

Canada has many international environmental priorities both within and beyond those addressed by UNCED, including fisheries and forests.

Canada will build on the success of the Rio Summit and use diplomatic means to combat overfishing on the high seas. The summit has called for a follow-up intergovernmental conference by mid 1993 to address these urgent issues, and Canada will hold a preparatory meeting in Newfoundland in the fall of 1993.

On forests, countries have agreed on a set of guiding principles that endorse international criteria for the development of national guidelines on forest management, and have also agreed to assess the adequacy of such principles with regard to further cooperation. The guiding principles represent a first step toward Canada's continuing goal of attaining a legally binding international commitment for the world's forests.