

Goal 15. Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems; sustainably manage forests; combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation; and halt biodiversity loss

Table 1.15.1: Selected Indicators for Sustainable Development Goal 15—Protection of Ecosystems and Biodiversity

ADB Regional Member	Target 15.1: By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains, and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements						Target 15.4: By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development		Target 15.5: Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species	
	15.1.1: Forest Area as a Proportion of Total Land Area (%)		15.1.2: Proportion of Important Sites for Terrestrial and Freshwater Biodiversity that are Covered by Protected Areas				15.4.1: Coverage by Protected Areas of Mountain Biodiversity (%)		15.5.1: Red List Index ^a	
	2000	2015	Terrestrial (%)		Freshwater (%)		2000	2017	2000	2017
	2000	2015	2000	2017	2000	2017	2000	2017	2000	2017
Developing ADB Member Economies										
Central and West Asia										
Afghanistan	2.1	2.1	0.0	6.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	12.3	0.84	0.84
Armenia	11.7	11.7	22.1	30.5	25.1	26.9	17.5	28.0	0.85	0.84
Azerbaijan	10.6	13.8	20.4	39.4	6.1	24.5	30.5	58.8	0.91	0.91
Georgia	39.7	40.6	15.4	28.4	1.8	27.3	15.6	30.1	0.88	0.86
Kazakhstan	1.3	1.2	9.6	16.3	8.4	17.4	28.0	30.2	0.88	0.87
Kyrgyz Republic	4.5	3.3	21.7	22.6	29.8	31.1	28.5	30.2	0.99	0.98
Pakistan	2.7	1.9	35.0	36.6	36.3	37.0	36.0	36.0	0.93	0.86
Tajikistan	3.0	3.0	17.6	21.0	27.2	34.6	15.9	19.5	0.99	0.98
Turkmenistan	8.8	8.8	14.4	14.6	12.7	13.1	21.3	21.3	0.98	0.97
Uzbekistan	7.6	7.6	11.1	15.9	1.8	10.4	37.5	37.5	0.98	0.97
East Asia										
China, People's Republic of	18.8	22.1	44.2	47.6	31.1	36.1	62.2	65.0	0.81	0.75
Hong Kong, China	...	...	56.7	56.7	...	...	83.6	83.6	0.82	0.82
Korea, Republic of	64.5	63.4	25.3	36.6	29.7	36.8	...	...	0.84	0.78
Mongolia	7.5	8.1	33.1	43.7	30.7	42.1	42.5	47.0	0.96	0.95
Taipei, China	58.1 (2001)	60.7 (2016)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Asia										
Bangladesh	11.3	11.0	37.8	48.0	20.8	20.8	...	...	0.83	0.77
Bhutan	68.4	72.3	38.6	42.9	23.1	34.3	38.6	42.9	0.80	0.80
India	22.0	23.8	21.7	26.1	13.2	15.2	28.0	35.4	0.75	0.68
Maldives	3.3	3.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.91	0.85
Nepal	27.2	25.4	42.2	54.6	21.9	36.5	57.1	67.1	0.82	0.82
Sri Lanka	35.0	33.0	41.6	49.8	72.6	79.9	25.9	40.2	0.66	0.57
Southeast Asia										
Brunei Darussalam	75.3	72.1	62.9	62.9	50.0	50.0	...	...	0.85	0.83
Cambodia	65.4	53.6	35.8	39.5	28.0	33.0	92.3	92.3	0.88	0.82
Indonesia	54.9	50.2	19.2	23.5	33.0	39.3	19.8	23.4	0.84	0.76
Lao People's Democratic Republic	71.6	81.3	44.0	45.5	19.9	19.9	56.7	56.7	0.82	0.81
Malaysia	65.7	67.6	38.9	39.5	76.6	76.6	37.3	37.6	0.83	0.69
Myanmar	53.4	44.5	15.6	22.9	14.8	18.5	23.3	42.2	0.86	0.81
Philippines	23.6	27.0	29.9	41.7	48.1	48.1	28.3	43.9	0.73	0.65
Singapore	23.1	23.1	19.0	21.1	...	...	...	...	0.91	0.86
Thailand	33.3	32.1	67.2	71.7	43.4	43.6	85.6	91.9	0.85	0.80
Viet Nam	37.8	47.6	12.0	40.9	11.6	33.2	13.3	48.1	0.82	0.74
The Pacific										
Cook Islands	62.9	62.9	7.6	22.4	...	...	...	...	0.80	0.77
Fiji	53.7	55.7	2.9	4.9	0.1 (2004)	0.1	5.7	11.4	0.70	0.67
Kiribati	15.0	15.0	12.5	52.5	...	...	...	...	0.82	0.77
Marshall Islands	70.2	70.2	10.6	25.4	...	...	...	...	0.89	0.84
Micronesia, Federated States of	91.2	91.8	1.3	1.3	...	...	...	...	0.76	0.69
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.82	0.77
Palau	86.1	87.6	17.9	36.6	...	...	...	...	0.91	0.75
Papua New Guinea	74.2	74.1	6.9	7.3	...	...	6.3	6.8	0.90	0.84
Samoa	60.4	60.4	16.3	36.5	...	...	19.0	51.3	0.84	0.82
Solomon Islands	81.0	78.1	3.9	9.5	...	...	0.3	0.3	0.83	0.77
Timor-Leste	57.4	46.1	14.9	38.7	...	...	13.5	42.0	0.95	0.89
Tonga	12.5	12.5	0.7	9.3	...	...	...	...	0.73	0.71
Tuvalu	33.3	33.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.89	0.83
Vanuatu	36.1	36.1	6.2	6.4	...	...	9.2	9.3	0.72	0.67
Developed ADB Member Economies										
Australia	16.8	16.2	34.9	54.3	24.1	35.1	59.6	82.5	0.88	0.83
Japan	68.2	68.5	59.9	68.5	60.8	67.0	71.4	74.3	0.84	0.79
New Zealand	38.5	38.6	40.2	44.3	20.0	26.7	20.9	29.0	0.71	0.63

... = data not available, 0.0 = magnitude is less than half of unit employed, ADB = Asian Development Bank.

a The Red List Index midpoint value ranges from 1, which means all species are categorized as 'Least Concern' hence that none are expected to go extinct in the near future, to 0 meaning all species are categorized as 'Extinct'. The index therefore indicates how far the set of species has moved overall towards extinction.

Sources: United Nations. Sustainable Development Goals Indicators Database. <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/> (accessed 13 July 2018). For Taipei, China: Government of Taipei, China, Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics. <https://eng.stat.gov.tw/> (accessed 20 August 2018).