



Mark Carney's Liberals to protect Canada's Nature, Biodiversity, and Water

Canada's natural heritage is under threat from climate change and unsustainable development practices. It is also under a more immediate threat: President Trump wants Canada's land, water, and resources. He wants to weaken us so America can own us. In this time of crisis, we need bold new approaches to protect Canada's natural heritage and defend it for future generations. Our approach will draw on the wisdom of Indigenous traditions, the power of modern technology, and the strength of a united Canada.

Today, Mark Carney announced a plan to protect Canada's natural environment. We will:

Conserve nature and biodiversity by:

- mapping out Canada's carbon and biodiversity-rich ecological landscapes - including ocean coastlines, peatlands, and permafrost areas - to enable a more holistic ecosystem approach to conservation, carbon accounting, and project development; and,
- implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework and conserving 30% of Canada's lands and waters by 2030 including with the creation of at least 10 new national parks and marine conservation areas and 15 new urban parks.

Connect Canadians with nature by:

- making access to National Parks and Historic Sites free for this summer.

Bolster Indigenous stewardship by:

- establishing a new Arctic Indigenous Guardians program, with 50 new guardians on the ground by 2027; and,
- funding Indigenous-led conservation and protection projects.

Protect our freshwater by:

- investing \$100 million in a strategic water security technology fund to advance Canadian R&D, AI, monitoring, and data tools;
- integrating water security into Canada's trade and diplomatic priorities;
- strengthening national water stewardship through the Canada Water Agency; and,
- increasing enforcement efforts and investing an additional \$10 million to fight aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels.

Enshrine First Nations' right to water into law.

Protect nature where it protects us by:

- implementing nature-based climate solutions - including the restoration of sensitive ecosystems - which deliver measurable carbon sequestration and biodiversity benefits, while supporting community resilience; and,

- launching a Canadian Nature Protection Fund, where the federal government will match every dollar (up to \$250M) that individuals, businesses, and philanthropists contribute to eligible nature restoration and conservation initiatives.

Clean up, maintain, and protect wildlife in and around our coastal waters by:

- investing an additional \$15M to modernize the location, retrieval, and responsible disposal of the ghost gear threatening marine mammals and birds;
- leveraging AI-driven technologies to enhance fisheries stock assessments; and,
- establishing an open data model to increase the transparency of quota decisions.

Champion nature conservation internationally by:

- stopping illegal wildlife trade across our borders with modern digital solutions;
- ratifying the High Seas Treaty as soon as possible; and,
- supporting growth of our marine resource sectors, while advocating for strong, evidence-based, international protections.