

UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 15) in October 2021 in Kunming (China) Statement of SURE President



More efforts of urban biodiversity are urgently needed – SURE asks to present good examples worldwide

The **UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 15)** in October 2021 in Kunming (China) stated despite on-going efforts, biodiversity is deteriorating worldwide and this decline is projected to worsen with business-as-usual scenarios. A new set of goals for nature over the next decade through the Convention on Biological Diversity post 2020 framework process will be necessary. This needs ambitious plans to implement broad-based actions to bring about a transformation in society's relationship with biodiversity and to ensure that, by 2050, the shared vision of living in harmony with nature. This is urgently necessary in the human living sphere – the cities. We need a New Deal for nature in cities – **urban biodiversity**.

This will include all forms of nature – from remnant wildernesses to urban gardens and trees - in all forms of land use – from urban protected areas via parks and residential areas to business sites. There is always a place for nature. Urban nature conservation doesn't mean to conserve some small nature remains in urban outskirts. It means to conserve, to extend and to manage nature in the all urban surroundings where urban dwellers live and act to let them benefit from nature and to adapt to climate change. The urban administrations, botanical gardens and neighborhood communities can cooperate to make this strength a success. We need definitely more nature in cities, planting trees where ever it is possible and develop a close contact, understanding and support of people for management and protection of urban nature.

SURE asks to present good examples worldwide on the SURE webpage to support internationally more activities for **urban biodiversity!**

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