

**INDICATOR: IMPLEMENTATION PLANS IN SUPPORT OF ONTARIO'S BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION:** Engage People

**TARGET:** 4. By 2015, all sectors have initiated the development of implementation plans in support of Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy, and by 2020, those plans are implemented.

**THEME:** Conservation Response – Plans and Policies

**Background Information:**

While government policies and programs can provide a strong framework for biodiversity conservation, the participation of all sectors and individuals is required to achieve success. Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy (OBS) identifies the need for broad societal consensus and participation to protect the variety of life on Earth and that protecting what sustains us "is a challenge not just for some of us, but for all of us" (OBS 2005). When the Strategy was renewed in 2011, this concept was captured in the first goal:

Goal 1: Mainstream biodiversity by incorporating biodiversity considerations into decision-making across the province, in different sectors and in our homes, workplaces and schools.

To help measure progress on this goal, the renewed OBS 2011 also includes the target that all sectors initiate the development of implementation plans in support of OBS by 2015 and implement those plans by 2020.

This indicator reports on implementation plans that have been developed in support of the OBS. A related indicator on [Biodiversity and Business](#) assesses the efforts Ontario's business sectors have made to incorporate biodiversity considerations into their business operations.

**Data Analysis:**

A list of implementation plans that support the OBS was created through canvassing members of the Ontario Biodiversity Council (Tables 1 and 2). This includes implementation plans specifically created to help achieve the goals, objectives, outcomes and actions of the OBS 2011. It also includes plans that were not specifically created around the OBS 2011, but support the conservation of Ontario's biodiversity consistent with the OBS.

Undoubtedly, there are additional sectoral implementation plans and strategies supportive of the OBS that have not been identified here. Readers are encouraged to identify relevant plans so that they can be incorporated.

**Results:**

**Trend:** Baseline

**Data Confidence:** Medium

**Geographic Extent:** Provincial



Table 1. Implementation plans directly related to the Ontario Biodiversity Strategy.

Sector/organization	Name of plan	Status
Ontario government	It's in our Nature – Ontario Government Plan to Conserve Biodiversity 2012-2020	being implemented
Ontario Biodiversity Council	OBC implementation plan	being implemented
Stewardship Network of Ontario	Stewardship Strategy 2013	being implemented
Halton Region	A Biodiversity Strategy for the Halton Regional Forests	being implemented

Table 2. Implementation plans and strategies consistent with the Ontario Biodiversity Strategy.

Sector/organization	Name of plan	Status
Royal Ontario Museum	ROM 2011-2017 Strategic Plan	being implemented
Ontario Power Generation	Ontario Power Generation Biodiversity Policy	being implemented

**Status:**

- Four plans have been specifically developed to support implementation of the OBS 2011.
- Two additional plans were identified that indirectly support the Ontario Biodiversity Strategy.
- 34 of 70 Ontario companies examined account for biodiversity in their plans and policies (see [Business and Biodiversity Indicator](#)).
- While the existence of these plans is encouraging, more organizations and sectors need to support the OBS to achieve success.

**Links:**

**Related Targets:** N/A

**Related Themes:** Conservation and Sustainable Use

**Web Links:**

The Ontario Biodiversity Council [www.ontariobiodiversitycouncil.ca](http://www.ontariobiodiversitycouncil.ca)

The Stewardship Network of Ontario Stewardship Strategy 2013  
<http://stewardshipnetwork.ca/files/2012/03/SNO-Stewardship-Strategy-May-2013.pdf>

Biodiversity: It's in our Nature – Ontario Government Plan to Conserve Biodiversity 2012-2020  
<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/c8f28fef>

Royal Ontario Museum <http://www.rom.on.ca/nature>



Ontario Power Generation – Biodiversity

<http://www.opg.com/about/environment/Pages/environment.aspx>

Halton Region – A Biodiversity Strategy for the Halton Regional Forests

<http://sirepub.halton.ca/cache/2/p1vkvjtok04p1ih5evieevw0/17558903162015013355667.PDF>

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