An overview of the implementation of the Cuban Strategy for Plant Conservation

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The 2023–2030 Cuban Strategy for Plant Conservation (Cuban SPC), with four objectives and 25 outcome-driven targets, aims to achieve measurable plant conservation results in line with the National Environmental Strategy, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Caribbean Strategy for Plant Conservation. The Cuban SPC was developed by the IUCN/SSC Cuban Plant Specialist Group in consultation with researchers, practitioners, managers, and planners from government agencies, botanic gardens, research institutes, and non-governmental organizations entrusted with the management of natural resources. This presentation provides an overview of the 2023–2030 Cuban SPC and highlights actions that have taken place at national, regional, and local levels towards the implementation of the Strategy. Since its early stages, the Strategy has guided the design of the new National Program for Biological Diversity, projects and actions at various institutions, and the development of specific action plans for complex targets or groups of institutions like the National Network of Botanic Gardens. In this presentation, we also discuss how the detailed structure of the Strategy has facilitated its early adoption and implementation by organizations with various levels of capability.