

The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

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PACT AND CLIMATE
LAW

PROMOTING
CLEAN
ENERGY

INVESTING IN
SMARTER, MORE
SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORT

STRIVING
FOR GREENER
INDUSTRY

ELIMINATING
POLLUTION

ENSURING
A JUST TRANSITION
FOR ALL

FINANCING
GREEN
PROJECTS

MAKING
HOMES ENERGY
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LEADING THE
GREEN CHANGE
GLOBALLY

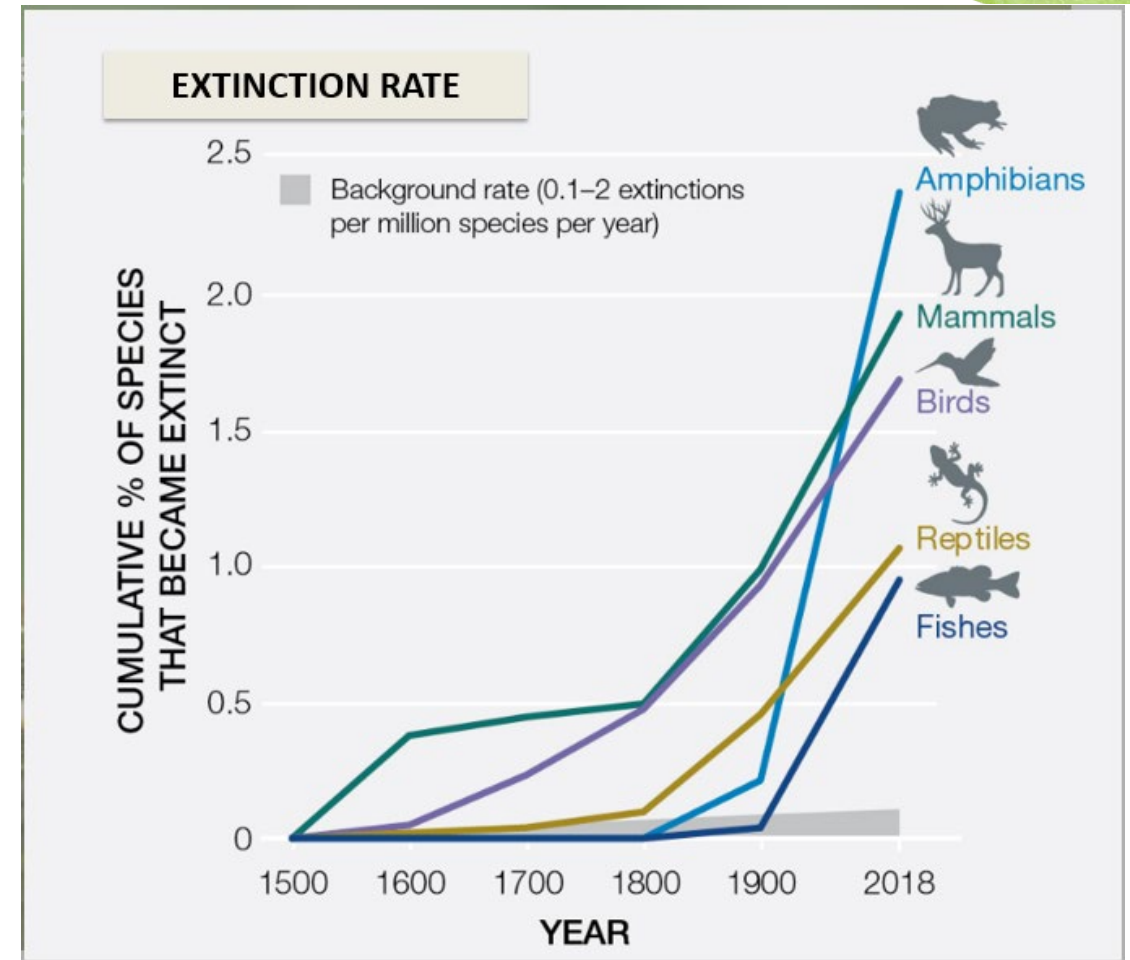
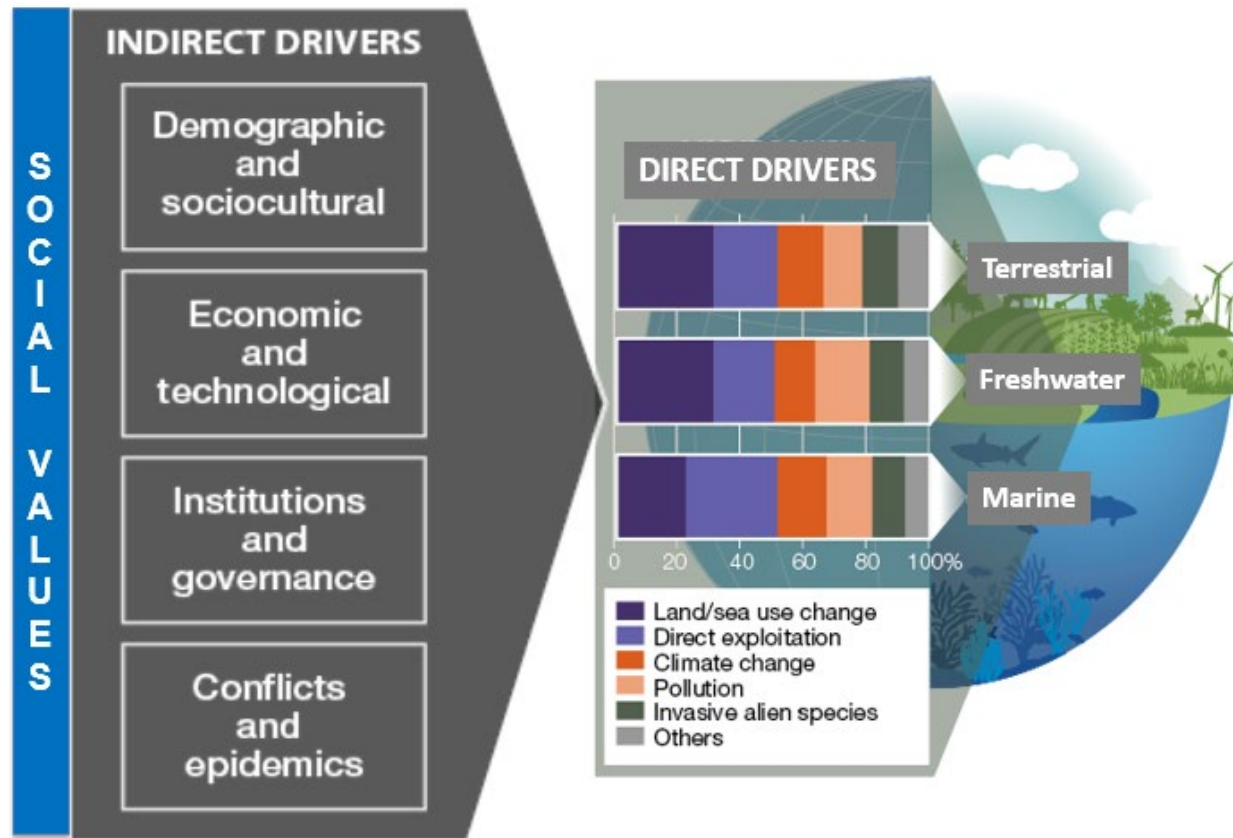
FROM FARM
TO FORK

PROTECTING
NATURE

The European Green Deal

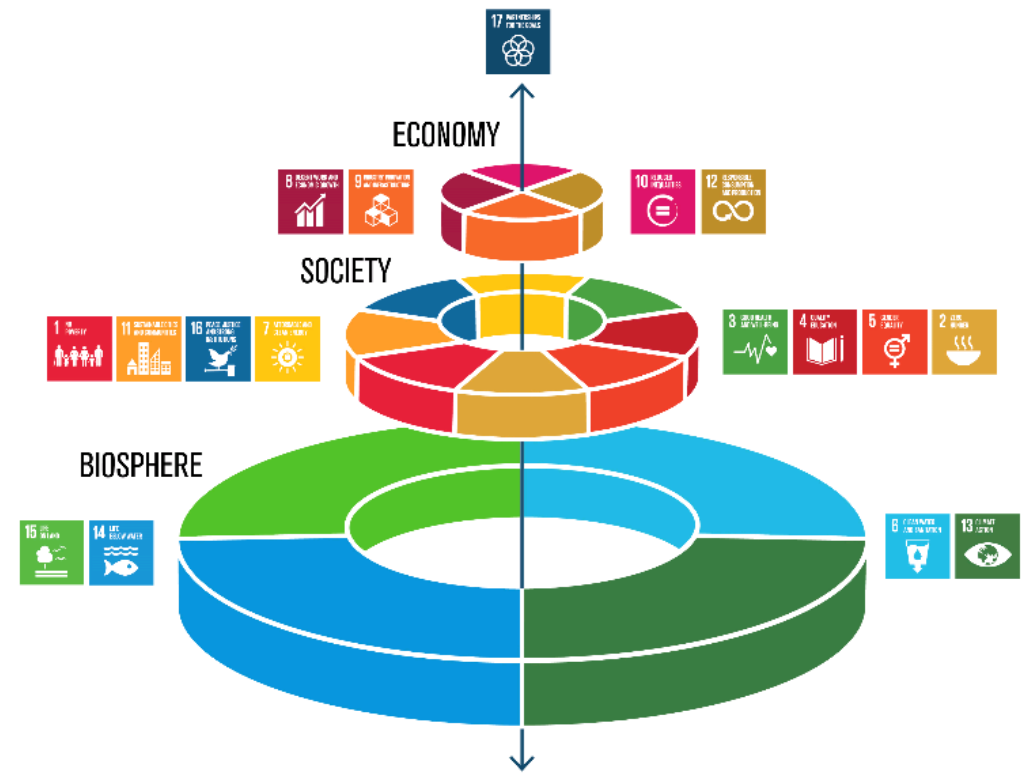


| The global biodiversity crisis



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?



Our role in the world:
EU leadership towards
CBD COP15



Recovery:
Need to
mainstream into
Recovery, MFF,
CAP, etc...



Urgency:
Need to urgently
address the
biodiversity crisis



| Elements of the EU Biodiversity Strategy



Protect Nature



Enable Transformative
Change



Restore Nature



EU For An Ambitious
Global Agenda



| 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: favourable status or positive trend for at least 30%
- ✓ Agroecology: Organic farming $\geq 25\%$
- ✓ Biodiverse landscape features $\geq 10\%$
- ✓ 50% reduction of use and risk of pesticides
- ✓ Reduction of pollution from fertilisers by 50% and by $\geq 20\%$ their use
- ✓ Plant 3 billion additional trees respecting ecological principles
- ✓ Reverse decline in pollinators



| Restore Nature



EU Restoration Plan with 2030 commitments (2):

- Remediate contaminated soil sites
- Restore $\geq 25,000$ km 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, elimination/reduction of 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
- 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 for an ambitious global agenda



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



| Next Steps



✓ Implementation of actions (specific Annex to the Strategy)

✓ Reaction from EP and **Council**, COR, EESC



✓ UNGA Biodiversity Summit Sept 2020

✓ CBD COP 15 early 2021, China



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



More info at:

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

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