

ALLIANCE FOR ZERO EXTINCTION

Launched in 2005, the Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) was established to identify and conserve the most important sites globally for conservation biodiversity. The Alliance for Zero Extinction involves government, multilateral institutions and NGOs that work to prevent the extinction of species.

Alliance for Zero Extinction Sites:

Areas that hold the last remaining populations of one or more species assessed as Endangered or Critically endangered.

CRITERIA: AN AZE SITE MUST MEET ALL THREE CRITERIA.

1. Endangerment

An AZE site must contain at least one Endangered (EN) or Critically Endangered (CR) species, as assessed on the IUCN Red List.

2. Irreplaceability

An AZE site should only be designated if it is the sole area where an EN or CR species occurs, contains the overwhelmingly significant known resident population (>95%) of the EN or CR species, or contains the overwhelmingly significant known population (>95%) for one life history segment (e.g. breeding or wintering) of the EN or CR species.

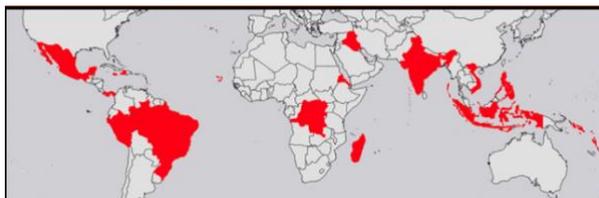
3. Discreteness

The area must have a definable boundary within which the character of habitats, biological communities, and/or management issues have more in common with each other than they do with those in adjacent areas.

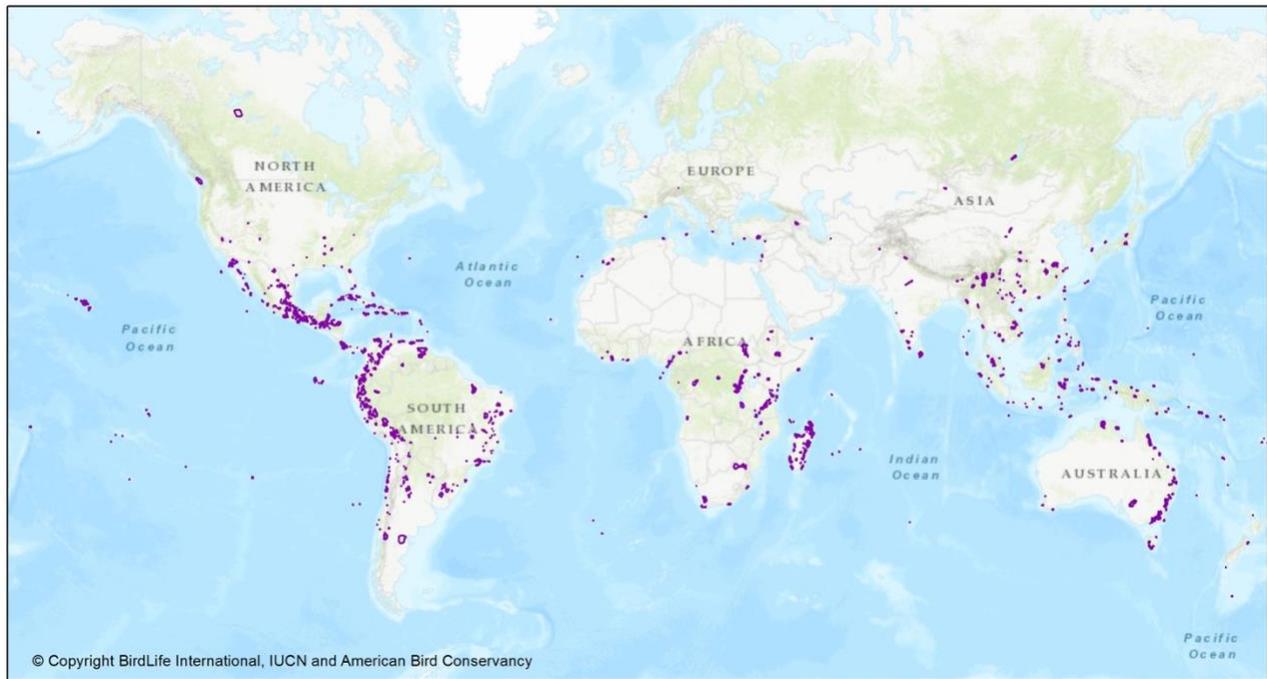
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY



- AZE is a **recognized indicator** by the CBD for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and is included in the CBD's recommendations to **accelerate progress to achieve Aichi Targets 11 and 12**.
- AZE is included in the **National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)** and other CBD reports for over 20 countries.



GLOBAL AZE SITE MAP



AZE BY THE NUMBERS

- **853 AZE sites globally.**
- **1,483 CR and EN species restricted to just one site.**
- The 2018 AZE map update **removed 107 species** that previously triggered AZE sites. Many of these species were removed due to successful conservation actions and improved AZE site management.
- **43% of AZE sites remain unprotected**, providing a blueprint to stem further species extinctions by focusing conservation efforts on these indispensable global sites.
- Over **100 conservation organizations** throughout the world **dedicated to the prevention of species extinctions** comprise the Alliance for Zero Extinction.

