



Opportunities and Threats to European nature conservation and protected areas in the face of climate change

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Opportunities and Threats

Opportunities

Do people have a need?
Do people prefer something else?
Are there any changes in technology?
Are there changes in government policy?

EXTERNAL
FACTORS

Threats

What challenges do you face?
What are your competitors doing?
Is changing technology making things difficult?
Is there an issue with finances?

Opportunities

- 1. The fight against climate change is gaining momentum in many sectors of society - COP in Paris, climate marches**
- 2. New legal framework is coming up and major international agreements are being reviewed in 2020/21 - Green deal, CAP**
- 3. Nature-based solutions and green infrastructure are seriously being discussed - opportunities outside PA**

Opportunities

1. **Covid-19 lockdown offers a glimpse in a slowed-down world** - drop in carbon emissions, green recovery
2. **Climate change is a common challenge** - agriculture, urban areas, nature areas

Threats

- 1. The global collapse of natural ecosystems (life on Earth):**
 2. Land-use change
 3. Climate change
 4. Pollution
 5. Natural resource use and exploitation
 6. Invasive non-native species

- 7. The Great Acceleration - Anthropocene**

Threats

1. **Economic recovery is often done at the expense of Nature - Covid-19**
2. **Climate change adaptation in energy production may lead to even more pressure on life from land use changes - competition for land**
3. **Nature may be too abstract for most citizens and stakeholders**