

A black and white photograph of a desolate landscape. In the foreground, several dead, skeletal trees stand in a misty or foggy environment. The ground is covered in low-lying vegetation, and the overall atmosphere is one of environmental decay and loss.

DEAD PLANET, LIVING PLANET

BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A RAPID RESPONSE ASSESSMENT



Biodiversity and ecosystems deliver crucial services to humankind – from food security to keeping our waters clean, buffering against extreme weather, providing medicines to recreation and adding to the foundation of human culture. Human society is however living well beyond the carrying capacity of the planet and currently over 60% of ecosystem services and their biodiversity are degrading, compromising sustainability, well being, health and security. Restoring degraded ecosystems is a key challenge.