



## THE ZSL WILD SCIENCE PODCAST: SHOW NOTES

### Episode: ZSL #042 – Nature’s Negotiators: The UN's Wildest Diplomatic Mission

You may have heard of a COP, and you’ve almost definitely heard of the United Nations (UN), but how much do you know about the negotiations that go into getting nature, climate and biodiversity embedded into international policy? Ahead of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP16) in Colombia this autumn, we’re hearing from policy experts in this two-part miniseries on how we can save the planet one meeting at a time...or at least try to.

#### Overview

- 00:11** Introduction to Nature’s Negotiators mini-series
- 00:24** [Bethan Laughlin](#), ZSL’s Senior Policy Specialist, speaking from a CBD intercessional meeting in Nairobi
- 01:07** Introduction from [Harriet McAra](#)
- 2:09** Interview with Bethan Laughlin on the history of the CBD, UNFCCC and Global Biodiversity Framework
- 10:02** Nelly Musyoka, ZSL Kenya’s Community Liaison Officer, on how the 23 CBD targets are applied to real world conservation
- 14:39** Bethan Laughlin on what ZSL’s priorities are for COP16 in Colombia
- 23:39** Fiona Dobson, RSPB, on what RSPB’s priorities are for COP16 in Colombia
- 33:18** Outro and further information

#### Resources

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- Bethan Laughlin: <https://www.zsl.org/about-zsl/our-people/bethan-laughlin>
- Watch a recording of our Science and Conservation Event, Putting Nature at the Heart of Global Decision Making: <https://www.zsl.org/news-and-events/events/putting-nature-heart-global-decision-making>
- View the infographic depicting successes and failures following the Rio Earth Summit as described by Bethan in this episode: <https://cms.zsl.org/sites/default/files/2024-08/CBD%20UNFCCC%20timeline.png>

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