

GROW Colombia's support statement to the International Day for Biological Diversity



The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the global economy and brought into sharp focus the connections between human wellbeing and our natural world. It has also shown us the value of trusted scientific advice for policy making.

We must all learn the lessons and look for innovative solutions, based on sound scientific evidence, to renew economic growth in a much more sustainable way. Time is running out for us to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals, mitigate devastating climate change and reverse critical biodiversity decline.

We have to reconnect with nature and take responsibility for the future health of our planet to avoid more crises like this pandemic. Those of us working on projects like [GROW Colombia](#), that bring science research, commercial development and policy advocacy together, have a responsibility to promote policies that are grounded in science. We must help governments to prioritise investment in the sustainable bioeconomy and conserve our natural capital before it is too late.

The International Day for Biological Diversity and its "our solutions are in nature" theme, is very well timed and offers a beacon of hope at this desperate time.

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