



Climate Land Ambition and Rights Alliance

CLARA reacts to the IPBES-IPCC Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change

Reactions to the [IPBES-IPCC Workshop Report on Biodiversity and Climate Change](#), from member organizations of [CLARA](#), the Climate Land Ambition and Rights Alliance.

“We appreciate that the IPBES-IPCC workshop report highlights the overriding importance of protecting existing carbon-rich ecosystems and the further necessity of restoring vast areas of the world’s forests. The report also recognizes the central importance of the transition to agroecology, and calls out monoculture plantations and bioenergy as false solutions. This is progress.”

-- Peter Riggs, CLARA/Pivot Point

“The IPCC-IPBES report clearly shows why carbon offsetting must be consigned to the dustbin of failed climate policies. The report unequivocally concludes that land- and ocean-based actions that capture carbon must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, ambitious reductions of emissions from fossil fuels. Ecosystems are at serious risk of degradation from climate change; the action required to stop climate change and biodiversity loss must be two-fold – reduce emissions and protect ecosystems. The age of offsetting, where companies continue emitting while claiming to be doing good by protecting biodiversity, is over.”

-- Doreen Stabinsky, professor of global environmental politics, [College of the Atlantic](#)

“Unsustainable consumption and production are wreaking devastation on people and the planet, global biodiversity is in free-fall and the climate crisis generates a disparate and limited response. It is increasingly obvious that these problems are intimately linked, and the agendas that hope to address them must leave their policy silos and converge. Above all, Indigenous Peoples and local communities must be recognized and integrated as fundamental to solutions that are proposed, and good governance should be at the heart of all efforts.

-- Marie-Ange Kalenga, [Fern](#)