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SCIENTISTS from around the world are warning governments gathering in Canada this week for the United Nations ***biodiversity*** summit not to repeat past mistakes over nature, and to "avoid trade-offs" between people and conservation needs.

A study published in the journal One Earth found that, although there has been an increase in investment in conservation over the last three decades, governments "have not succeeded in bending the curve on ***biodiversity*** decline".

The conference, known as Cop15, which began in Montreal on Tuesday, hopes to set the goals for the world for the next decade to help conserve the planet's ***biodiversity*** and stem the ***loss*** of nature. So far, the world has failed to meet goals which were set at previous meetings.

The scientists proposed six areas of action for delegates working toward what is known as the global ***biodiversity*** framework. They include greater involvement of local communities and addressing both direct causes of nature decline such as the destruction of land and habitats as well as indirect causes such as climate change.

David Obura, one of the report's authors, said: "No amount of conservation or restoration actions may be effective in stopping ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** if the accelerating drivers of decline continue and intensify, as has been the case to date, especially in wealthier countries and among elites."

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