

The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

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PROMOTING
CLEAN
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INVESTING IN
SMARTER, MORE
SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORT

STRIVING
FOR GREENER
INDUSTRY



PROTECTING
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The European Green Deal

FROM FARM
TO FORK



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GLOBALLY



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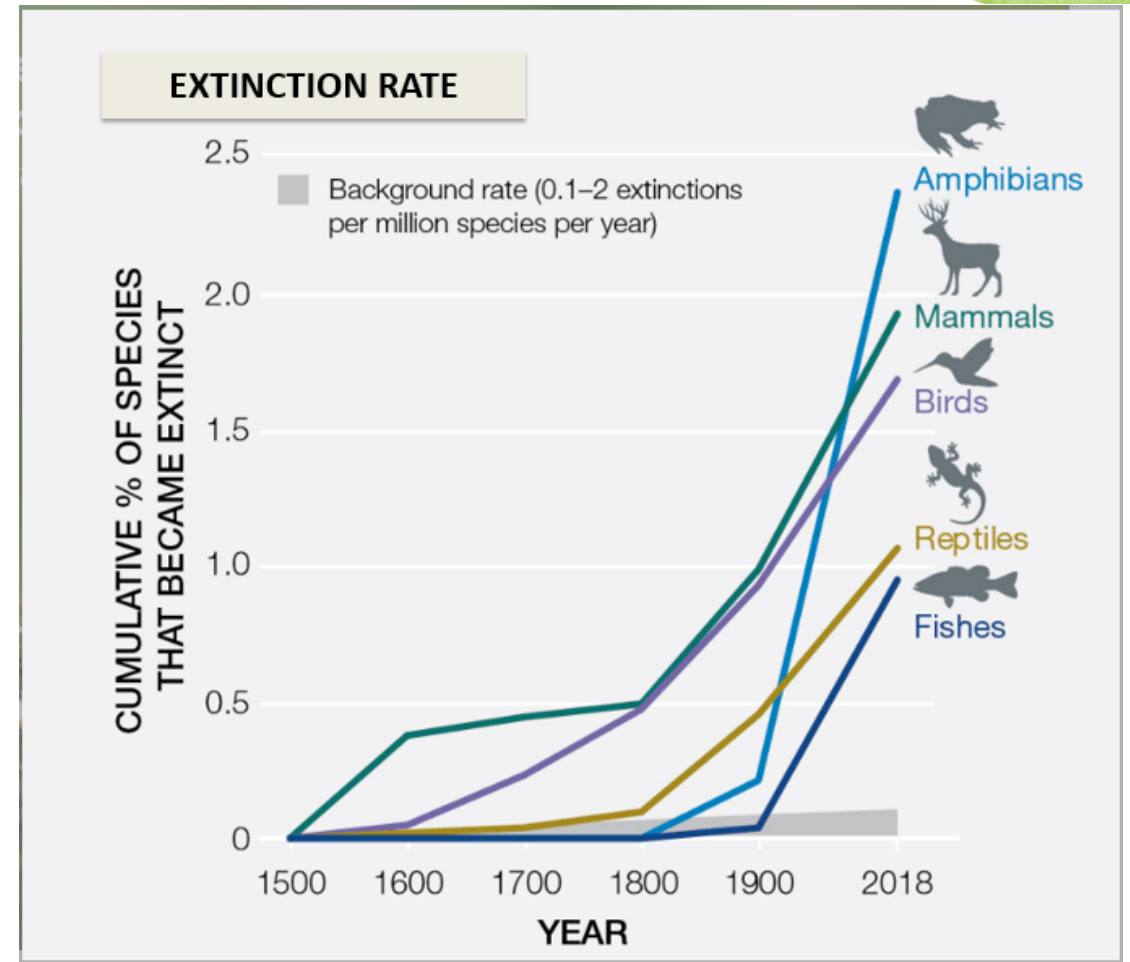
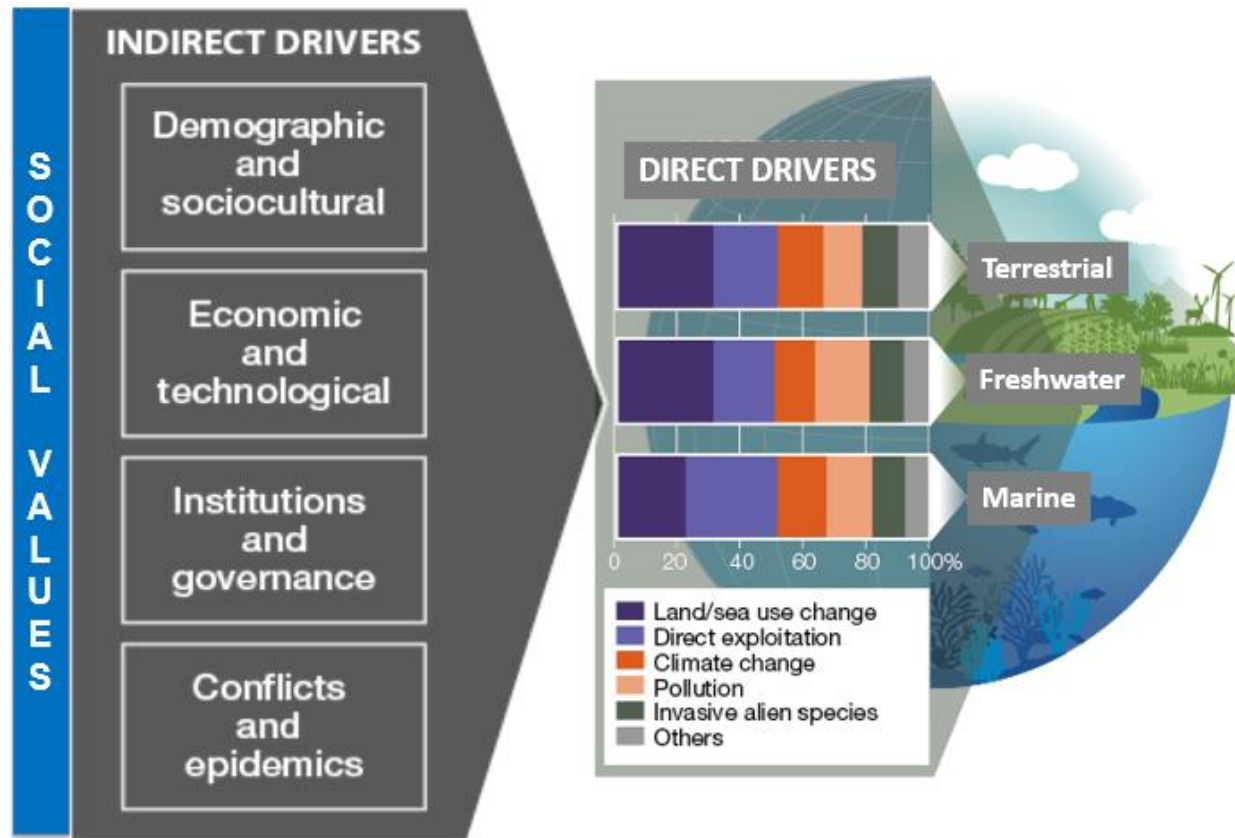
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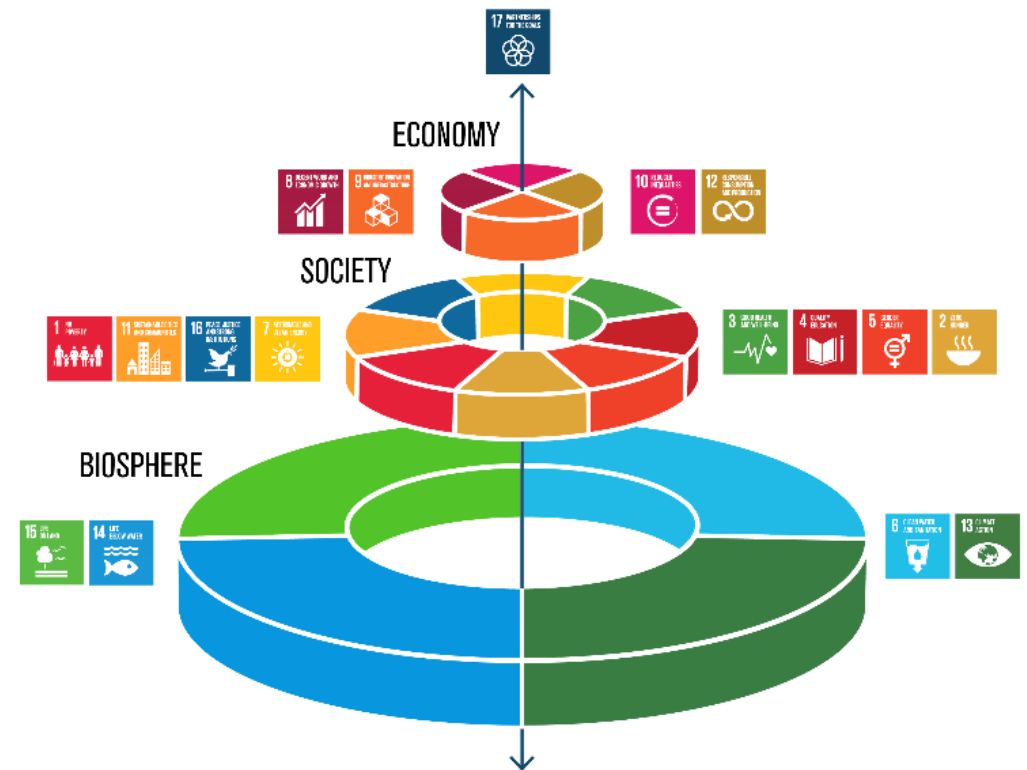


The global biodiversity crisis



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



| Why **now** is the time to take action



Health: Clear links between nature destruction and the increased risk of outbreaks of infectious and in particular zoonotic diseases.



Resilient Recovery: stimulating jobs and transformative change post-COVID 19.



Our role in the world: The world is watching us and looking for EU leadership towards CBD COP15.



Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy



Protect Nature



Enable Transformative Change



Restore Nature



EU For An Ambitious Global Agenda



Examples of 2030 commitments

TURN AT LEAST **30%** OF EU'S LAND AND **30%** OF SEAS INTO EFFECTIVELY MANAGED AND COHERENT PROTECTED AREAS

RESTORE **DEGRADED ECOSYSTEMS** AND STOP ANY FURTHER DAMAGE TO NATURE

RESTORE AT LEAST **25 000 KM** OF THE EU'S RIVERS TO BE FREE-FLOWING

REDUCE THE USE AND RISK OF PESTICIDES BY AT LEAST **50%**

TACKLE **BYCATCH** AND SEABED DAMAGE

REVERSE THE DECLINE OF **POLLINATORS**

ESTABLISH BIODIVERSITY-RICH LANDSCAPE FEATURES ON AT LEAST **10%** OF FARMLAND

MANAGE **25%** OF AGRICULTURAL LAND UNDER ORGANIC FARMING, AND PROMOTE THE UPTAKE OF AGRO-ECOLOGICAL PRACTICES

PLANT OVER **3 BILLION** DIVERSE, BIODIVERSITY RICH TREES.



Protect Nature



Protect 30% of EU land and sea

- Based on Natura 2000 and nationally designated areas
- EU wide target, take into account specific situation in MS
- Integrate ecological corridors to build coherent network

Strictly protect a third of these areas

- Covering areas of very high biodiversity value & important for mitigation and adaptation to climate change, including all primary and old growth forest



Restore Nature



EU Restoration Plan with 2030 commitments (1):

- ✓ Legally binding targets to be proposed in 2021
- ✓ No deterioration of any protected habitats and species by 2030: trend to be positive for at least 30%
- ✓ Agroecology: Organic farming >25%
- ✓ Biodiverse landscape features >10%
- ✓ 50% reduction of use and risk of pesticides
- ✓ Reduction of pollution from fertilisers by 50% and by 20% their use
- ✓ Plant 3 billion additional trees respecting ecological principles
- ✓ Reverse decline in pollinators



Restore Nature (cont)



EU Restoration Plan with 2030 commitments (2):

- Remediate contaminated soil sites
- Restore 25,000km free flowing rivers
- New Urban Greening Platform: the Green City Accord
- Halve the number of 'red list' species threatened by Invasive Alien Species
- Reduction of damage to seabed, bycatch



| Enable Transformative Change



- Governance framework
- Unlocking financing
- Business engagement
- Knowledge, education
- Promotion of Nature-Based Solutions



| EU for an ambitious global agenda



EU's position for the post-2020 biodiversity framework

- 2050 goals in line with UN vision: *“living in harmony with nature”*
- Ambitious global 2030 goals and targets
- Improved means of implementation: finance, capacity, research, know-how and technology
- Much stronger implementation, monitoring and review
- A fair and equitable share of the benefits from the use of genetic resources linked to biodiversity.
- Equality, rights of IPLCs, involvement of all stakeholders



| EU for an ambitious global agenda (cont)



- SDGs
- Green Diplomacy
- International Ocean Governance
- Trade Policy
- Climate Policy
- International cooperation



| Follow-up & next steps



- ✓ Implementation of actions (specific Annex to the Strategy)
- ✓ Positive reaction from Council (23 Oct 2020), COR (Oct 2020), EESC (Sept 2020), EP (December tbc)
- ✓ UNGA Biodiversity Summit Sept 2020
- ✓ CBD COP 15 date tbc (probably late 2021), China
- ✓ Integration into MFF, NGEU, CAP,...



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



More info at:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/strategy/index_en.htm

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