

Call of world Ecological Societies related to the COP21

World Ecologists urge the Parties meeting this December in Paris to take decisive steps against climatic change

The 10th of August 2015 during the 100th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America the Presidents of 10 Ecological Societies and of two major Federations of Societies, representing over **20 000 scientists** from **over 100 countries** and over **40 national ecological societies**, met to address key issues related to the field of Ecological Science.

They shared their concern about the severe and ongoing **erosion of global natural assets** including genetic diversity, species, habitats and ecosystem processes that people rely on for survival. This erosion will be further **aggravated with current climatic change**.

Given that an important cause of these changes is the impact of people on the climate, the Presidents urge the Parties meeting in Paris in December during the 21st Conference of the Parties (**COP21**) of the United Nations Climate Change Conferences, to take **the decisive steps urgently needed to prevent a 2°C rise in average global temperatures** as recommended by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (**IPCC**). This is very likely the last decade when it will be possible to achieve this together and to establish a global legacy of a healthy planet for generations to come.

Signatories

International Association for Ecology (INTECOL) <http://www.intecol.net/>

European Ecological Federation (EEF) <http://www.europeanecology.org/>

British Ecological Society (BES) <http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/>

Ecological Society of America (ESA) <http://www.esa.org/esa/>

Ecological Society of Argentina (AsAE) <http://www.asaeargentina.com.ar/>

Ecological Society of Australia (ESA) <http://www.ecolsoc.org.au/>

Ecological Society of Japan (ESJ) <http://www.esj.ne.jp/esj/>

Ecological Society of Mongolia

French Ecological Society (SFE) <http://www.sfecologie.org/>

Israel Society of Ecology and Environmental Sciences (ISEES) www.isees.org.il

Italian Society of Ecology (SIte)

Mexican Scientific Society of Ecology (MSSE)

New Zealand Ecological Society (NZES) <http://newzealandecology.org/>

This initiative is also getting the **full support** of the **Society for Conservation Biology** <https://conbio.org/>, a society representing over **4 000 scientists**.

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