

BioRegional

solutions for sustainability



Securing a sustainable and equitable future through One Planet Living

One planet living - a practical solution

One planet living is a positive vision of a world in which we are living happy, healthy lives within the natural limits of the planet - wherever we live in the world - having left sufficient space for wildlife and wilderness. At BioRegional we know that one planet living is possible.

Working with partners we've developed inspiring, real life examples of sustainable communities and businesses which show one planet living in practice. From this experience we've developed a simple approach and sustainability framework based on ten principles, which enables others to implement one planet living.

An international framework

The one planet living framework is being formally used in projects and initiatives in 12 countries: Australia, Canada, China, France, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, UK, United Arab Emirates and USA. An on-line toolkit, available since 2010, has been used in at least 40 other countries.



- Zero carbon
- Zero waste
- Sustainable transport
- Sustainable materials
- Local and sustainable food
- Sustainable water
- Land use and wildlife
- Culture and heritage
- Equity and local economy
- Health and happiness

The ten principles of One Planet Living

Globally, the rate at which we are consuming resources and pumping out pollutants is racing way ahead of the planet's ability to replenish or absorb them. To put this another way, we are now consuming the equivalent of 1.5 planet's worth of resources each year – whatever way you define sustainability, this is not it. The proof is all around us, from the impacts of climate change, disappearing forests, over-exploited fisheries and the loss of biodiversity on a massive, and rapid scale.

Around the world people consume at different rates. If everyone in the world lived like the average European we'd need three planets to support us and yet a citizen of Bangladesh only uses the equivalent of a third of a planet. We clearly need a more equitable spread of the world's natural resource use.

Many people find one planet living an easy way to understand sustainability. Rio+20 is the perfect opportunity to let it “float up” and be used more widely. We are offering it as a banner for the world to get behind where we can herald real life stories of sustainability and offer scale-able solutions and tools to help everyone to act.

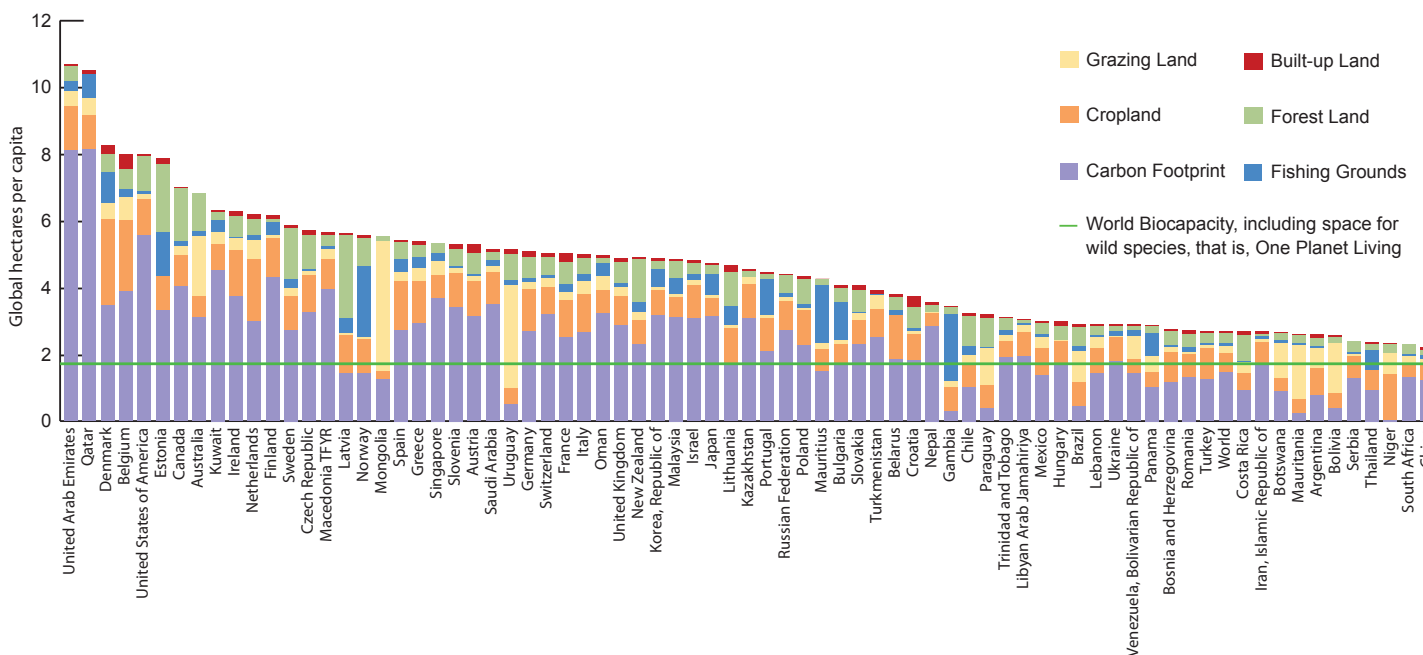
All countries need to make a plan to achieve one planet living within the limits and timeframe that the science and morality tells us is necessary. And the Rio+20 process gives us the opportunity to stimulate this sort of national one planet living uptake.

We are looking for as many people, communities, organisations and governments as possible to support the delivery of a positive outcome from Rio+20 that would re-set the world on a trajectory towards one planet living.

Globally, we want to achieve one planet living by 2030, and this campaign will contribute to that through simple aims:

1. That the Rio+20 treaty and policy outcomes include solutions to overcome the barriers to one planet living.
2. That during the Rio+20 process 40 countries from both the global south and north commit to producing a roadmap to enable their citizens to achieve one planet living by 2030.

Ecological and carbon footprint per person, by country, 2010



How will we achieve our aim?

- 1 By **convening a dialogue** to draw out global solutions to barriers to one planet living for consideration in the “zero draft” of the treaty.
- 2 By developing prototype **national one planet living roadmaps** with progressive countries and locally-based organisations from both the global south and north.
- 3 By enabling others to achieve one planet living by **offering tools and advice**, building on BioRegional’s existing toolkit which has been used in more than 50 countries.
- 4 By **launching a public campaign** using real life one planet living case studies, as inspiration for people to make their own personal one planet living commitments. This will also allow decision makers to know what is expected of them.

Join us at the start of our journey

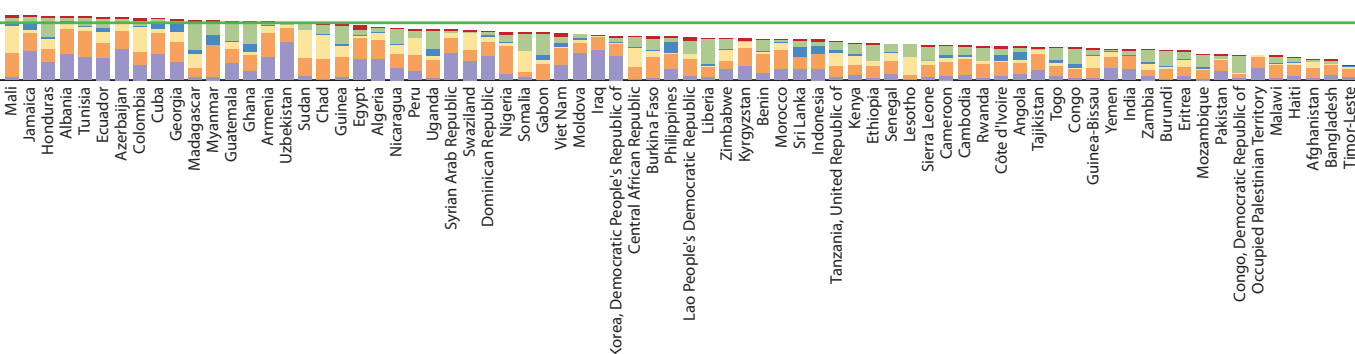
We are inviting civil society groups, individuals, businesses and organisations to come on this journey with us and to shape its destination. We want to make one planet living the central thread woven through the global, regional, national and local actions on the pathway to societies and economies that live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives operating within the carrying capacity of our world. With your support and commitment we can create a one planet living world.

You can help us by:

- contributing to the dialogue process
- helping us steer your government towards a national one planet living roadmap
- using the learning tools we are creating, and
- sharing your stories and helping us build the public campaign around one planet living.

Most of all you yourself can walk the talk and commit to one planet living!

Find out more at www.bioregional.com/oneplanetliving



Sustainability based on what we consume

National one planet living roadmaps differ from current national sustainable development plans in that they will be based on what citizens consume – taking in the wider picture – and set out a clear goal of one planet living. It's about meeting citizens' needs and enabling them to have happy, healthy lives within a fair share of the world's resources. We can show what it might look like when we get there through real examples.

It's about becoming more resource efficient in countries where consumption is above the one planet level and developing and growing in a sustainable way in countries where citizens do not have enough.

There is no one single answer or ideal national roadmap. It's more about the firm intentions of where we want to get to and working it out together. It's about local knowledge and interpretations and local involvement.

We will contact every one of the 193 countries accredited to the United Nations to let them know about this initiative and to research and record the current sustainability commitments made by each country. Citizens of every country can see what their country has pledged to do and see what they can do.

We are also exploring what would be involved in enabling and encouraging groups of citizens, organisations and businesses to develop their own one planet living roadmaps for their countries and submitting them to the UN and to their national governments.

We aim to show real life examples of what one planet living is like in as many countries as possible, especially showing how citizens in the developing world can level up to their fair share and would like to work with locally-based organisations to identify or develop more such examples.

If you want to be in at the start, please contact us.

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“BioRegional are pioneers in reinventing our economy”

Achim Steiner

Executive Director
United Nations Environment Programme

BioRegional is an award-winning international social enterprise which works with partners around the world to demonstrate that a sustainable future is attractive, affordable and achievable. We have sister organisations with representatives in North America, China, South Africa, Greece, and Mexico.

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