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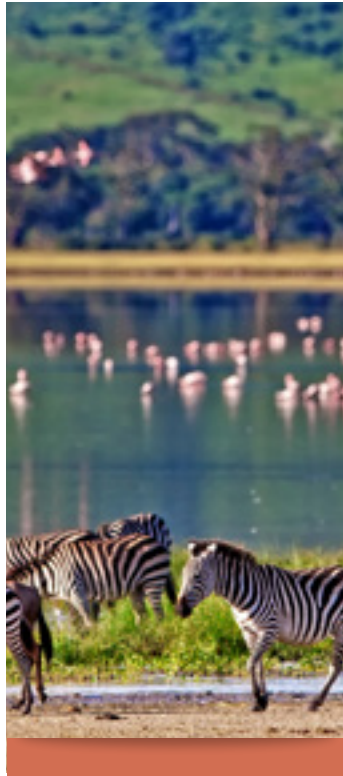
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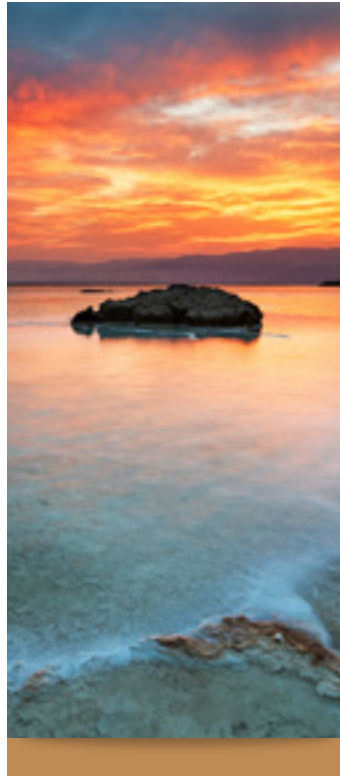
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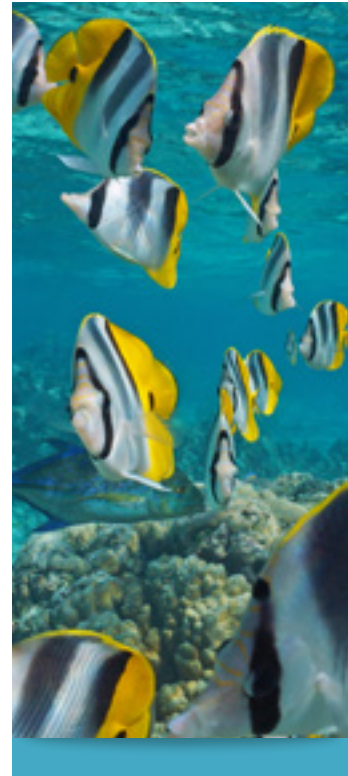
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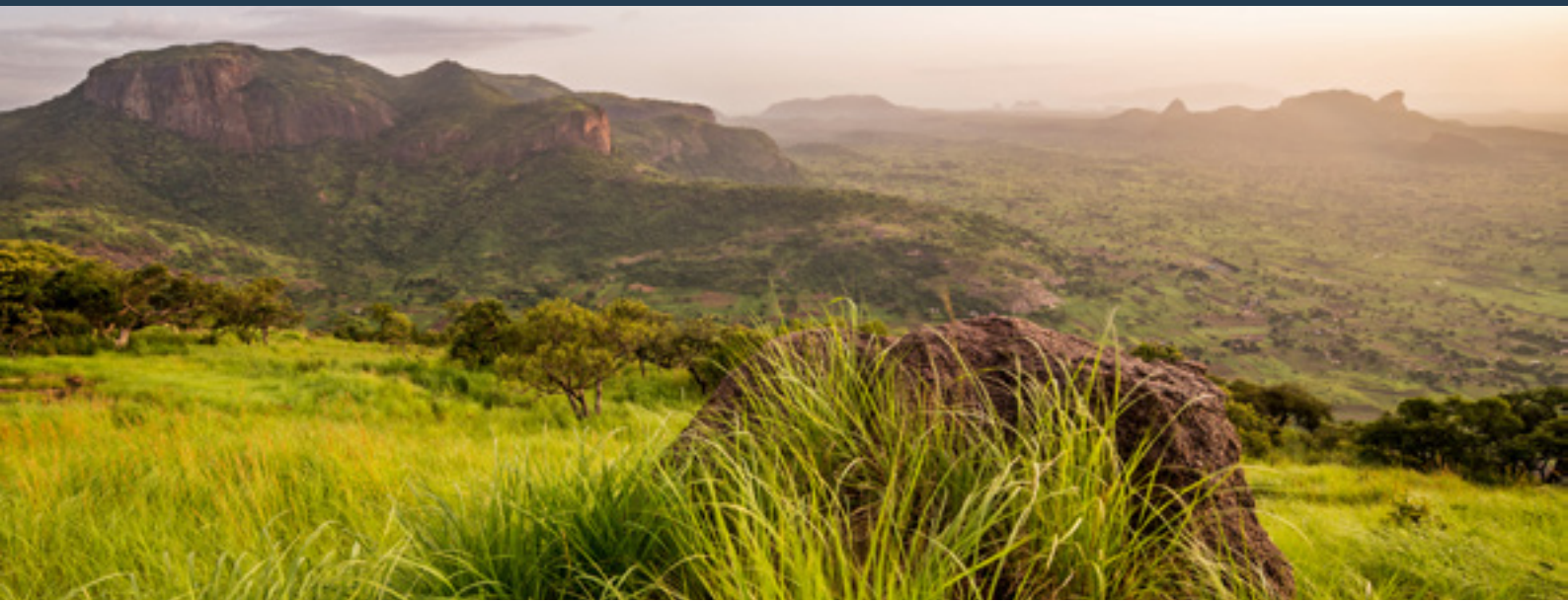
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The reports in this new publication underscore the importance of genetic resources to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, not only in terms of catalysers of processes for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, but also as drivers for the recovery during post-pandemic times.



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## Introduction

In 2020, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing celebrated its tenth anniversary with the support of a Global ABS Conference organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNDP-GEF Global ABS project. The COVID-19 pandemic was no obstacle to this online event held over a five-week period which brought together 95 panelists and 888 participants from 115 countries. Participants came out of the conference with the conviction that the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be negotiated in China in 2021 must revamp implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and underscore the possibilities of genetic resources as drivers for sustainable development. Concrete examples of this vision were showcased in late 2018 with the publication of the book *ABS is Genetic Resources for Sustainable Development* launched at the 14th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Back in 2018, during the book launching, high-level government officials from the countries showcased in the book reaffirmed their commitment to ABS principles and their implementation. For example, Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, then Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica and current Chief Executive Officer of the GEF, described the discovery process of a potential

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