



EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

Bringing nature back into our lives



“Making nature healthy again is key to our physical and mental wellbeing and is an ally in the fight against climate change and disease outbreaks. It is at the heart of our growth strategy, the European Green Deal, and is part of a European recovery that gives more back to the planet than it takes away.”

Ursula Von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Global challenges like **climate change**, the unprecedented **loss of biodiversity**, and the spread of devastating **pandemics** are sending a clear message: it's time to **fix our broken relationship with nature**.

- ▶ As the world emerges from the COVID-19 crisis, it's more important than ever to build a more **resilient** society. **The post-2020 global biodiversity framework** will play a vital role in creating a more **sustainable future**.

The **2030 Biodiversity Strategy** will put Europe's biodiversity on the path to recovery by 2030, for the benefit of people, climate and the planet.

It will also prepare the EU to take a leading role in the upcoming international negotiations on a new global framework to halt biodiversity loss.

As a core part of the **European Green Deal**, it will support recovery in a post-pandemic world, bringing jobs and sustainable growth.



BIODIVERSITY is the variety of life on Earth, including plants, animals, fungi, micro-organisms, and the habitats in which they live. This web of living things forms the ecosystems that underpin all economies and societies.

Why should we protect biodiversity?



WE NEED NATURE TO SURVIVE...

- ▶ It gives us the food we eat, filters the water we drink and supplies the air we breathe.
- ▶ Nature sustains our mental and physical wellbeing and is key to our society's ability to cope with climate change, health threats and disasters.

...BUT UNSUSTAINABLE HUMAN ACTIVITIES HAVE BROUGHT IT UNDER THREAT

The global population of wild species has fallen by 60% over the last 40 years.

Around **75%** of the Earth's land and **40%** of its marine environments have been drastically changed.

Unsustainable use of land and sea, overexploitation of natural resources, climate change, pollution and invasive alien species play the biggest role in biodiversity loss.

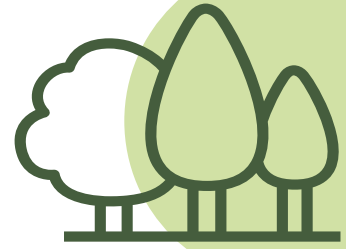
Damaged ecosystems are more fragile, making our societies more vulnerable to extreme events and new diseases.



OUR ECONOMY DEPENDS ON BIODIVERSITY

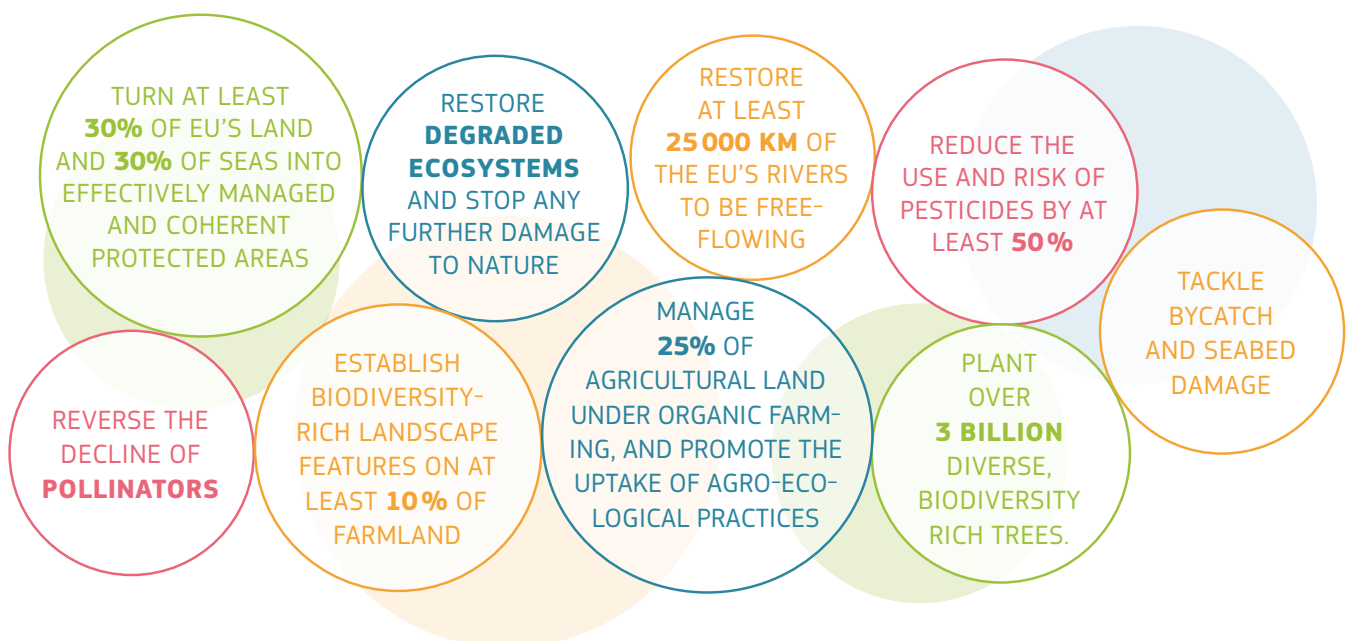
Half of global GDP or **EUR 40 trillion** depends directly on nature

Restore and protect



The **2030 Biodiversity Strategy** builds upon and goes beyond the existing EU Birds and Habitats Directives and the EU Natura 2000 Network of protected areas.

IT SETS AMBITIOUS EU TARGETS AND COMMITMENTS FOR 2030 TO ACHIEVE HEALTHY AND RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS, FOR EXAMPLE:



This **transformational systemic change** will engage all parts and sectors of European society and the economy. At least **EUR 20 billion a year** will be unlocked for nature, encouraging businesses, public authorities, cities and local authorities to include biodiversity concerns in their decision-making.



Our global commitment



This is Europe's opportunity to lead the way and help the world to adopt a **robust global framework** to halt biodiversity loss when negotiations take place in 2021 under the **UN Convention on Biological Diversity**.

The Strategy outlines what the EU aims to achieve and is ready to commit to at the **2021 UN Biodiversity Conference, including:**

- ▶ Overarching long-term goals for biodiversity ensuring that by 2050 all of the world's ecosystems are restored, resilient, and adequately protected
- ▶ Ambitious global 2030 targets in line with the EU commitments proposed in the new Biodiversity Strategy

- ▶ Improved means of implementation in areas such as finance, capacity, research, know-how and technology
- ▶ A far stronger implementation, monitoring and review process
- ▶ A fair and equitable share of the benefits from the use of genetic resources linked to biodiversity and a principle of equality.

The Strategy also sets out ambitious measures in the sphere of EU external action through the EU's 'Green Deal diplomacy', including in international ocean governance, trade, development co-operation, neighbourhood policies and resource mobilisation.

Want to know more?

The EU's 2030 Biodiversity Strategy: <https://europa.eu/luc64jT>



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