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Further information

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- Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life below Water - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources: http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/oceans/ https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal14
- Biodiversity and ecosystems: https://sdgs.un.org/topics/biodiversity-and-ecosystems
- Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction: http://www.un.org/Depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm
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  - The three types of biodiversity: explained (11 April 2024): https://www.ifad.org/en/web/latest/-/the-three-types-of-biodiversity-explained
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- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – Biodiversity: https://www.unesco.org/en/biodiversity
- Global Environment Facility - Biodiversity: https://www.thegef.org/what-we-do/topics/biodiversity

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- UNEP Publications: https://www.unep.org/publications-data
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- World Heritage biodiversity: a unique contribution to life (UNESCO / IUCN, 2023): https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000385392
- Guidelines for developing national biodiversity monitoring systems (UNECE, January 2023): https://unece.org/info/Environment-Policy/Environmental-Monitoring-and-Assessment/pub/375255

- Nature is Counting on Us: Mapping Progress to Implement the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNDP / GEF, October 2022): https://www.undp.org/publications/nature-counting-us
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