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The Transformative Power of Co-Creation for Ecosystem Restoration

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), endorsed by 196 governments worldwide, sets ambitious targets for ecosystem restoration, aiming for at least 30% of degraded ecosystems to be effectively restored by 2030. Ecosystem restoration is pivotal in achieving socially desirable goals, such as curbing biodiversity loss, mitigating climate change, enhancing resilience, and ensuring that nature continues to contribute to a good life for future generations. Despite these advantages, restoration efforts are progressing slowly, often at limited scales, with high costs and uncertain outcomes. This presentation draws on insights from the IPBES transformative change assessment, highlighting the potential of co-creation processes as a transformative approach to ecosystem restoration. By fostering collaboration and active participation of governments, local communities, scientists, non-governmental organizations, co-creation can help overcome systemic barriers, accelerating and scaling restoration efforts to achieve lasting and desirable societal changes.