# [***Viet Nam seeks to check biodiversity loss***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BJK-H0T1-JCH9-G0J7-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Viet Nam is striving to mitigate the alarming risk of ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** and foster conservation of nature and ecosystems.

According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Viet Nam is among the countries with the richest ***biodiversity*** in the world.

It has a range of ecosystems like mountains, tropical forests, limestone mountains, and coasts, is home to over 100 bird species and over 10 percent of its plant species is endemic, the UNDP said.

But experts from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Viet Nam have warned that its ***biodiversity*** is declining.

Pham Minh Thao, director of WWF Viet Nam's programme development, said the decline in ecosystems affects food chains, energy, infrastructure, transportation, logistics, and people's lives.

The main causes of ***biodiversity*** degradation are population growth, land use change, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, global climate change, and pollution.

From a ***biodiversity*** management perspective, policies and the legal system lack effectiveness and efficiency.

Awareness of conservation at all levels of government and among the public is limited.

Hoàng Thi Thanh Nhàn, deputy director of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment's Natural Conservation and ***Biodiversity*** Department, said halting the speed of ***biodiversity*** decline in Viet Nam would also contribute to global objectives.

The goal of the National ***Biodiversity*** Strategy for until 2030 is to increase the area of ​​protected and restored ecosystems, conserve and sustainably use ***biodiversity*** to contribute to socio-economic development and achieve a green economy and proactively adapt to climate change.

Along with it, the government also issued a plan for strengthening prevention and control of ***biodiversity***-related crimes also for until 2030 by enforcing laws, especially by reducing the hunting, trading and consumption of wild animals and plants.

In 2024 the Department of Nature Conservation and ***Biodiversity*** will evaluate 15 years of implementation of the 2008 Law on ***Biodiversity***.

This will lay the groundwork for proposing amendments to it, ensuring unified state management.

The department will review and propose improvements to policies, laws, mechanisms, and management measures for protecting natural landscapes and protected areas outside reserves.

With the adoption of the Kunming - Montreal Global ***Biodiversity*** Framework in December 2022, which aims to restore ecosystems and reverse global ***biodiversity*** ***loss***, the implementation of this global commitment is a driving force for Viet Nam to further prevent ***biodiversity*** decline.

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