30×30” conservation goal. This target aims to protect 30% of Earth’s land and seas by 2030. While this is a necessary and vital part of mitigating the climate crisis, One Earth’s own Deputy Director, Karl Burkart, points out that this is not a “one-size-fits-all” target. Each country needs to contribute in different ways based on the unique mix of its natural habitats, ecosystems, and wildlife, resulting in different area-based targets. Read more about this ‘common but differentiated’ approach outlined in the Global Safety Net and how it should be implemented.
Linda Black Elk

Linda Black Elk grew up in the Ohio Valley before settling in Oceti Sakowin territory, where her husband and children are members of the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Lakota Nations. Through a variety of Indigenous leaders in her family, she learned traditional wisdom about plants and how they can help people as both food and medicine. It’s this knowledge that Black Elk brings to her work as a Food Sovereignty Coordinator at United Tribes Technical College. Black Elk wants to show that Indigenous Foods aren’t just beneficial for Native people, but they also encourage non-Native people to decolonize their diets and support food sovereignty for everyone. Learn more about Black Elk’s inspiring work.

Propagating Native Plants and Revitalizing Ecological Practices of Indigenous Women in the Mississippi Delta

The Lower Mississippi Delta has historically been subjected to oil and gas extraction, which has destroyed native wetlands, diminished biodiversity, and made the area vulnerable to sea-level rise due to climate change. The Houma Nation, in conjunction with WECAN International, aims to increase biodiversity, climate resiliency, and human health and well-being in South Louisiana. This project will empower Indigenous women leaders to revitalize traditional ecological practices. By building a network of food and medicinal gardens, it will provide income and help create sustainable food supply lines and food security in the region. Visit the One Earth Marketplace to learn how you can support this project.