

Introduction to the ‘Global Charter for Rewilding the Earth’

The ‘Global Charter for Rewilding the Earth’ was produced through the planning process for the *11th World Wilderness Congress* (WILD11) and adopted by its resolutions committee on behalf of the delegates. Originally scheduled to convene in Jaipur, India, in March 2020, WILD11 was indefinitely postponed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Charter is a movement-generated product. A small group of independent professionals were asked to draft such a vision document, to garner diverse, expert global review, to solicit endorsing organizations, and, ultimately, to submit it with supporting documents to the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration. As of this writing, some 96 organizations

have endorsed the Charter, representing a wider network of 3500-plus partners and organizations on every continent except Antarctica, and encompassing some of the most innovative rewilding projects in North and South America, Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe.

The Charter was conceived as an aspirational statement on the critical need and potential for global rewilding, and it will be complemented subsequently by more detailed practitioners’ guidelines through a process underway in the IUCN. It is meant as a ‘call to action’ as humanity mobilizes to meet the ambitious and necessary target of assuring that half of Earth’s lands and seas are ecologically intact, beautiful areas of wild nature supporting all life on Earth. ■

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Organizational endorsers

The drafters of the Charter invite endorsements from civil society, non-governmental and academic organizations from every part of the planet. If you share the aspirations of the Charter to see humanity and the diversity of life flourish together, please send a brief email of organizational endorsement to info@wild.org. Please put “Charter Endorsement” in the subject line and include the organization name, CEO name and email address, and website address (if applicable), and attach an organizational logo to be added to the ongoing, and growing, list of endorsers.



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