

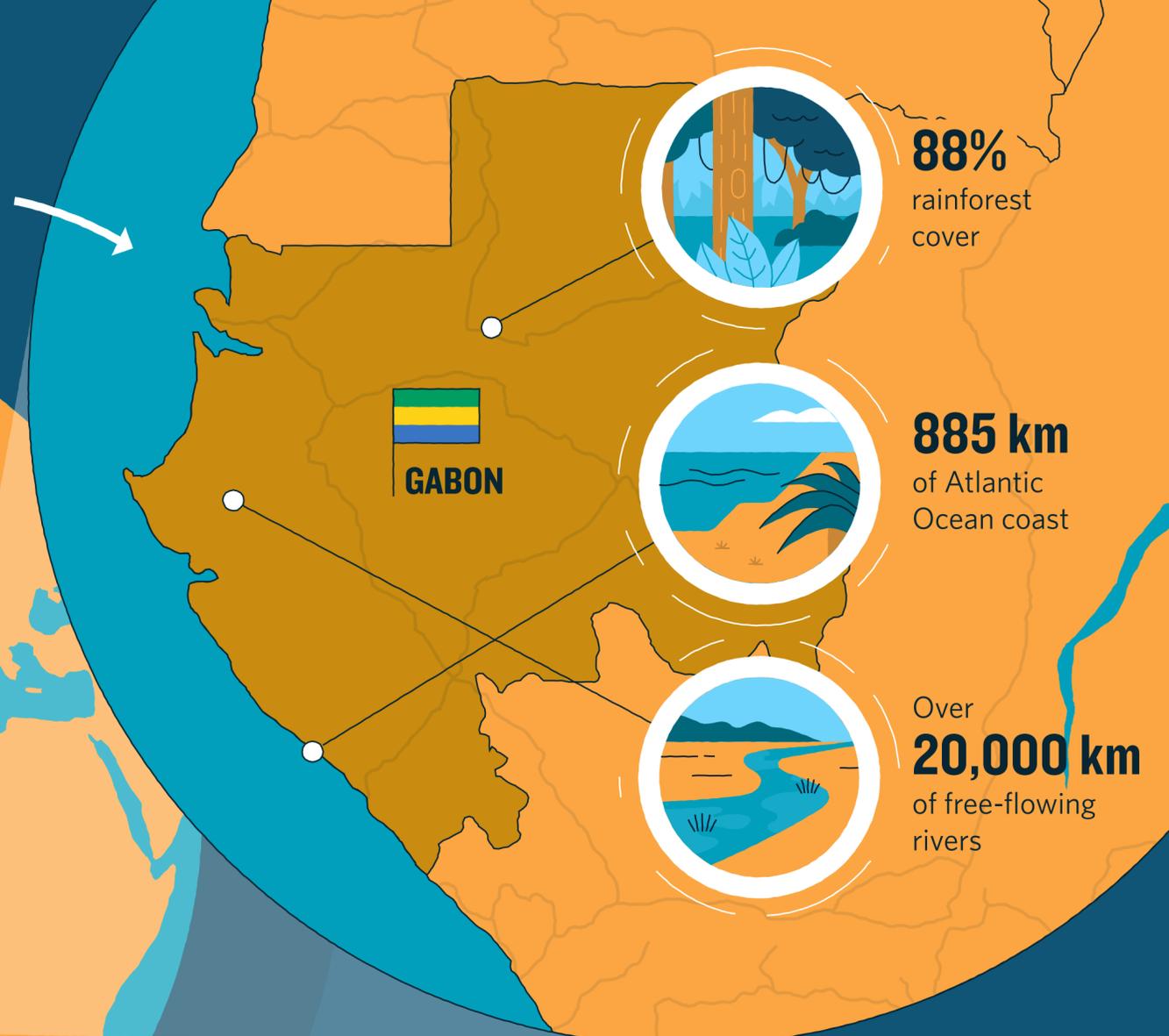
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# Green Gabon

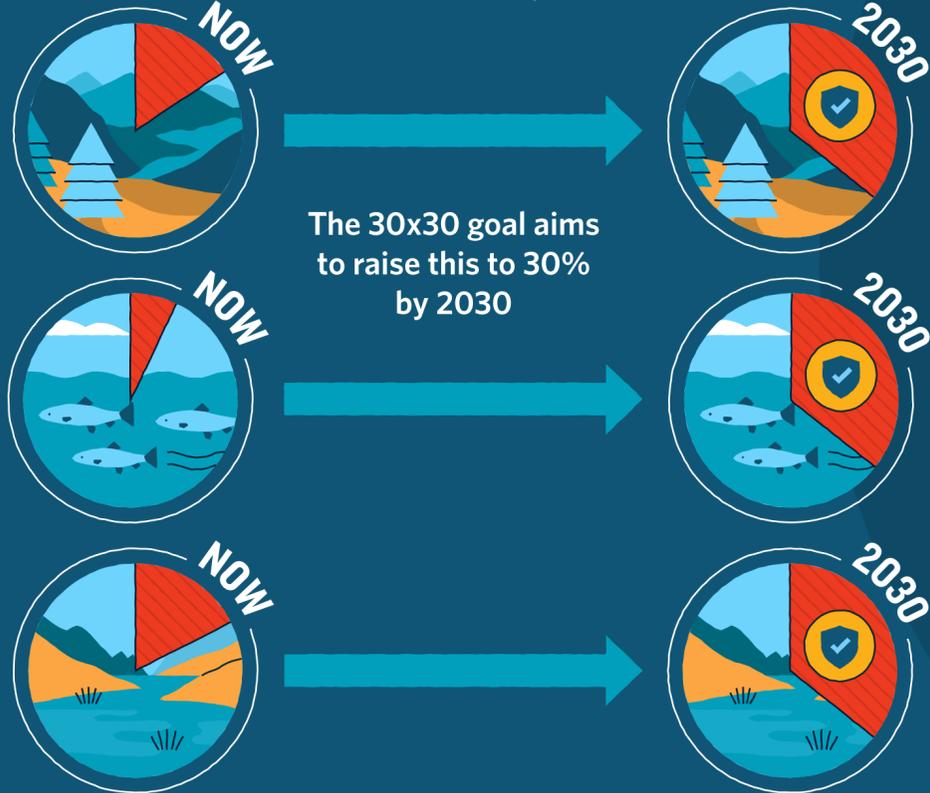
Taking 30x30 further

## Where:

Gabon is emerging as a global leader in biodiversity conservation. It is also home to some of the richest and most diverse ecosystems on the planet.

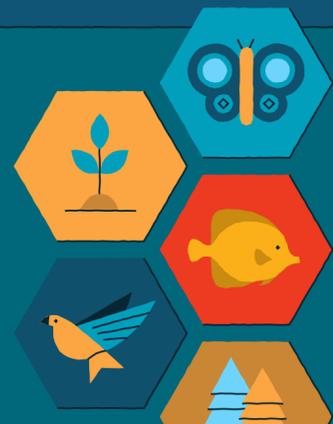


**What:** At present, an estimated 15% of the world's land, 7% of its ocean, and 17% of its free-flowing rivers are conserved and protected.



## Why:

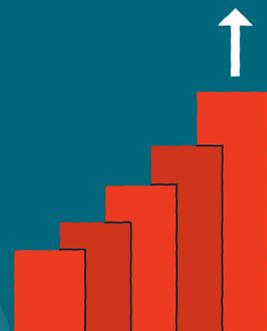
So far, over 90 countries have joined the 30x30 commitment for land and sea, in order to...



curb biodiversity loss and prevent extinctions



store carbon



bolster economic growth



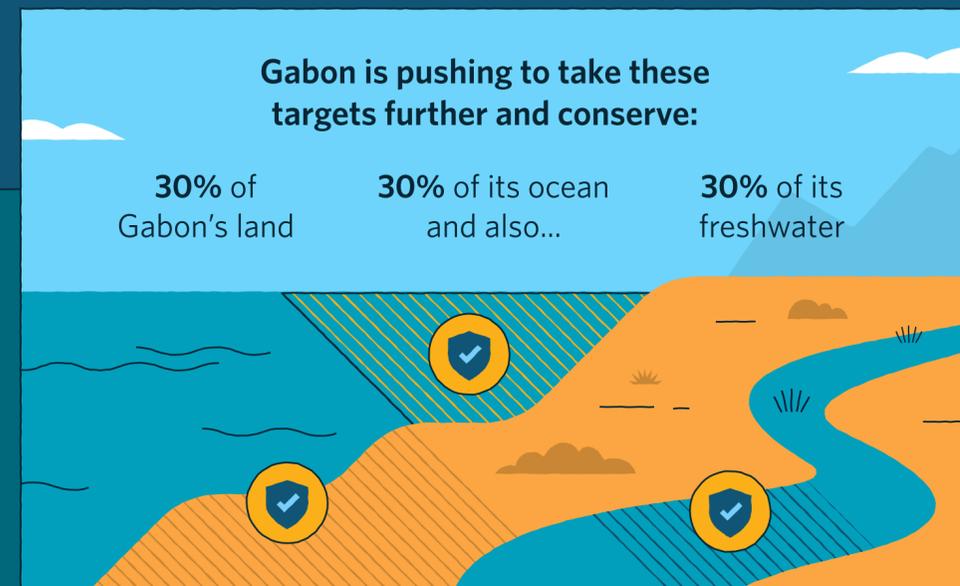
ensure human and planetary health

Gabon is pushing to take these targets further and conserve:

30% of Gabon's land

30% of its ocean and also...

30% of its freshwater



# How

## Freshwater

### The science

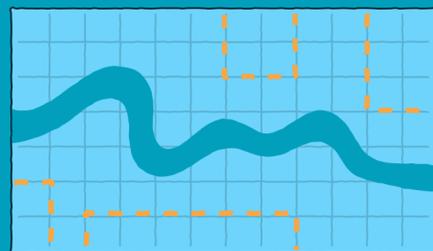
A national freshwater atlas, plus a regional assessment of hydropower potential, are helping to establish:

- which critical areas to protect
- where and how renewable energy development can have the least negative impact

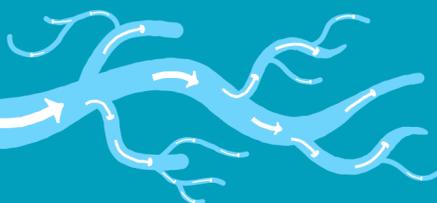


### The strategy

Developing a durable freshwater protection plan will:



Avoid future river damage through the smart planning and siting of new infrastructure development



Protect free-flowing and connected freshwater ecosystems



Help shape policy tools to protect and manage resources

### The sums

*Enduring Earth* is an ambitious collaboration that works alongside nations as they accelerate and amplify freshwater, terrestrial and marine conservation. Central to this approach is Project Finance for Permanence\* (PFP), an innovative and proven model that fully funds conservation projects to ensure durable and scalable impact. A PFP will identify and secure the investment needed to ensure Gabon's plans are robust and fully financed in perpetuity.

## Land

### The science

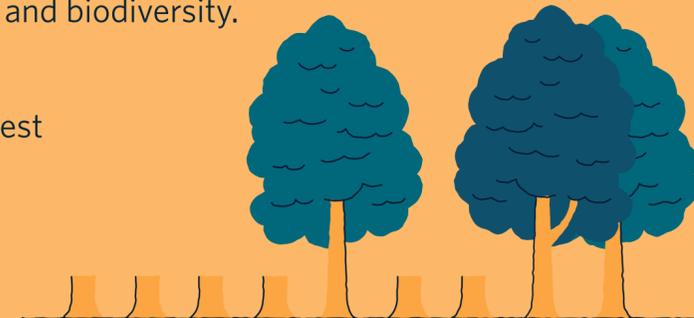
TNC and the Government of Gabon are compiling existing research to show where forest protection can deliver the greatest benefits for climate and biodiversity.

### The strategy

Gabon has long implemented selective logging in its forest industries. TNC has also supported the government to develop and test a Reduced Impact Logging for Climate (RIL-C) plan, now being rolled out nationally.

### The sums

In 2021, Gabon's commitment to forest protection and sustainable management attracted a 10-year, \$150 million commitment from Norway (through the Central African Forest Initiative). The recognized baseline data will allow Gabon to measure and demonstrate improvements in forest management that will help unlock this funding.



Q: What's Project Finance for Permanence?

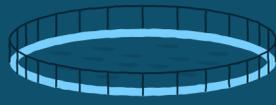
A: A PFP secures the funding needed and supports local leadership in delivering durable conservation and community development.



# Ocean

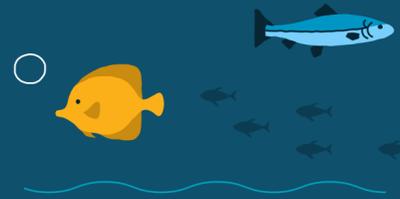
## The science

Gabon is working to protect critical marine areas to conserve threatened and iconic species, increase ecosystem resilience, restore depleted fish stocks, and support sustainable fisheries.



## The strategy

Gabon has marine protected areas\* covering an area of 51,965 sq km.



Now, the goal is to ensure that all achieve the highest level of protection, from less than 1% to 10%, and to develop financial mechanisms to ensure this conservation is sustainable.



## Q



**Q:** What are marine protected areas?  
**A:** Places where the conservation of marine resources has been secured in the long term, typically in a marine park or reserve.

## The sums

TNC is working with the government of Gabon to develop a project to:

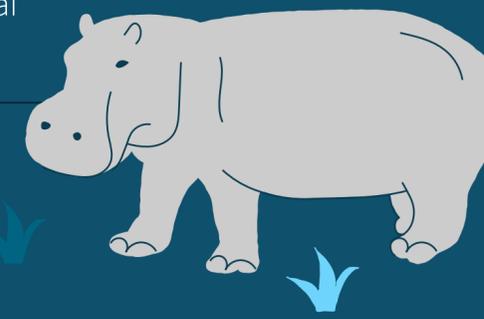


**1** Expand protection and conservation to 30% of Gabon's Exclusive Economic Zone



**2** Support effective natural resource management

**3** Secure long-term financing to support a sustainable and equitable economy



## The result

Gabon's 30:30:30 program aims to create a nature-positive economy.

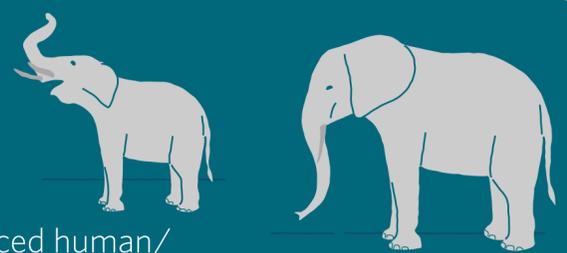


It aims to benefit 300,000 people through:

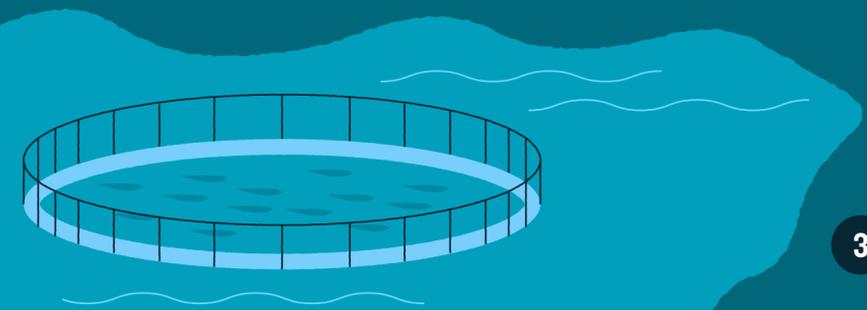
**1** Improved fisheries and forestry jobs



**2** Other forest resource benefits



**3** Reduced human/elephant conflict



Globally, studies have shown that the economic benefits of protecting 30% of the planet could outweigh the costs by 5-to-1.



Gabon's leaders are investing in nature conservation as they seek to diversify their economy and transition their country from a resource-extractive economy to a nature-positive future.

