

Wetlands and Biodiversity

THE RICH BIODIVERSITY OF EARTH'S WETLANDS NURTURES HUMAN WELLBEING

- Wetland biodiversity is critical to sustainable human development.
- About **40%** of the world's plant and animal species depend on wetlands.
- Wetland biodiversity supplies food, clean water and jobs, protects against storms and floods, and mitigates the impacts of climate change.

- Biodiversity losses are rising and are tied to changes in land use.
- Plastic pollution is severely impacting wetlands and the species that depend on them. Ingestion, entanglement and other dangers posed by plastic pollution are affecting more than **800** marine and coastal species.
- Climate change and biodiversity loss are linked.

- Meeting global biodiversity, climate and Sustainable Development Goals requires halting the loss of wetlands and rapidly scaling up restoration.
- Maintaining well-managed, intact ecosystems and native biodiversity – by applying wise use and One Health principles – can help control emergent zoonotic diseases and bring health benefits to all.

