

Supplementary material

Reframing the human–wetlands relationship through a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Wetlands

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Table S1. List of organisations that have endorsed the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Wetlands or have posted an article on their website

Information on the organisations, the endorsement date and their URL are given. The list is accessible at the following website and will be updated as required:

<https://www.rightsofwetlands.org/>, accessed 24 June 2021

Organisation	Endorsement date or website posting date	URL
Endorsing organisations		
African Biodiversity Network ‘The solutions that we seek already lie within our indigenous cultures. ABN is a network committed to unearthing and implementing African solutions to African problems and building solidarity on biodiversity and community rights issues on the continent.’ ABN website.	Feb. 2021	https://africanbiodiversity.org/
AFRICE: African Institute of Culture and Ecology ‘The Mission of AFRICE is to promote Indigenous knowledge and livelihoods improvement and ecosystems conservation, among communities, socio-cultural institutions and local and national governments and through capacity strengthening, research and advocacy.’ AFRICE website.	Feb. 2021	http://africeug.org/
COBRA Collective ‘The COBRA Collective CIC is a UK-based social enterprise launched in 2016 with a clear vision: to see a world where marginalized communities are empowered to control their own destiny. Our mission is to empower communities to achieve positive change through capacity building, strengthening resilience, and developing long-term partnerships and collaborations.’ COBRA Collective website.	Feb. 2021	https://cobracollective.org/
Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund (CELDF) ‘At CELDF, we are not a typical environmental organization. We assist communities to develop first-in-the-nation, ground-breaking laws to protect rights, including worker, environmental and democratic rights, and rights of nature. CELDF provides free and low-cost legal services, grassroots organizing, and education, to communities, states, and countries facing injustice.’ CELDF website	Dec. 2020	https://celdf.org/ https://celdf.org/2020/12/celdf-endorses-universal-declaration-rights-of-wetlands/
Curating Tomorrow ‘A consultancy for museums, the heritage sector, and anyone interested in creating a better future.’ Curating Tomorrow website.	Mar. 2021	https://www.curatingtomorrow.co.uk/
EarthLore Foundation ‘EarthLore works with rural communities to accompany them on a journey to revive their traditional ecological knowledge and practices, seed diversity and farming and governance systems, essential for navigating climate change and defending their land against growing threats from mining and industrial exploitation.’ EarthLore Foundation website.	Feb. 2021	http://earthlorefoundation.org/
Earth Thrive (GARN Member) ‘Non-governmental organization with charitable aims for the holistic approach to prevention and remediation of ecocides and establishment of Nature rights in the SE Europe/Balkans and Mediterranean regions. We are proud to announce that we are in the process of being accepted to the UN Harmony with Nature program as a knowledge expert.’ EarthThrive website.	Jan. 2021	https://www.earth-thrive.org/
Fundación Lagunas Costeras ‘The coastal lagoons of Uruguay are a part of a system that spreads from the country’s eastern seaboard to southeast Brazil. At our Foundation we focus on coastal lagoons because we aspire to preserve the great biodiversity, natural beauty and array of ecosystemic services of these unique areas for future generations.’ FLC website.	Jan. 2021	http://lagunascosteras.org.uy/en/home-flc/
Fundación Montecito ‘Mission: generate actions and reflections for the environment; Andean wetlands in particular. With particular emphasis on helping to strengthen governance in Lake Tota. Vision: our NGO seeks to see territories as increasingly sustainable and harmonious living spaces in the man–natura relationship, with better levels of human formation, environmental culture and appropriation of ancestral values, providing for this purpose with its own example and the development of related projects.’ Fundación Montecito website.	Feb. 2021	http://www.fundacionmontecito.org/
Gaia Foundation	Jan. 2021	https://www.gaiafoundation.org/

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<p>‘We are committed to... Reviving and protecting cultural and biological diversity in order to restore resilience for ecosystems and local communities, across connected landscapes. Enhancing traditional knowledge and practices for land, seed, food and water sovereignty, thereby enabling communities to determine their own locally and culturally appropriate pathways. Linking with social movements who together can challenge the industrial growth economy and promote pathways for systemic transformation. Speaking out for ‘Gaia’ – Mother Earth – and the rights of future generations of all species, yet to inhabit this planet. Restoring a respectful relationship with, and a holistic understanding of, our one planet Earth. Celebrating and re-weaving the web of Life, which sustains us all.’ Gaia Foundation website.</p>	Dec. 2021	https://www.facebook.com/GARNEUROPE/
<p>GARN Europe (European Rights of Nature Hub) ‘A Europe wide movement working on introducing, establishing and respecting Rights of Nature in law, in work, in life’. GARN Europe website.</p> <p>GRABE–Benin ‘GRABE–Benin is a non-profit organization committed to the sustainable development of the rural world, working mainly with children, women and peasants. GRABE–Benin aims to increase environmental awareness among the people through education and outreach. The organization also aims to develop actions to help significantly reduce human pressure on natural ecosystems, while also regenerating, developing and preserving them...Among their areas of operation are the use of knowledge and indigenous knowledge, cultural biodiversity, ecocitizenship, and and local development and support to indigenous peoples.’ GRABE–Benin website.</p>	Feb. 2021	https://grabe-benin.org/
<p>National Community Rights Network. ‘The National Community Rights Network (NCRN) is a central resource for advancing a movement for local self-government through community rights. Rights-based organizing empowers communities to elevate the rights of people and nature over illegitimate corporate rights that impede local and direct democracy.’ NCRN website.</p>	Feb. 2021	https://www.nationalcommunityrightsnetwork.org/
<p>Ohio Community Rights Network ‘The mission of the OHCRN is to establish a network of just communities working to advance, secure and protect the inalienable rights of all Ohioans to democratic local self-governance, to sustainable food, energy and economic systems, and the rights of nature to exist and flourish throughout Ohio.’ OCRN website.</p>	Mar. 2021	https://www.ohiocrn.org/
<p>Rights of Nature Sweden (Members of GARN and the UN Harmony with Nature initiative) ‘The Swedish Network for the Rights of Nature was founded in 2017 by individuals and organisations: Lodyn, End Ecocide Sweden (part of the End Ecocide on Earth network), Solidarity Sweden–Latin America and Swedish Earth Rights Lawyers.</p>	Jan. 2021	http://www.naturensrattigheter.se/in-english/
<p>We are working on many arenas and in diverse forms for Rights of Nature as a systemic tool for the transition to a society in harmony with nature. We arrange the Earth Rights Conference as a platform for connecting and spreading these ideas.’ RON Sweden website.</p> <p>Rights of Mother Earth ‘We are asking the UN to formally engage in drafting and adopting a Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth to complement the Human Rights Declaration. A Declaration acknowledging Nature as a living being, deserving of rights and protection just like humans.</p>	Jan. 2021	www.RightsofMotherEarth.com https://www.rightsofmotherearth.com/declaration
<p>Under current law, Nature is treated as a commodity and has no standing in court. This void in the law is at the core of the depletion and destruction endured by Nature today and must be corrected. We propose the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth from the people’s conference in Cochabamba to be adopted by the UN, or to be used as inspiration. This Declaration includes the wisdom and knowledge of people from ancient and modern societies from around the world and points the way to aligning our laws and ways of living with those of Nature.’ Rights of Mother Earth website.</p>	Feb. 2021	
<p>SALT: Society for Alternative Learning & Transformation</p>	Feb. 2021	

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<p>‘Society for Alternative Learning and Transformation (SALT) is a national non- governmental organization working with indigenous and local communities in three counties of Kenya, namely, Tharaka-Nithi, Embu and Samburu. It works with individuals and communities around the issues of bio-cultural diversity. SALT works to inspire individuals and communities who are drawn to holistic strategies for creating and enhancing community and ecosystem resilience underpinned by holistic learning and transformative experiences. Practitioners in SALT are committed to deep learning and transformative processes, which facilitate the re-emergence of societies which are passionately and confidently walking their path of resilience in the face of multiple crises of the modern day world. SALT works with potent communities who have experienced the negative impact of colonization and globalization and have been fragmented, fractured, shattered and destroyed and their cultural identity undermined. SALT is thus, committed to decolonization of the souls and minds of these communities from the bondage of such negative foreign influences. SALT is a home and refuge for the individuals and communities who have consciously chosen and committed to walking this path; to experiment, explore and re-discover their cultural identity. SALT is an intentional and focused organisation with a particular purpose towards communities. Its practices are unique, radical and cutting edge. It re-connects people with their culture and nature to establish true relationship and deep connection with Nature. SALT’s processes bring empowerment and resilience. Once again deep learning and transformation are the cornerstones of SALT’s work with communities in Kenya.’ SALT Facebook page.</p>		https://www.facebook.com/Society-for-Alternative-Learning-and-Transformation-SALT-710520272293538/
<p>SnowChange Cooperative Winner of the prestigious Worldwide Fund for Nature 2002 ‘Panda Prize’ for best national ecological project, SnowChange was started in late 2000 to document and work with local and Indigenous communities of the northern regions. SnowChange is an organisation unlike any other in Finland or in the Circumpolar North: ‘We are Finns devoted to the advancement of our traditions and culture. We hold the traditional knowledge, stories, handicrafts, fishing and hunting and other elements of our forest culture sacred’. SnowChange Cooperative is also a network of local and Indigenous cultures around the world: ‘our partners include the Saami, Chukchi, Yukaghir, Inuit, Inuvialuit, Inupiaq, Gwitchin, Icelandic, Tahltan, Maori, Indigenous Australian and many other local and Indigenous peoples and communities’. Members of these Nations form the international Steering Committee of SnowChange.</p>	Mar. 2021	http://www.snowchange.org/
<p>Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) ‘SER is the leading international organization working on the science, practice, and policy of ecological restoration. SER advances the science, practice, and policy of ecological restoration to sustain biodiversity, improve resilience in a changing climate, and re-establish an ecologically healthy relationship between nature and culture.’ SER website.</p>	Mar. 2021	https://www.ser.org/
<p>Society of Wetland Scientists ‘The mission of the Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) is to promote understanding, conservation, protection, restoration, science-based management, and sustainability of wetlands.’ SWS website.</p>	Feb. 2021	https://www.sws.org/
<p>Stichting Mission Lanka ‘The Mission Lanka Foundation (SML) is committed to human rights for young and old in Srilanka. Simply because in that beautiful country not everyone is allowed to express his or her opinion in freedom and without risk. Whether you can follow a self-chosen lifestyle. SML wants to make this problem known and contribute to peaceful solutions. Because we believe in freedom and because we are convinced that talking to each other has more effect than fighting each other.’ SML website.</p>	Feb. 2021	http://stichtingmissionlanka.org/
<p>Virginia Community Rights Network ‘Protecting Rights of Nature, Advancing Local Self-Government. We recognize our interdependence, responsibilities, and obligations for maintaining a balance with Nature.’ Virginia Community Rights Network website.</p>	Feb. 2021	https://vacommunityrights.org/
<p>Water Culture Institute ‘Water Culture Institute is committed to forging a new relationship between people and water that respects the rights and interests of both people and nature. Our premise is that cultural values and the health of water ecosystems are inextricably intertwined.</p>	May. 2021	https://www.waterculture.org/

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As we settle into the new epoch of the Anthropocene, where humans have unbridled power to affect the natural world, we need to orient ourselves to the moral responsibilities which this power brings. The mission of Water Culture Institute is to clarify our moral responsibility to water and develop practical tools for applying ethics in water-related decision-making.' Water Culture Institute website.		
Wetlands International 'Wetlands International is a global not-for-profit with a mission to inspire and mobilise society to safeguard and restore wetlands for people and nature.' Wetlands International.	Feb. 2021	https://www.wetlands.org/
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (UK) 'We conserve, restore and create wetlands, and inspire everyone to value the amazing things healthy wetlands can do for us. WWT save critically endangered species from extinction, work with communities around the world who depend on wetlands and inspire people to take care of nature.' WWT website.	Dec. 2020	https://www.wwt.org.uk/# https://wli.wwt.org.uk/2020/12/proposing-a-declaration-of-universal-rights-for-wetlands/
Organisations posting articles to websites Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund (CELDF) 'At CELDF, we are not a typical environmental organization. We assist communities to develop first-in-the-nation, ground-breaking laws to protect rights, including worker, environmental, and democratic rights, and rights of nature. CELDF provides free and low-cost legal services, grassroots organizing, and education, to communities, states, and countries facing injustice.' CELDF website.	Dec. 2020	https://celdf.org/2020/12/celdf-endorses-universal-declaration-rights-of-wetlands/ https://celdf.org/2021/03/support-grows-for-rights-of-wetlands/
Earth Thrive (GARN Member) 'Non-governmental organization with charitable aims for the holistic approach to prevention and remediation of ecocides and establishment of Nature rights in the SE Europe/Balkans and Mediterranean regions. We are proud to announce that we are in the process of being accepted to the UN Harmony with Nature program as a knowledge expert.' EarthThrive website.	2 Feb. 2021 (WWD)	https://twitter.com/Earth_Thrive/status/1356693798957576194
East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership 'The East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership is a network of partners within the East Asian–Australasian Flyway (EAAF). The East Asian–Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) aims to protect migratory waterbirds, their habitat and the livelihoods of people dependent upon them. The Flyway is one of 9 major migratory routes recognised globally. Partners include National Governments, Inter-Governmental Organisations, International Non-governmental Organisations, and International Private Enterprise, which agree to endorse the text and support the objectives and actions under this Partnership.' EAAFP website.	Dec. 2020	https://www.eaaflyway.net/universal-declaration-of-the-rights-of-wetlands/
Fundacion Munecito 'Mission: generate actions and reflections in favour of the environment; of the mount and Andean wetlands in particular. With particular emphasis on strengthening governance contribute to Lake Tota. Vision: our NGO seeks to see territories as increasingly sustainable and harmonious living spaces in the man-nature relationship, with better levels of human formation, environmental culture and appropriation of ancestral values, contributing to this with its own example and the development of related projects.' Fundacion Munecito website. Interview on banks of Lake Tota, Colombia with Indigenous Mamo (leading figure) Roseliano, of the Kankuamo group in Colombia.	Dec. 2020	http://blog.fundacionmontecito.org/2020/12/proponiendo-una-declaracion-de-derechos.html https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ2Fz-7FvZQ&feature=youtu.be http://blog.fundacionmontecito.org/2021/02/mamo-kankuamo-en-lago-de-tota.html
GARN Europe (European Rights of Nature Hub) 'A Europe wide movement working on introducing, establishing and respecting Rights of Nature in law, in work, in life.' GARN Europe website.	2 Feb. 2021 (WWD)	https://twitter.com/GARN_EUROPE/status/1356686748781318144
Member of European Parliament Toussaint's Office M. E. P. Toussaint email Newsletter dated 2 May 2021.	2 Feb. 2021 (WWD)	https://twitter.com/marietouss1/status/1356530502103162882 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/97236/MARIE_TOUSSAINT/home
National Geographic (NG) NG online magazine article cites MFR Towards a Declaration of the Rights of Wetlands article and quotes Max Finlayson.	2 Feb. 2021 (WWD)	https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2021/02/world-wetlands-are-slipping-away-agusan-marsh-underscores-stakes/

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<p>Reserva Natural Xieti, Lago de Tota ‘The Xieti Nature Reserve is a high-Andean refuge on the shores of Lake Tota, a conservation and restoration space in which we promote environmental culture, wetland tourism, and provide accommodation. It represents a family commitment to support the efforts of sustainability and ecological harmony in the Lake Tota basin. It is administered by the Montecito Foundation, an NGO founded in 2010, and since then committed to strengthening governance in this territory.’ Reserva Natural Xieti website.</p>	Feb. 2021	https://www.facebook.com/rn.xieti/
<p>Wetlands International ‘Wetlands International is a global not-for-profit with a mission to inspire and mobilise society to safeguard and restore wetlands for people and nature.’ Wetlands International.</p>	17 Feb. 2021	https://www.wetlands.org/news/supporting-a-universal-declaration-of-the-rights-of-wetlands/
<p>Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (UK) ‘We conserve, restore and create wetlands, and inspire everyone to value the amazing things healthy wetlands can do for us. WWT saves critically endangered species from extinction, work with communities around the world who depend on wetlands and inspire people to take care of nature.’ WWT website.</p>	Dec. 2020	https://wli.wwt.org.uk/2020/12/proposing-a-declaration-of-universal-rights-for-wetlands/