

UIM becomes a founding signatory of Sports for Nature Framework



The Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) has signed up to the Sports for Nature Framework as founding signatory. Launched at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal, the Framework aims to deliver transformative nature-positive action across sports by 2030 and beyond.

In its mission to protect and build the future of powerboating on behalf of its member federations and competitors, the UIM is responsible for creating a safe, accessible, and unified sport. Encouraging the transformation of all forms of powerboating through the adoption of sustainable technologies in the marine industry is an integral part of this mission.

The Sports for Nature Framework aims to enable sports organisations to champion nature and contribute to its protection and restoration. By signing the Sports for Nature Declaration, UIM commits to measurable action for nature, by actively working in the spirit of Sports for Nature's four principles:

1. Protect Nature and avoid damage to natural habitats and species
2. Restore and regenerate Nature wherever possible
3. Understand and reduce risks to Nature in their supply chains
4. Educate and inspire positive action for Nature across and beyond sport.

“Becoming a founding signatory to the Sports for Nature Framework just makes sense for us as an organisation. Powerboating is particularly reliant on the natural outdoor environment to provide the clean air and water we depend on to enjoy our sport to the full, every day. As such, we’re committed to taking positive action to help restore aquatic and marine ecosystems around the world,” said UIM President, Raffaele Chiulli.

Acting for nature can help address climate change, one of the biggest drivers of nature loss. By protecting and restoring Nature, sports organizations can play a vital role in climate mitigation and adaption. The Sports for Nature Framework has been designed to complement the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, and will help create synergies in its implementation, including efforts to build sustainable supply chains.

In line with the recent adoption of their new Environmental Policy, the UIM is focused on reducing the powerboating sport's environmental impact and encouraging sustainability and environmental awareness. The UIM continues to work towards the 'greening' of the sport through its commitment to the IOC Sustainability Strategy and the UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action Programme.

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About the Union Internationale Motonautique. The UIM is the world governing body for all Powerboating activities. It is fully recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), is a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and of the Association of the IOC Recognized International Sports Federations (ARISF), for which UIM President, Dr. Raffaele Chiulli also serves as President (ARISF). The UIM has 64 affiliated National Federations. Circuit, Offshore, Pleasure Navigation, Aquabike and MotoSurf are the main disciplines. The UIM has signed a Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to further its range of environmental initiatives, share expertise and work together for "greening" the Sport