

# Important International Environmental Agreements

The table below gives the list of important environmental conventions of the world:

List of Environmental Conventions	
Name	Year of Establishment
Ramsar Convention	1971
Stockholm Convention	2001
CITES	1973
Convention on Biological Diversity	1992
Bonn Convention	1979
Vienna Convention	1985
Montreal Protocol	1987
Kyoto Protocol	1997
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	1992
Rio Summit	1992
UNCCD	1994
Basel Convention	1989
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	2000
UN-REDD	2008
Nagoya Protocol	2010
COP24	2018
COP21	2016
Kigali Amendment	2016
Minamata Convention	2013
Rotterdam Convention	1998
COP25	2019

## Brief about Environmental Conventions

### 1. Ramsar Convention

- It is called the Convention on Wetlands
- It was adopted in the city of Iran, Ramsar in 1971.
- It came into force in 1975.

### 2. Stockholm Convention

- It is a convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
- It was adopted in 2001 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- It came into force in 2004.

### **3. CITES**

- It is a convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
- It was adopted in 1963.
- It came into force in 1975.

### **4. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**

- It is a convention for the conservation of biological diversity.
- It was adopted in 1992
- It came into force in 1993.

### **5. Bonn Convention**

- It is a Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.
- It was adopted in 1979.
- It came into force in 1983.

### **6. Vienna Convention**

- It is a convention for the Protection of Ozone Layer.
- It was adopted in 1985.
- It came into force in 1988.

### **7. Montreal Protocol**

- It is an international environment protocol on substances that deplete the Ozone Layer.
- It was adopted in 1987.
- It came into force in 1989.

### **8. Kyoto Protocol**

- It is an international protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- It was adopted in 1997.
- It came into force in 2005.

### **9. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

- It is an international environmental treaty governing actions to combat climate change through adaptation and mitigation efforts directed at control of emission of GreenHouse Gases (GHGs) that cause global warming.
- It was adopted in 1992.
- It came into force in 1994.

### **10. Rio Summit**

- It is a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.
- It was held in 1992 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## **11. UNCCD**

- It is a United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.
- It was adopted in 1994.
- It came into force in 1996.

## **12. Basel Convention**

- It is a convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.
- It was adopted in 1989.
- It came into force in 1992.

## **13. Cartagena Protocol**

- It is an international environmental protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- It was adopted in 2000.
- It came into force in 2003.

## **14. UN-REDD**

- It is a United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation.
- It was created in 2008.

## **15. Nagoya Protocol**

- It is an international environment protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ABS) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- It was adopted in 2010.
- It came into force in 2014.

## **16. COP24**

- It is the 24th meeting of the conference of parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- It took place in 2018.

## **7. COP21**

- It is the 21st meeting of the conference of parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- It took place in 2018.

## **18. Kigali Agreement**

- It is an amendment to the Montreal Protocol.
- It was adopted in 2016.
- It came into force in 2019.

## **19. Minamata Convention**

- It is an international environmental treaty intended to protect health and the environment from the adverse effects of mercury.
- It was adopted in 2013.
- It came into force in 2017.

## **20. Rotterdam Convention**

- It is an international environmental convention on Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade.
- It was adopted in 1998.
- It came into force in 2004.

## **21. COP25**

- It is the 25th meeting of the conference of parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- It took place in 2019.