

Global  
**Peatlands**  
Initiative



A new Initiative to save peatlands as the world's largest terrestrial organic carbon stock.

# Alec Baldwin: Peatlands



Peatlands matter for the climate



# Peatlands matter for people



An aerial photograph of a vast peatland landscape. The terrain is a mix of dark, saturated blue and brownish-green, with intricate patterns of water channels and peat mounds. The horizon is a thin, bright blue line against a dark, clear sky. The text "Peatlands matter for the planet" is overlaid in the center in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Peatlands matter for the planet



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# **SMOKE ON WATER**

**COUNTERING GLOBAL THREATS FROM PEATLAND LOSS AND DEGRADATION**



**A RAPID RESPONSE ASSESSMENT**







**Scottish Wild CEO** @JonnyEcology · Mar 24



Thrilled to have waded through my first tropical #peatlands in the Congo today. I really wasn't expecting to see Sphagnum and sundew! Made me feel right at home in Scotland. #peatlandsmatter



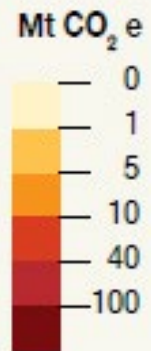
# Emissions from peatlands by country

*where & how changing*

*Financial Solutions & Instruments*

*productive uses & drainage-free livelihoods*

*Policies Laws Institutions*



Source: Wetlands International, Briefing paper: accelerating action to Save Peat for Less Heat!



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# 2018-2019 Activities



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



Global  
Landscapes  
Forum



COP24-KATOWICE 2018  
CONFERENCE



OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Q1 / Q2

Q3 / Q4

GPI COUNTRIES  
HIGH LEVEL SSC  
INDONESIA

GPI SIDE EVENTS  
EGYPT

GPI HIGH LEVEL  
& SIDE EVENTS  
POLAND

GPI OUTLINE DRAFT  
GLOBAL PEATLANDS  
ASSESSMENT

GPI 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
OF THE PARTNERS  
PERU

## the Convention on Wetlands focuses on

during Ramsar COP13 in October 2018:



**countries to conserve existing mires – and to shift from drainage-based peatland agriculture and forestry to paludiculture or rewetting**

*guidelines for identifying and designating peatlands as Ramsar Sites for global climate change regulation*

**countries to foster collaboration and synergies among different multilateral environmental agreements**

*Ramsar's scientific and technical panel to develop guidance on integrating peatland restoration projects into NDCs*

**countries to pursue peatland conservation and restoration to reduce emissions to achieve their NDCs under the Paris Agreement**

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**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!**

**Because #PeatlandsMatter**

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