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BIODIVERSITY – WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHERE IT'S HEADING

Biodiversity is a term “invented” in 1986 by US scientists. Since then, the concept has gone through a remarkable career in science and policy, starting with the adoption of the United Nation’s Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 1993. The talk will give an overview on how biodiversity as boundary object of environmental communication developed over time and ask, how it is useful today in the triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental pollution.