

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						
	15.1.1: Forest Area as a Proportion of Total Land Area ^a		15.1.2: Proportion of Important Sites for Terrestrial and Freshwater Biodiversity that are Covered by Protected Areas				
			Terrestrial		Freshwater		
	2000	2019	2000	2019	2000	2019	
Developing ADB Member Economies							
Central and West Asia	3.9	4.0	...	...	...	...
Afghanistan	1.9	1.9	–	5.7	–	–	
Armenia	11.7	11.5	12.5	21.6	25.0	26.8	
Azerbaijan	11.9	13.6	22.1	36.6	5.5	14.5	
Georgia	39.7	40.6	21.3	40.3	17.6	37.3	
Kazakhstan	1.2	1.3	9.2	11.1	8.4	10.1	
Kyrgyz Republic	6.2	6.8	25.7	25.7	35.4	35.4	
Pakistan	5.9	4.9	34.8	34.8	35.9	35.9	
Tajikistan	3.0	3.0	15.8	16.8	27.9	30.5	
Turkmenistan	8.8	8.8	14.0	14.0	12.7	12.7	
Uzbekistan	7.0	8.6	10.1	10.1	1.1	1.1	
East Asia	18.0	21.7	...	...	...	...
China, People's Republic of	18.8	23.1	3.2	9.9	2.5	9.4	
Hong Kong, China	...	...	48.9	48.9	16.6	16.6
Korea, Republic of	66.5	64.6	24.8	37.5	36.8	36.8	
Mongolia	9.2	9.1	33.1	41.7	30.7	38.6	
Taipei, China	58.1 (2001)	60.7 (2018)	...	...	...	...
South Asia	23.9	25.3	...	...	...	...
Bangladesh	14.8	14.5	33.4	43.7	–	–	
Bhutan	68.4	71.4	43.3	47.3	23.1	34.3	
India	22.7	24.2	17.7	21.0	16.2	18.6	
Maldives	2.7	2.7	–	–	...	...
Nepal	40.3	41.6	39.2	50.7	25.0	32.4	
Sri Lanka	34.5	33.7	36.8	43.7	34.8	43.9	
Southeast Asia	51.5	48.0	...	...	...	...
Brunei Darussalam	75.3	72.1	41.7	41.7	50.0	50.0	
Cambodia	61.1	46.6	35.8	39.5	28.4	33.0	
Indonesia	55.9	51.2	8.4	26.1	6.2	41.0	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	75.5	72.1	44.0	44.0	29.9	29.9	
Malaysia	59.9	58.3	28.5	28.5	50.0	50.0	
Myanmar	53.4	44.2	12.4	24.9	14.2	27.1	
Philippines	24.5	24.0	28.4	40.1	37.5	49.8	
Singapore	24.0	22.2	19.0	21.1	...	...
Thailand	37.2	39.0	67.0	70.7	40.7	40.7	
Timor-Leste	63.8	62.0	14.5	39.5	...	...
Viet Nam	38.0	47.0	10.8	39.2	8.5	38.2	
The Pacific	78.4	77.9	...	...	...	...
Cook Islands	64.9	65.0	–	5.7	...	...
Fiji	55.1	62.0	4.4	11.2	–	0.1	
Kiribati	1.5	1.5	–	40.0	...	...
Marshall Islands	52.2	52.2	–	10.1	...	...
Micronesia, Federated States of	91.2	92.0	0.0	0.0	...	...
Nauru	–	–	–	–	...	...
Niue	72.4	72.5	–	–	...	...
Palau	86.0	89.8	27.9	44.0	...	...
Papua New Guinea	80.1	79.3	6.8	6.9	...	...
Samoa	60.5	57.3	8.3	13.7	...	...
Solomon Islands	90.7	90.2	3.4	4.4	...	...
Tonga	12.4	12.4	12.5	26.1	...	...
Tuvalu	33.3	33.3	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	36.3	36.3	2.8	2.8	...	...
Developed ADB Member Economies	20.0	20.3	...	...	...	...
Australia	17.2	17.4	35.1	55.7	23.3	37.7	
Japan	68.2	68.4	54.7	64.8	55.5	62.9	
New Zealand	37.4	37.5	42.0	46.4	21.8	29.3	
DEVELOPING ADB MEMBER ECONOMIES	22.8	24.0	
ALL ADB REGIONAL MEMBERS	22.1	23.1	
WORLD	31.9	31.2	

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

ADB Regional Member	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	
	15.4.1: Coverage by Protected Areas of Important Sites for Mountain Biodiversity		15.5.1: Red List Index ^b	
	2000	2019	2000	2019
Developing ADB Member Economies				
Central and West Asia				
Afghanistan	-	7.5	0.84	0.84
Armenia	13.0	22.3	0.85	0.85
Azerbaijan	32.9	55.5	0.91	0.91
Georgia	20.1	40.9	0.89	0.87
Kazakhstan	13.5	16.7	0.88	0.87
Kyrgyz Republic	35.4	35.4	0.99	0.98
Pakistan	35.2	35.2	0.94	0.86
Tajikistan	15.8	16.8	0.99	0.99
Turkmenistan	15.2	15.2	0.98	0.98
Uzbekistan	30.3	30.3	0.98	0.97
East Asia				
China, People's Republic of	3.6	11.6	0.81	0.74
Hong Kong, China	57.0	57.0	0.83	0.83
Korea, Republic of	20.2	20.2	0.76	0.70
Mongolia	38.6	46.7	0.96	0.95
Taipei, China	...	...	...	...
South Asia				
Bangladesh	-	-	0.83	0.75
Bhutan	43.3	47.3	0.80	0.80
India	22.9	29.2	0.75	0.68
Maldives	...	...	0.93	0.85
Nepal	51.2	60.6	0.83	0.83
Sri Lanka	20.5	30.4	0.64	0.57
Southeast Asia				
Brunei Darussalam	69.5	69.5	0.87	0.86
Cambodia	75.7	84.9	0.84	0.79
Indonesia	10.2	27.6	0.83	0.75
Lao People's Democratic Republic	51.9	51.9	0.84	0.83
Malaysia	32.8	32.8	0.84	0.77
Myanmar	17.7	42.4	0.86	0.80
Philippines	27.1	42.2	0.75	0.68
Singapore	...	...	0.91	0.85
Thailand	83.3	88.4	0.84	0.78
Timor-Leste	14.8	46.1	0.92	0.85
Viet Nam	13.0	43.7	0.80	0.73
The Pacific				
Cook Islands	-	-	0.81	0.77
Fiji	3.0	5.7	0.70	0.67
Kiribati	...	...	0.83	0.77
Marshall Islands	...	...	0.90	0.84
Micronesia, Federated States of	-	-	0.77	0.70
Nauru	...	...	0.83	0.77
Niue	...	...	0.77	0.77
Palau	...	...	0.91	0.73
Papua New Guinea	6.7	6.7	0.90	0.84
Samoa	11.1	18.3	0.79	0.77
Solomon Islands	-	0.0	0.83	0.76
Tonga	-	-	0.76	0.72
Tuvalu	...	...	0.90	0.83
Vanuatu	3.8	3.8	0.72	0.66
Developed ADB Member Economies				
Australia	37.8	64.1	0.88	0.82
Japan	63.6	66.9	0.83	0.78
New Zealand	28.4	34.4	0.71	0.62

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

a The regional aggregates are calculated by averaging the combined estimates for each economy. The aggregates for East Asia exclude Hong Kong, China.

b The Red List Index value ranges from 1, which means all species are categorized as "Least Concern" (no species expected to become extinct in the near future), to 0, meaning that all species are categorized as "Extinct". The index therefore indicates how far the set of species has moved overall towards extinction.

Sources: United Nations Statistics Division. Global SDG Indicators Database. <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/> (accessed 8 July 2020). For Indicator 15.1.1 for Taipei, China: Government of Taipei, China, Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics. National Statistics. <https://eng.stat.gov.tw/> (accessed 8 July 2020).