

As the continuing decline of wild birds across the world so clearly demonstrates, global biodiversity is under increasing pressure. Societies and their governments need to act, and act quickly, if many species and habitats are to survive. To do so they need our help. The BirdLife International Partnership is uniquely placed to provide scientifically-based advice,

help set and meet clear targets and indicators, and foster and undertake conservation action. We can demonstrate that birds and other wildlife really do matter to people. Please come and join me, members of the BirdLife family and our collaborators at this World Conference; come and share your knowledge, experience and ideas. We will focus on how to achieve the actions and targets needed in the next few years to sustain life on Farth

Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado of Japan

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