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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Launching of the compendium “Biodiversity in Latin America in the Caribbean”**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the IAI has published the new compendium “Biodiversity in Latin America in the Caribbean” edited by the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) in collaboration with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Latinoamerica21, bringing together a diverse selection of scientists and other actors who invite reflections on biodiversity as a natural resource and essential pillar for life, health, and social justice in the region.

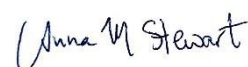
The publication is aimed at a wide audience of non-specialists and specialists interested in the current ecological crisis, from silent deforestation and plant extinction to predatory mining and soil transformations, taking into account solutions developed at the local level.

Organized into four thematic chapters, the compendium includes discussions on biodiversity loss and its structural causes, and its impact on human well-being, particularly in relation to water, climate, health, and agriculture. It highlights inclusive conservation approaches that recognize the central role of indigenous peoples and local communities as historical guardians of ecosystems. Finally, it presents strategic perspectives for regional action, including proposals for governance, environmental justice, and ecological transition.

The document is available for download in English, Spanish, and Portuguese: <https://www.iai.int/en/post/detail/2025-IAI-Compendium-Biodiversity-in-Latin-America-and-the-Caribbean>.

We encourage you to read the compendium and share it with colleagues, institutions, and networks.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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