Cities are at the forefront in observing biodiversity loss and being impacted by its effects. As local governments, they are also well placed to take rapid, concrete action to halt this decline.

At the COP-15 conference on biodiversity, taking place in Montréal from December 7 to 19, 2022, the countries of the world will adopt the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. As this major event approaches, Montréal Mayor and ICLEI Global Ambassador for Local Biodiversity Valérie Plante is calling on cities to continue and accelerate their actions towards protecting biodiversity and ecosystems.

Cities are invited to commit to 15 concrete actions, in coherence with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. These actions are also coherent with the CitiesWithNature initiative and the C40 Urban Nature Accelerator.

With this strong commitment, the signatory cities of the Montréal Pledge will demonstrate the leadership and ambition of cities around the world to act swiftly and influence their partners to do the same, in order to reverse the trend and protect our biodiversity.
In order to inspire other cities to follow in taking bold action for biodiversity, Pledge signatory cities will be invited to voluntarily track their progress towards the Pledge commitments on the CitiesWithNature Action Platform, a platform recognized by the CBD to report on cities’ commitments to global biodiversity target.