

Rangelands & Pastoralism Resource Hub: Key Tools, Reports & Platforms for COP17 & IYRP 2026

Global Frameworks, Decisions and Alliances

UNCCD Decision 29/COP.16 Rangelands & Pastoralists

First-ever UNCCD decision recognizing sustainable rangeland management as priority for LDN, climate adaptation, and biodiversity. Calls for public-private partnerships and community-based governance.

[Full COP16 Decision](#)

UNCCD Global Land Outlook: Thematic Report on Rangelands and Pastoralists (2024)

Comprehensive assessment of rangelands' multifunctionality, degradation drivers, and policy pathways. Calls for integrated strategies, pastoral rights, and avoiding conversion to achieve LDN, CBD, and UNFCCC targets.

[Report](#)

FAO International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026 (IYRP)

Official UN hub for IYRP 2026, covering ~50% of global land. Includes #IYRP2026 communication toolkit, visual identity (6 languages), activity planning guide, and promotion materials to engage governments, pastoralists, NGOs, and private sector in rangeland advocacy.

[IYRP 2026 Official Site](#)

Pastoralist Knowledge Hub (FAO)

Regional networks, best practices, policy frameworks for pastoralism across East/West Africa. Includes Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America

[Pastoralist Knowledge Hub](#)

Global Alliance for Rangelands and Pastoralists Official Site

Hub for International Year events, policy updates, and coalition opportunities.

[IYRP.info](#)

IUCN Resolutions 2025:

- **Resolution 008: Conservation and Sustainable Management of Rangelands and Pastoralism**

Recognizes rangelands' role in biodiversity, climate action, human wellbeing. Declares IUCN support for IYRP 2026 and calls for integrated management.

[Full Resolution](#)

- **Resolution 009: Protection of Biomes Threatened by Native Vegetation Conversion**

Highlights conversion threats to grasslands/rangelands. Urges landscape-scale

¹ This resources list is not an exhaustive list of all resources on grasslands, savannahs, rangelands, and pastoralists, but rather a curated compilation of the most relevant publications, tools, and platforms from each organization involved in the Sustainable Rangelands and Pastoralists Webinar Series.

management and stronger governance by IUCN Members.

[Full Resolution](#)

- **Resolution 005: Protection and Restoration of Diverse Native Grasslands**

Emphasizes grasslands' planetary importance. Calls for expanded research, conservation, and restoration of native grassland ecosystems.

[Full Resolution](#)

Global Grasslands and Savannahs Dialogue Platform

Convenes experts, advocates globally, and shares information and best management practices – making the case for grasslands and savannahs conservation using the best available science. Over 300 members incl. NGOs, research, government, UN organizations, practitioners, producers.

[Dialogue Platform](#)

Conservation, Management & Policy Tools

WWF From Roots to Riches: Priority Policy and Investment Decisions for Grasslands and Savannahs (2025)

Strategic framework identifying critical policy decisions for scaling grassland restoration and sustainable pastoralism globally. Covers financing mechanisms, market approaches, and ecosystem service valuation. Essential reading for policymakers designing national rangeland strategies.

[Download From Roots to Riches](#)

WWF Protecting the Overlooked Carbon Sink: A Policy Agenda for Grasslands

Grasslands store 20–40% of terrestrial soil carbon yet face conversion threats. Policy recommendations for NDCs, carbon markets, restoration finance to protect this overlooked sink.

[Download Policy Paper](#)

Implementing improved management practices in grasslands – Food Forward NDC Tool

Practical tool for NDC integration: Assesses drivers of grassland degradation, details concrete measures (rotational grazing, fire management, restoration), costs/benefits, MRV tools (GrassSignal), and case studies (Inner Mongolia). Shows 2 GtCO₂e/yr sequestration potential via improved practices.

[Food Forward NDCs Tool](#)

ELD Initiative: The Business Case for Investment in Rangeland Restoration (Discussion Paper)

Makes the economic argument for rangeland restoration: returns of USD 4–35 per USD invested through improved productivity, carbon sequestration, water regulation, and avoided degradation costs. Recommends governance, incentives, and financing for scaling.

[Discussion Paper](#)

IUCN Sustainable Rangelands Management Toolkit for Resilient Pastoral Systems

Practical toolkit for pastoralists, governments, and NGOs on resilient rangeland management strategies.

[Download Toolkit](#)

Rangelands, Pastoralism and Biodiversity (IYRP Biodiversity WG)

Policy brief on pastoral commons as OECMs/ICCA for KMGBF targets, emphasizing mobility for restoration and climate resilience.

 [Biodiversity Brief](#)

Mapping and Data Platforms

Global Rangelands Atlas (ILRI, IUCN, FAO, WWF, UNEP, ILC)

Comprehensive mapping and data on rangelands status, threats, and opportunities.

 [Rangelands Atlas](#)

World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT) Collection of Good Rangeland Practices

Global network on Sustainable Land Management (SLM) that promotes the documentation, sharing and use of knowledge to support adaptation, innovation and decision-making in SLM

 [Database](#)

Global Pasture Watch (WRI Land & Carbon Lab)

30m annual maps (2000–2022+) of grassland extent, vegetation height, livestock density.

 [WRI Global Pasture Watch](#)

Regional resources

Latin America & Caribbean:

Regional Knowledge Platform for Grasslands and Savannahs (IUCN, WWF)

Community of practice to strengthen collaboration, learning, and action across critical grassland and savannah ecosystems. Integrates diverse experiences and tools to support sustainable management and restoration.

 [Knowledge Platform](#)

MapBiomias – Land Use & Cover Mapping Platform

High-resolution (30m/10m) annual maps of land use/cover, deforestation, agriculture, fire scars, mining, water, soil carbon, urban expansion. Available for Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, Venezuela, Uruguay, Ecuador, Paraguay, Chile, and Argentina. Includes pasture vigor, grassland conversion, degradation vectors – essential for LatAm rangeland monitoring, NDC reporting, restoration planning.

 [MapBiomias Platform](#)

IYRP Resources for South America

Knowledge and communications resources, including videos, photos, regional news, events and outreach materials.

 [South America](#)

WWF Biome Overview: Grasslands and savannahs in Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia

 [Cerrado](#)

 [Pantanal](#)

Africa:

Pastoralist Knowledge Hub (FAO)

Regional networks, best practices, policy frameworks for pastoralism across North, East, South, West and Central Africa

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GLF Africa 2026: Stewarding Our Rangelands (CIFOR-ICRAF)

Major event on rangeland restoration, climate-proofing, governance, economy. Free online access to sessions/recordings.

[!\[\]\(c694a3ff3b077d76910920a6a1593ab4_img.jpg\) GLF Africa 2026](#)

IYRP Resources for Africa

Knowledge and communications resources, including videos, photos, regional news, events and outreach materials.

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[!\[\]\(dd161862f9164df98f62b726e9846241_img.jpg\) West and Central Africa](#)

WWF Biome Overview – Grasslands in South Africa

[!\[\]\(fe3aebe81acea8d45108cd2768939da7_img.jpg\) Drakensberg Grasslands South Africa](#)

Asia:

Pastoralist Knowledge Hub (FAO)

Regional networks, best practices, policy frameworks for pastoralism across West, South, Central and High Asia

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IYRP Resources for Asia

Knowledge and communications resources, including videos, photos, regional news, events and outreach materials.

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[!\[\]\(40770d9ed6ed4f1222ebf89a1396e8b2_img.jpg\) East Asia](#)

[!\[\]\(ccd39a0dc6d5afcc151e1371f9462f58_img.jpg\) South Asia](#)

WWF Biome Overview – China and Mongolia

[!\[\]\(1f99bf65f43889da445ecc1fe8d9504f_img.jpg\) Northeast Grassland China](#)

[!\[\]\(8b0a097b4b9c9c3eeaea0f4289ea77e5_img.jpg\) Eastern Mongolian Steppe](#)

Arab Region:

Pastoralist Knowledge Hub (FAO)

Regional networks, best practices, policy frameworks for pastoralism across West Asia and North Africa

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IYRP Resources for North Africa and Middle East

Knowledge and communications resources, including videos, photos, regional news, events and outreach materials.

 [North Africa and Middle East](#)

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