



Renewed biodiversity strategy will guide conservation to 2030

Media Release

May 23, 2023 — The Ontario Biodiversity Council has released a summary of **Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy 2023** to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity. The document, which builds on the 2005 and 2011 versions of the Strategy, will guide conservation actions in Ontario, and include targets to help focus work and measure progress.

"We're delighted to be sharing the summary of the renewed Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy," says Ontario Biodiversity Council Chair, Tom Hilditch. "It represents more than a year of work to draft new targets and actions that will tackle the problem of biodiversity loss and help us all address the threats to biodiversity."

Updating the strategy to guide actions to 2030 included a public engagement session, to seek input on how to improve the document. "Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy is for everyone," says Mr. Hilditch. "And it was important to the team that worked on updating the targets and actions that we ask as many people as possible for their suggestions, so that each person who reads the Strategy can see a role for themselves and their organizations within it."

While the release of the report represents an important milestone for Council, Mr. Hilditch notes the work is only just beginning. "The real focus now must be on implementation. We are calling on every sector of society, every organization, industry, workplace, classroom, and club to read through the 43 actions contained in the strategy and pick some to work on. By working together and finding common goals, like the ones in the Strategy, we can make real progress in conserving biodiversity for this and future generations."

To learn more about Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy and the Ontario Biodiversity Council please visit: www.ontariobiodiversitycouncil.ca/ontarios-strategy.

