3rd Global Conference, One Planet Network
Sustainable Food Systems Programme (SFSP)

BEHAVIOR CHANGE AT SCALE
Community-led solutions for farmer livelihoods, food security and nature

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Convened By: Rare, IFOAM - Organics International

About: Preserving biodiversity and ecosystem services contributes directly to human well-being and development priorities, creating synergies between the Global Biodiversity Targets and the SDGs. Productive and sustainable agricultural and food systems need clean water, healthy soil, and a variety of genetic resources and ecological processes. Biodiversity is also important to enhance the resilience of poor farmers and indigenous peoples to climate change, pests, diseases and other threats.

However, agriculture is associated with all five primary threats to biodiversity: climate change, habitat change, invasive alien species, nutrient loading and pollution, and unsustainable overexploitation of natural resources, as identified by the CBD and the 5th Global Biodiversity Outlook report. Unsustainable farming practices, like deforestation, the destruction of wetlands and aquatic environments, and overfishing are key threats to biodiversity. Farming is a major driver of agrobiodiversity loss.

Still, farming and biodiversity are not inevitably incompatible. Solutions rely on major shifts in policy, practice, behaviors, and knowledge to explore how we can make food systems work for biodiversity.

As part of the 3rd Global Conference of the SFSP, this virtual event side-event is aiming at providing information about successful community-based sustainable farming initiatives and feed workable farm-based biodiversity solutions into the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework and the UN Food Systems Summit.

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