



THE ZSL WILD SCIENCE PODCAST: SHOW NOTES

Episode: ZSL #045 – BONUS Nature’s Negotiators: Saving the planet one meeting at a time

After our Nature’s Negotiators miniseries, where we learned all about the complexities, challenges and importance of United Nations climate and biodiversity meetings, we wanted to give the gift of a bonus episode to round things off! We catch up with Bethan to hear how things went after she attended COP29, United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Azerbaijan.

Overview

- 00:11** [Harriet McAra](#), Host of Wild Science, Episode introduction
- 00:54** Interview with [Bethan Laughlin](#), ZSL’s Senior Policy Specialist, on how the finance negotiations at COP29 played out
- 06:37** Bethan on the strength of language used in texts agreed at COP29, and how that came to be
- 10:38** Bethan on the accuracy of the portrayal of COP29 in the media
- 12:38** The other themes discussed at COP29
- 14:04** What can be expected at the next climate COP in Belem, Brazil
- 16:17** Outro

Resources

- If there’s a topic you’d like to hear on a future podcast, or if you’d like to share your thoughts, email the ZSL Wild Science Podcast at: wild.science@zsl.org
- Check out our science and conservation work at: www.zsl.org/Science or www.zsl.org/conservation
- Bethan Laughlin: <https://www.zsl.org/about-zsl/our-people/bethan-laughlin>
- ZSL’s United Nations and Intergovernmental Policy Engagement: <https://www.zsl.org/what-we-do/conservation/creating-change/informing-policy/united-nations-and-intergovernmental-engagement>
- ZSL’s COP16 position statement: <https://cms.zsl.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/CBD%20COP16%20Key%20Asks%20-%20October%202024.pdf>
- “Negotiations ran out of time, but action on biodiversity loss cannot be postponed...” Blog written by Georgina Chandler: <https://www.zsl.org/news-and-events/feature/cbd-cop16-negotiations-ran-out-time-action-biodiversity-loss-cannot-be>

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