

# The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

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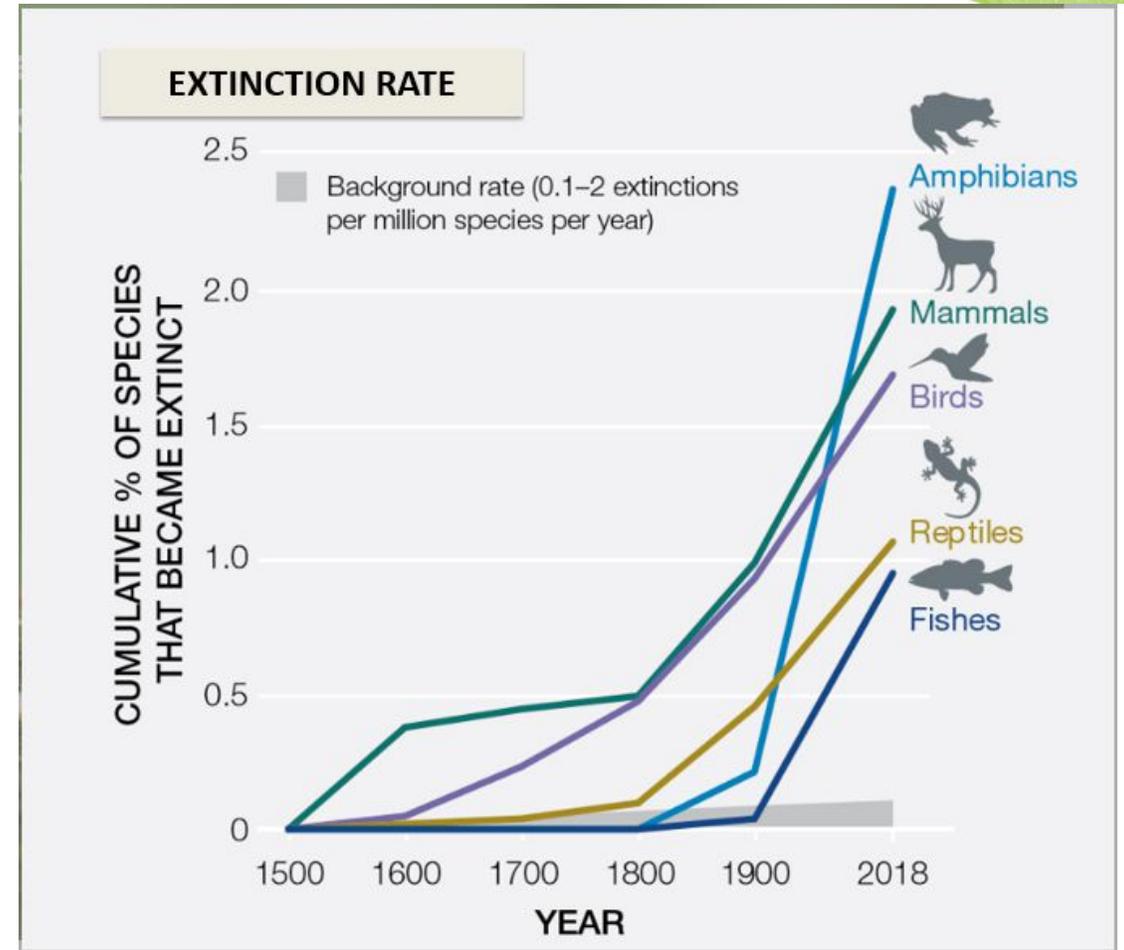
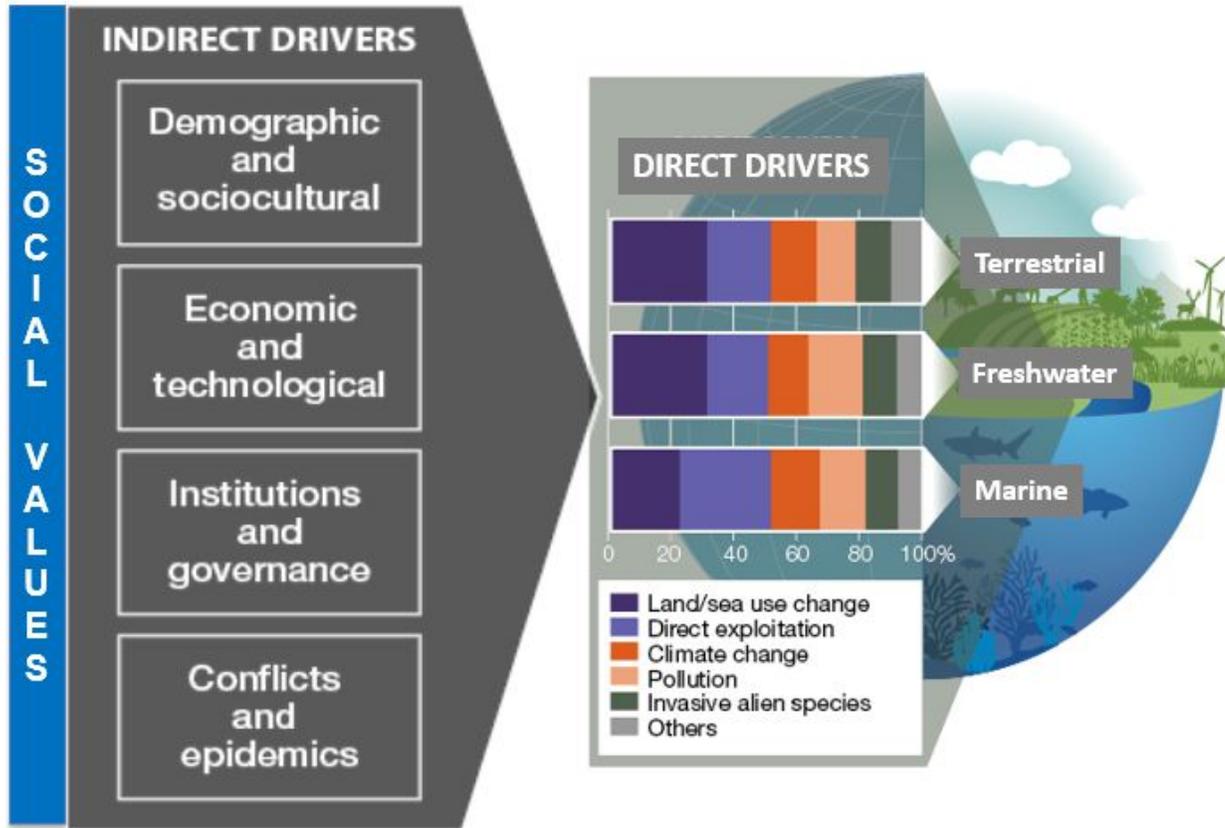
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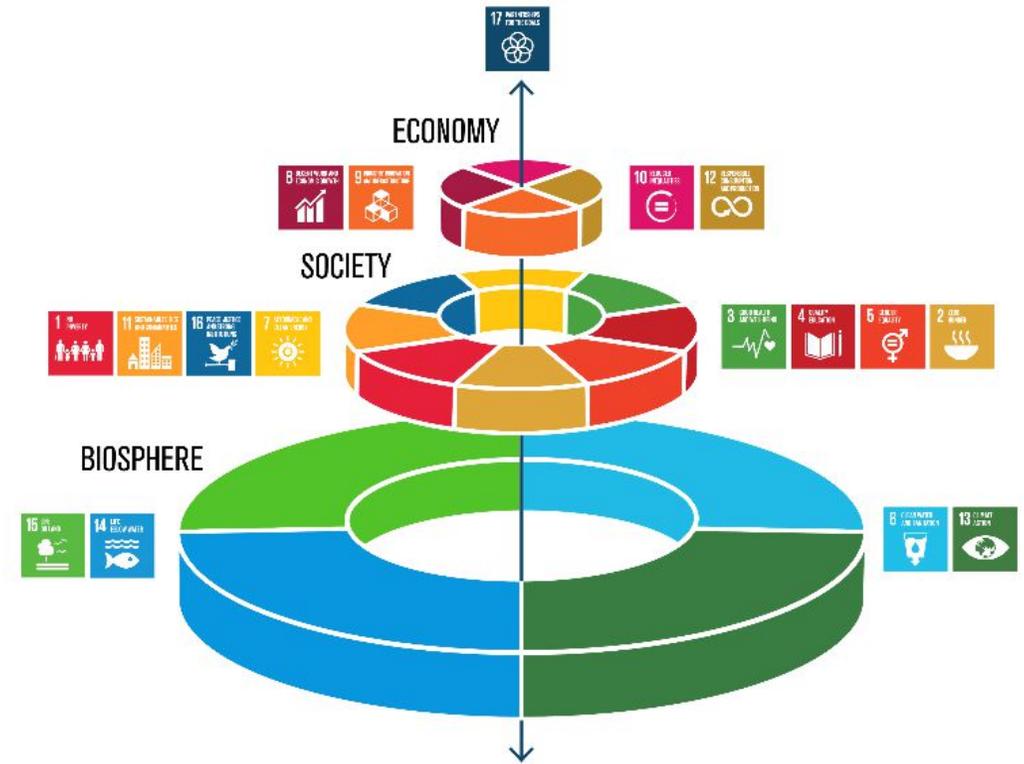


# The global biodiversity crisis



# Biodiversity underpins sustainable development

- Biodiversity loss: key threats for humanity
- Almost half of global GDP is linked to nature
- Interdependence between biodiversity loss and climate change, link to pandemics
- Restoring biodiversity core part of recovery



# | EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Ensure that by 2030, Europe's biodiversity will be on a path to recovery for the benefit of people, the planet, the climate and our economy



Protect Nature



Enable Transformative Change



Restore Nature



EU For An Ambitious Global Agenda



# Some key of EU commitments



+ ca 100 measures



# | A more integrated approach

- A strong high-level political mandate and steer
- Aligned targets across policy documents (e.g. Farm to Fork)
- Responsibility for implementation shared among Commission services
- A more comprehensive and transparent framework for progress monitoring, reporting and review



# | Progress since adoption

- Inter-institutional follow-up: Council Conclusions, EP Resolution, European Economic and Social Committee, Committee of the Regions
- Many actions delivered or on track and ongoing



# Protect Nature



- **Protect 30% of EU land and 30% of EU sea**
- **Strictly protect a third of these areas**



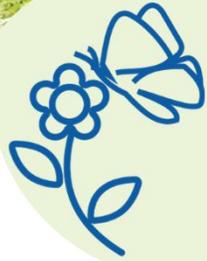
## **Technical guidance published in Jan 2022 on :**

- criteria for identifying and designating additional protected areas,
- definition of strict protection,
- appropriate management planning,
- how ecological corridors, Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and greening of cities can contribute to the protected areas targets

... developed in consultation with national authorities and stakeholders in the Nature Directives Expert Group (NADEG)



# Restore Nature (1)



- ✓ Nature Restoration Law: Commission proposal in March 2022
- ✓ No deterioration and improvement of the conservation status of protected habitats and species: Commission guidance published
- ✓ Agroecology: Organic farming  $\geq 25\%$ : Organic Action Plan adopted
- ✓ Remediate contaminated soil sites and restore soil ecosystems: new EU Soil Strategy adopted in Dec 2021
- ✓ Forests: EU Forest Strategy adopted including Roadmap to 3 billion additional trees. Guidance on biodiversity-friendly afforestation and reforestation under preparation
- ✓ Restore  $\geq 25,000$ km free flowing rivers: EU guidance published



## | Restore Nature (2)



### Work in progress towards the 2030 commitments:

- ✓ Reverse decline in pollinators: EU Pollinators Initiative implementation review published, revision ongoing
- ✓ Biodiverse landscape features  $\geq 10\%$ : ongoing work to integrate measures in CAP Strategic Plans + ERDF
- ✓ 50% reduction of the use and risk of pesticides: ongoing work on specific protection goals, EFSA guidance, SUD revision.
- ✓ Reduce pollution from fertilisers by 50% and their use by  $\geq 20\%$ : ongoing implementation support and enforcement, Integrated Nutrient Management Action Plan under preparation.



## | Restore Nature (3)



### Work in progress towards the 2030 commitments:

- ✓ Urban Greening Plans: Commission guidance under development
- ✓ Halve the number of Red List species threatened by Invasive Alien Species: IAS Regulation implementation review adopted in 2021, Union list update planned for mid 2022,
- ✓ Reduce damage to seabed, eliminate or reduce bycatch: CFP implementation, Action Plan to conserve marine resources and ecosystems planned for 2022.



# Enable Transformative Change (1)



Work in progress towards the 2030 commitments:

➤ **Governance framework launched in December 2021:**

- Transparent online progress tracking tools:

<https://dopa.jrc.ec.europa.eu/kcbd/actions-tracker/>

- Knowledge Center for Biodiversity:

[https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/biodiversity\\_en](https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/biodiversity_en)

- Updated system of Commission Expert Groups: EU Biodiversity platform and **call for applications open until 18 February:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/calls-application?lang=en>

- Closer working arrangements with other policy areas



# Enable Transformative Change (2)



Work in progress towards the 2030 commitments:

➤ **Unlocking 20 billion € for biodiversity:**

- biodiversity financing target adopted in MFF 2021-2027: dedicate 7,5% of the EU budget to biodiversity in 2024, and 10% in 2026 and 2027
- new tracking methodology **under finalisation**
- work with Member States on integrating biodiversity in **RRP, InvestEU, Cohesion Fund and ERDF, CAP Strategic Plans, EMFAF, Horizon Europe, NDICI, pre-accession assistance and other programmes (Erasmus, European Social Fund Plus, Connecting Europe Facility)**



# Enable Transformative Change (3)



- **Business:** ongoing support to in the B@B Platform, WeValueNature, Transparent
- **Sustainable finance:** Taxonomy, Sustainable Financing Reporting Directive
- **Strengthened science-policy interface:**
  - Horizon Europe calls, Biodiversity Partnership (Biodiversa+) launched
  - Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity launched in October 2020
- **Standardized accounting:** UN System for Environmental Economic Accounting SEEA-EA (March 2021)
- **Council decision on Education for Environmental Sustainability:** Commission proposal adopted in Jan 2022



# EU for an ambitious global agenda



- CBD COP15 virtual start in October, adoption of a post-2020 global biodiversity agenda in 2022 at a physical meeting in China
- High-level political mobilisation: Leaders Pledge for Nature, High Ambition Coalition for nature and people, bilateral dialogues
- Resource mobilisation: **EU pledge** to double financing for global biodiversity

## **EU's position for the post-2020 biodiversity framework (to be adopted at CBD COP 15 in April 2022)**

- 2050 goals in line with UN vision: *“living in harmony with nature”*
- Ambitious goals and targets
- Improved means of implementation: finance, capacity, research, know-how and technology
- Stronger implementation, monitoring and review
- A fair and equitable share of the benefits from the use of genetic resources linked to biodiversity.
- Principle of equality – rights of IPLCs, participation,...



# EU external actions for biodiversity



- Climate and biodiversity – UNFCCC COP26
- New methodology to assess the impacts of Free Trade Agreements on biodiversity (**finalised in May 2021**)
- Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking revision (**adoption in 2022**)
- Minimising risk of deforestation and forest degradation associated with products placed on the EU market (**Commission proposal adopted in November 2021**)
- Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - regional programming, NatureAfrica **launched**
- Ocean governance: BBNJ, Marine Protected Areas, deep sea mining.



## | Next Steps



- ✓ Implementation, implementation, implementation
- ✓ New deliverables in 2022 (incl Nature Restoration Law proposal)
- ✓ CBD COP 15 in China
- ✓ Assessment of governance framework in 2023
- ✓ Review of the BDS in 2024



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



More info at:

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/strategy/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/strategy/index_en.htm)

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