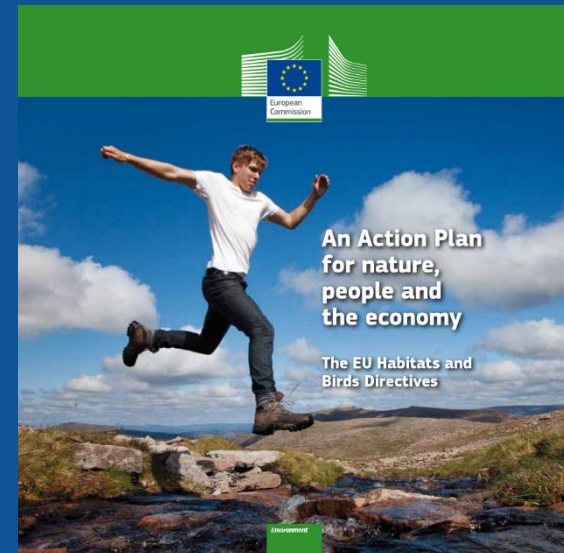


# The Birds and Habitats Directives and Nature Action Plan and the future CAP



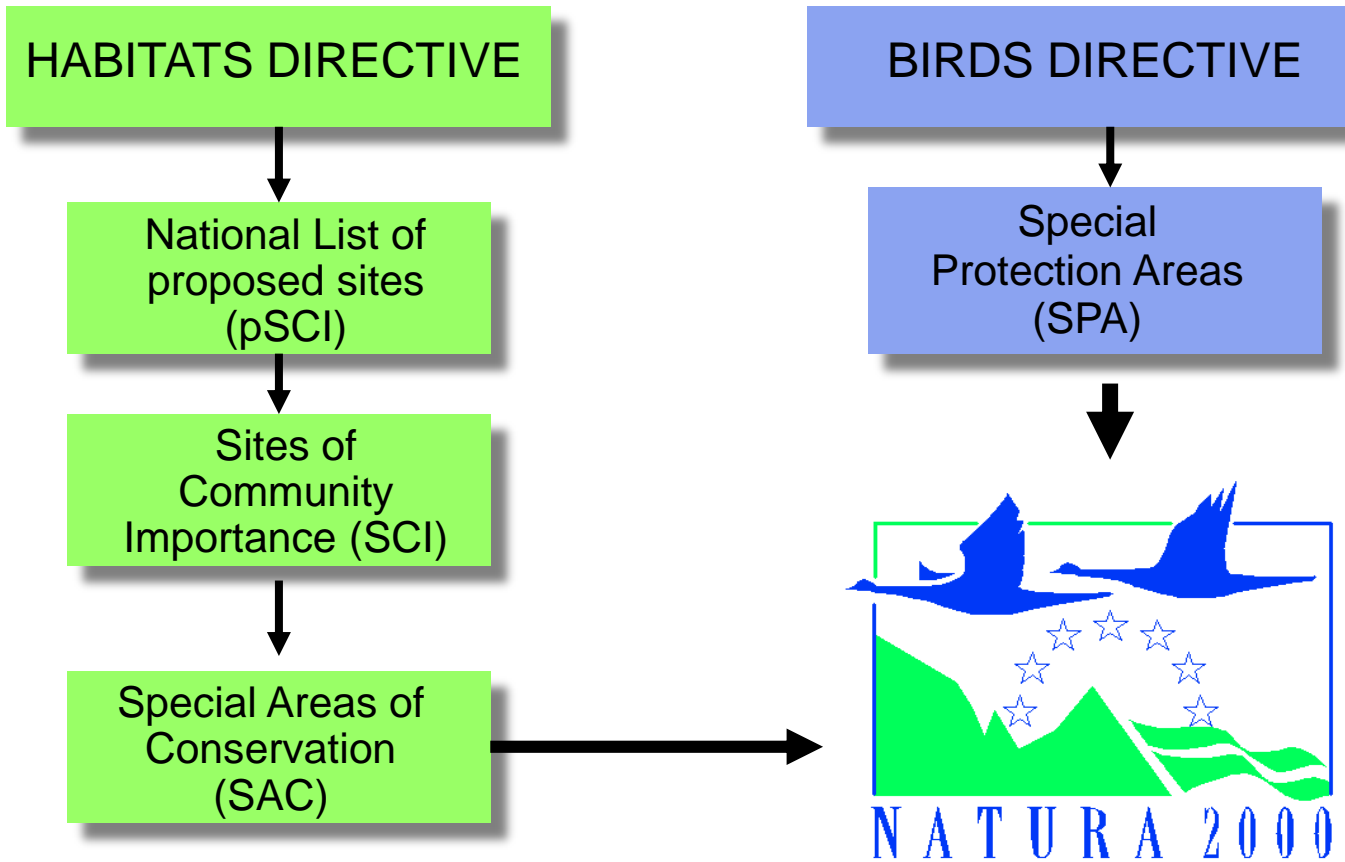
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# Natura 2000 – based on two EU Directives





# The Birds and habitats Directive and agriculture

- Habitats Directive : 57 farmland habitats types, 193 species associated with agroecosystem,
- Birds Directive : 78 birds associated with cropland, 75 with grassland (MAES)
- Natura 2000 sites contains 10,6 % of the EU agricultural land
- Agroecosystems represent 38 % of the total area Natura 2000 network



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# The State of Nature (2015)

## Grassland ecosystems

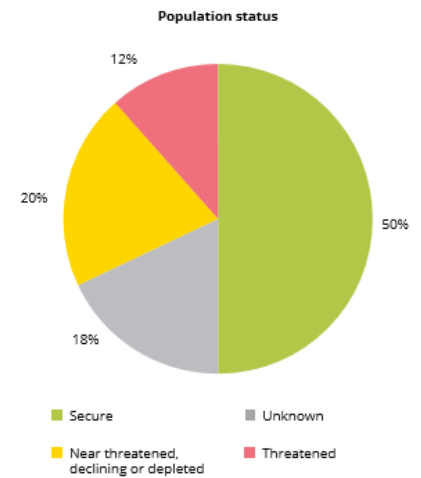
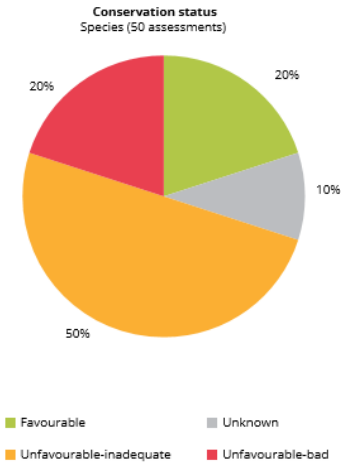
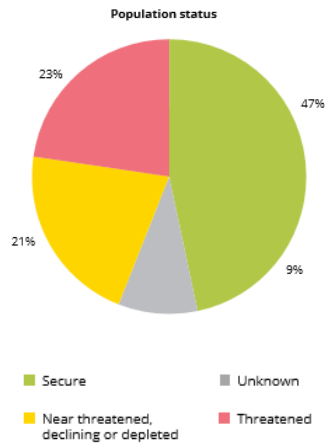
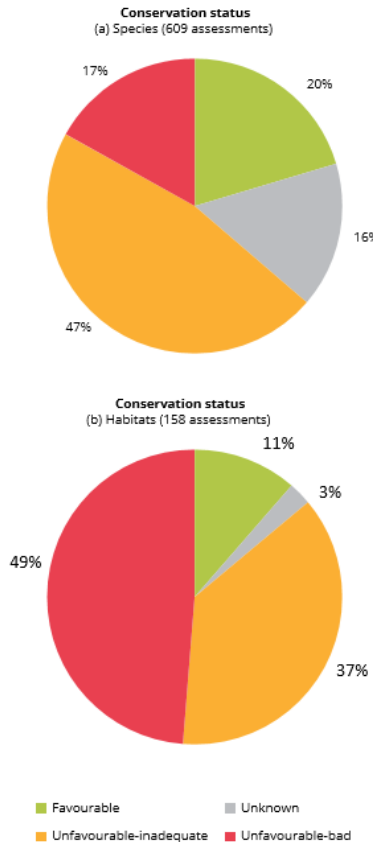
## Cropland ecosystems

Conservation status of species (not birds) and habitats

Conservation status of birds

Conservation status of species (not birds)

Conservation status of birds



# CAP related conclusions of the Fitness check of the Nature Directive

- Species and habitats protected under the Nature Directives, dependent on farming systems, are amongst those showing the most unfavourable conservation status
- Insufficient funding of nature is key constraint - 2nd pillar of the CAP (EAFRD) is the most important source of support for Natura 2000
- Greater efforts are needed to conserve and enhance biodiversity, through more effective integration with the CAP in order to reach biodiversity objectives
- The Action Plan for nature, people and the economy addresses the conclusions of the fitness check

## **Action Plan for nature : Selection of actions, relevant for natural parks managers on agriculture**

- **Action 3 : Improve knowledge.** Promotion of use of alternative information sources, eg citizen science (eg decline of farmland species, pollinators)
- **Action 4 : Put in place conservation measures of Natura 2000 sites :** Define and update Natura 2000 management plan on farmland, implement measures through CAP support (eg agrienvironment)
- **Action 6 : Participate in the biogeographical process** Eg Networking event on Common challenges for semi-natural Natura 2000 grasslands in the Nordic countries (SE, 26-27 mars), Chalk grassland in Atlantic Natura 2000 sites (FR, octobre)
- **Action 7 : Contribute to the implementation of EU Species and Habitats Action Plan.** Eg Turtle Dove, wet grassland waders, Gypaete. Foster coexistence between farmers and large carnivores (regional platforms)
- **Action 8 : Use tools available for the preparation for CAP funding.** Rely on PAF priorities for CAP funding, Species action plans, leverage of CAP funds with LIFE Nature integrated projects
- **Action 9 : Synergies with CAP.** Foster Full and effective use of EAFRD for Natura 2000, Develop result based payment schemes, Support training and awareness raising

# IN A NUTSHELL: THE POST-2020 CAP AND NATURE LEGISLATION



1. **New delivery model:** new governance that relies on more subsidiarity. Makes role of PAFs even more important.
2. **CAP objectives:** Biodiversity including nature is given a specific objective
3. **"Whole CAP" approach:** conditionality details for biodiversity + nature Pillar I and Pillar II interventions all planned together in CAP plans
4. **Links to non-CAP legislation on nature:** *CAP plans to take account of analysis, objectives and targets from environmental plans emanating from habitats and birds directive*
5. **"No backsliding":** *legal obligation on MS to raise ambition on environment and climate compared to current period.*
6. The **new conditionality** will combine and improve aspects of cross-compliance and "greening". Biodiversity is concerned by SMRs, GAEC, ESPGS, EFAs
7. **Better toolbox:** including Pillar I "eco-schemes" – new instrument, can be used for Nature
8. **Ring-fencing:** MS to spend at least 30% of EAFRD budget on *interventions directly targeted at environment and climate change (ANC payments no longer included → potentially more money for Nature)*
9. **SNaPs** CAP to leverage support and upscale of LIFE SNaPs



# Usefull links

- [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/index_en.htm)
- Farming for Natura 2000:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/FARMING%20FOR%20NATURA%202000-final%20guidance.pdf>
- Habitat types dependent on agricultural practises:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/FARMING%20FOR%20NATURA%202000-ANNEXES%20A-D-final.pdf>
- Fitness check: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/fitness\\_check/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/fitness_check/index_en.htm)
- Action Plan for Nature  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/fitness\\_check/action\\_plan/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/legislation/fitness_check/action_plan/index_en.htm)
- ENRD Workshops :[https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/enrd-workshop-natura-2000\\_en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/enrd-workshop-natura-2000_en)  
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- Species Action Plans :  
<http://www.trackingactionplans.org/SAPTT/downloadDocuments/openDocument?idDocument=61>
- <http://www.trackingactionplans.org/SAPTT/downloadDocuments/openDocument?idDocument=59>
- State of Nature : <https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/state-of-nature-in-the-eu>
- Natura 2000 communication platform :  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/platform/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/platform/index_en.htm)