

Further comments on my submission to the Old Growth Panel and Al Gorley and Garry Merkel January 31, 2020

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Please include with my previous submission.

### **Recommendations Urgent**

Stop all logging in Endangered Ancient Forest Ecosystems on Vancouver Island and the South Coast, (south of Cape Caution) including the islands.  
Stop logging in the Interior Temperate Rainforest.

Support First Nations to identify and establish Indigenous Conserved and Protected Areas in Ancient Forests in their territories. These ICPA's, will be protected through Conservancy designations, with indigenous rights, as seen in the Great Bear Rainforest. This must be supported by serious **Conservation Financing** by the Federal Government, which has already identified funds for protection of greater at risk landscapes and forests, across Canada. The BC government must participate with serious funding. The private sector is another source of funding as witnessed in the Great Bear Rainforest.

All new and old Ancient Forest Conservancy/protected areas will be eligible for significant annual **carbon credits**, from further carbon sequestration, which can be sold to support First Nations conservation and other projects.

As a last recommendation to be included in your report.

UN Biodiversity Framework report:

[https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/iucn\\_position\\_paper\\_oewg-1\\_-\\_22\\_august\\_2019.pdf](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/iucn_position_paper_oewg-1_-_22_august_2019.pdf)

**"All sites of global significance for biodiversity, including key biodiversity areas (KBAs), should be documented, retained, and restored through well-managed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, to cover by 2030 at least 30% of the planet."**

**With only 5.5% of the original extent of Ancient Forest on Vancouver Island protected, we are far below the UN recommendations of areas of biodiversity of global significance. It is the responsibility of the Government of BC and the people of BC's to immediately stop logging ancient forests now and protect and restore these globally rare ecosystems fully into the future.**