

GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

Below are the Principles to Guide the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration. Throughout the toolkit, we will highlight concepts and lessons that tie into these principles to provide some context and larger integration with the movement.



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Global Contributions: Ecosystem restoration contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Goals of the Rio Conventions.



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Broad Engagement: Ecosystem restoration promotes inclusive and participatory governance, social fairness and equity from the start and throughout the process and outcomes.



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Many Types of Activities: Ecosystem restoration includes a continuum of restoration activities.



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Benefits to Nature and People: Ecosystem restoration aims to achieve the highest level of recovery for biodiversity, ecosystem health and integrity, and human well-being.



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Addresses Causes of Degradation: Ecosystem restoration addresses the direct and indirect causes of ecosystem degradation.



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Knowledge Integration: Ecosystem restoration incorporates all types of knowledge and promotes its exchange and integration throughout the process.



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Measurable Goals: Ecosystem restoration is based on well-defined, short-, medium-, and long-term ecological, cultural and socio-economic objectives and goals.



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Local and Land/Seascape Contexts: Ecosystem restoration is tailored to the local ecological, cultural and socio-economic contexts, while considering the larger landscape or seascape.



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Monitoring and Management: Ecosystem restoration includes monitoring, evaluation and adaptive management throughout and beyond the lifetime of the project or programme.



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Policy Integration: Ecosystem restoration is enabled by policies and measures that promote its long-term progress, fostering replication and scaling-up.