

Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE)

Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) site protection helps meet multiple GBF targets.
Funding is available through the [AZE Initiative Fund](#).

What are AZE sites?

Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) sites hold 1 or more [Endangered \(EN\) or Critically Endangered \(CR\)](#) species found nowhere else on Earth. Safeguarding this globally recognized subset of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) is essential to prevent species extinctions.

Protecting AZE sites has been **recognized by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** as a way to avoid imminent extinctions.

Suggested steps

- Include AZE sites in NBSAP updates and 30x30 plans.
- Secure **funding** to protect AZE sites. Funding is available to establish or expand protected areas and OECMs at AZE sites through the [AZE Initiative Fund](#).
- Contact the AZE Secretariat with any questions: Amy Upgren, augren@abcbirds.org

Meet multiple GBF commitments

Target 1: Including a map of AZE sites in your country's NBSAP helps to “*Ensure that all areas are under participatory, integrated and biodiversity inclusive spatial planning...to bring the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance... close to zero by 2030.*”

Target 3: Protecting your country's AZE sites helps to “*Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas...especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity...are effectively conserved and managed.*”

Target 4: By mapping and protecting AZE sites, you can “*significantly reduce extinction risk,*” directly contributing to meeting Target 4.

Suggested NBSAP text:

“Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) sites incorporated into biodiversity-inclusive spatial plans, identified for expansion of protected areas and OECMs, and evaluated for their degradation status.”

“By 2030, the extinction of threatened species is prevented, and their conservation status improved through the development of conservation management plans, particularly for sites identified as Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE)” sites.

Suggested Indicators: (1) Protected Area coverage of AZE sites (disaggregation of Protected Area coverage of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs): GBF Component Indicator; SDG Target 14 and 15 Indicator), (2) Regular management effectiveness (METT) assessment (GBF Complementary Indicator).

The [Alliance for Zero Extinction \(AZE\)](#) is a joint initiative of over 125 biodiversity conservation organizations from around the world working to prevent extinctions by promoting the identification and ensuring the safeguard and effective conservation of key sites that are the last remaining refuges of one or more Endangered or Critically Endangered species.