

# The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Bringing nature back into our lives

- state of play -

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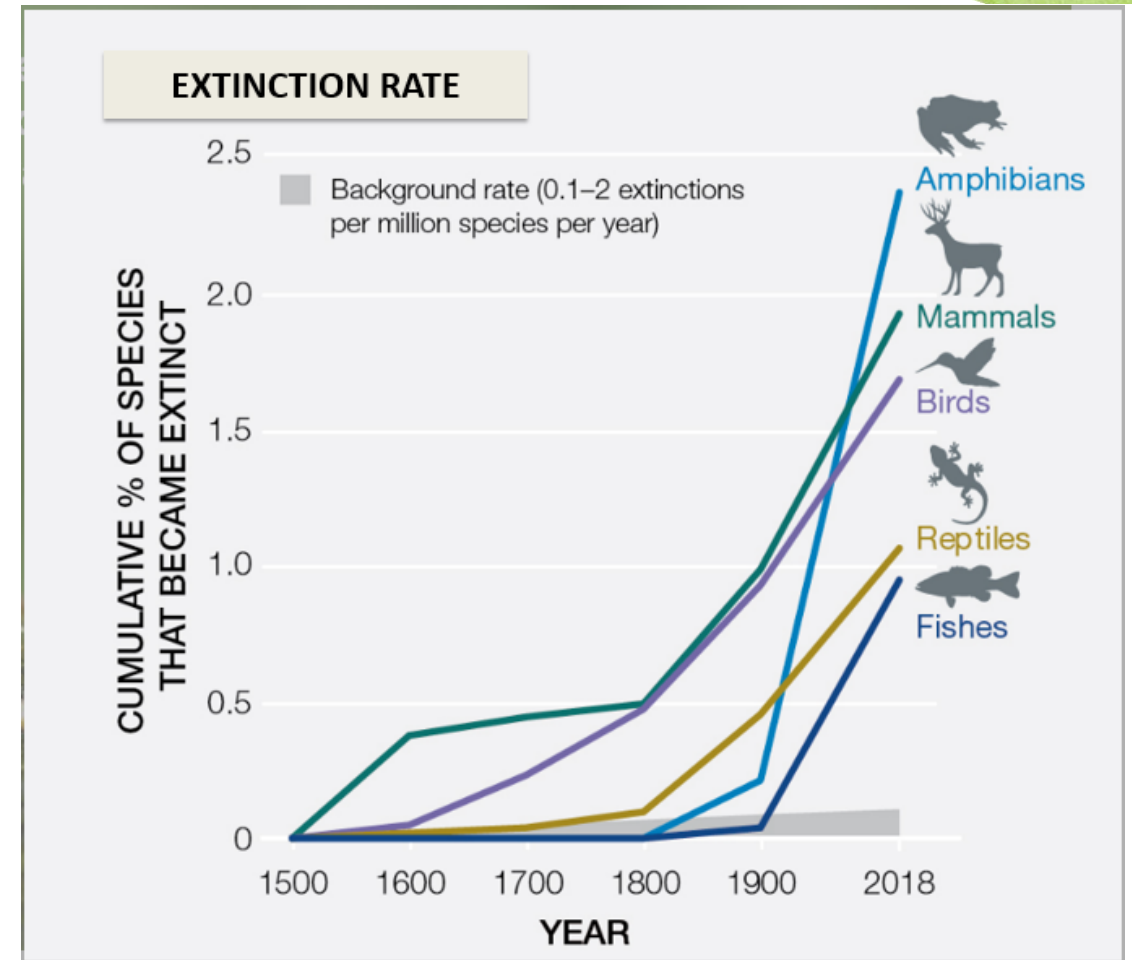
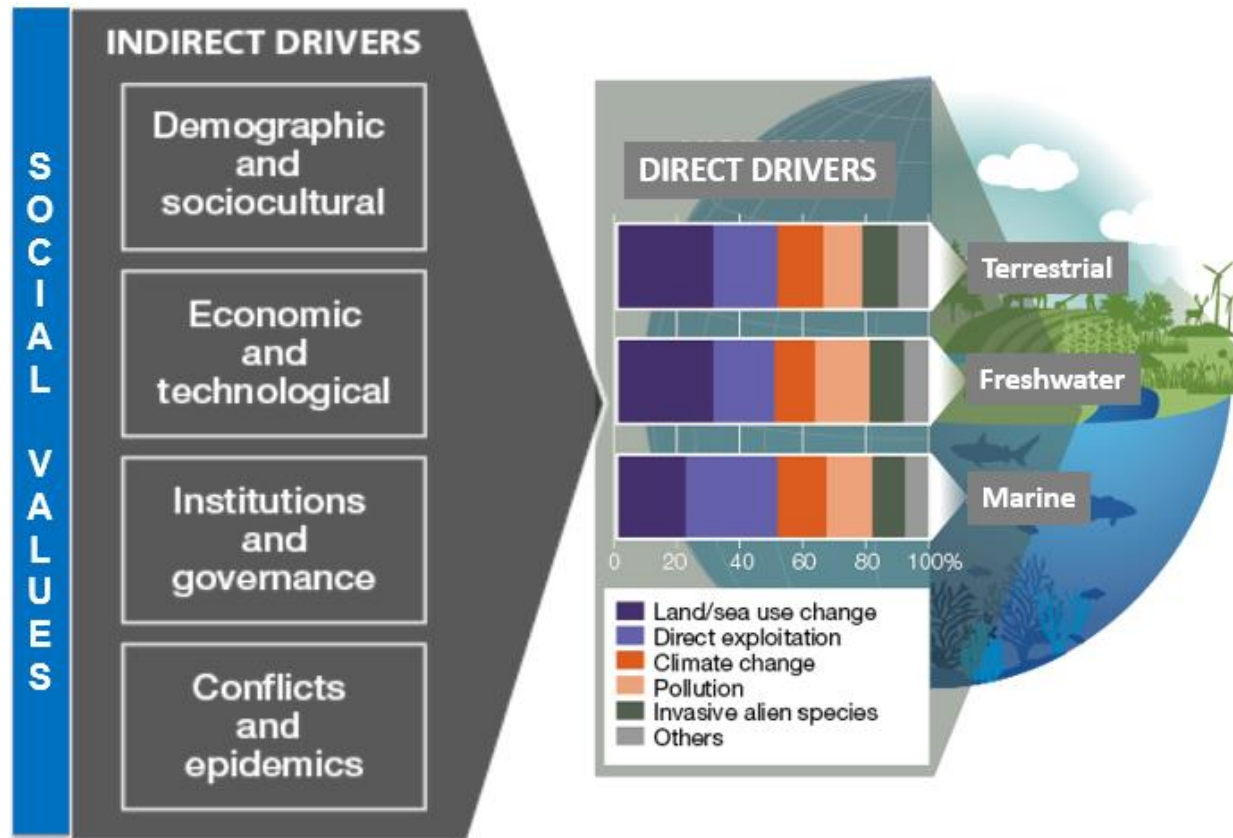
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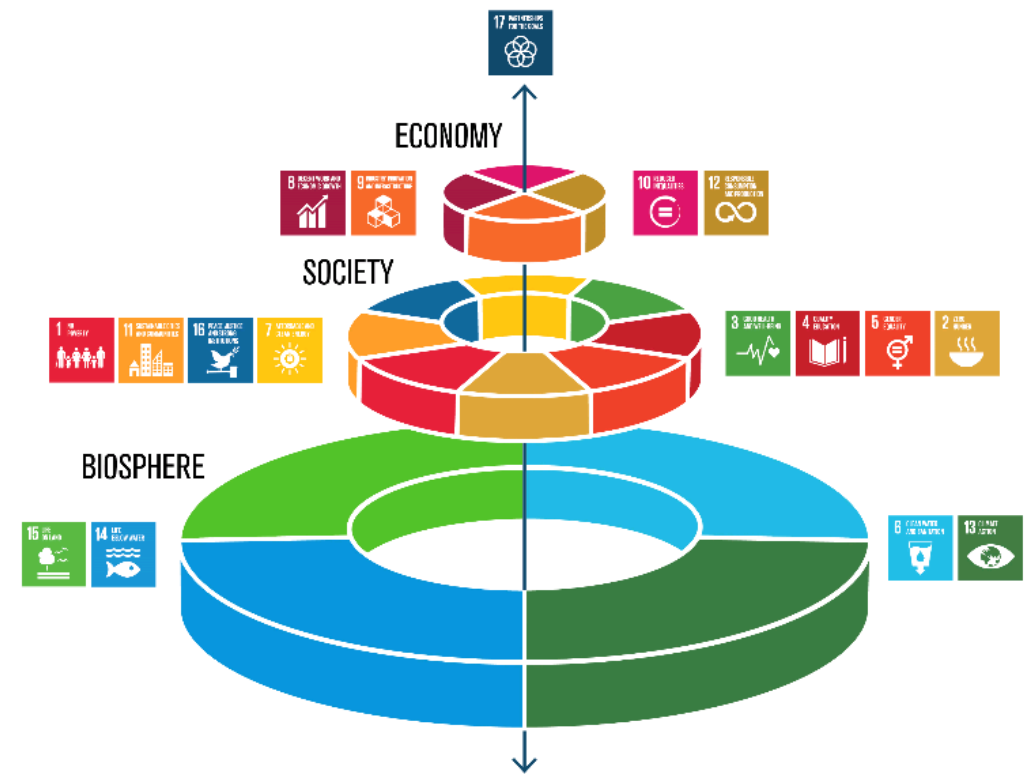


# The global biodiversity crisis



# Biodiversity underpins sustainable development

- Biodiversity loss: key threat for humanity
- Almost half of global GDP is linked to nature
- Connections between biodiversity loss, climate change and pandemics
- Restoring biodiversity core part of recovery



# 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





# Restore Nature



## Legally binding restoration targets

- “Subject to an IA, the Commission will put forward a proposal for legally binding EU nature restoration targets in 2021 to restore degraded ecosystems” ...
- “in particular those with the most potential to capture and store carbon and to prevent and reduce the impact of natural disasters” ...
- “This will identify the conditions in which the targets must be met, as well as the most effective measures to reach them” ...
- “The IA will also look at the possibility of an EU-wide methodology to map, assess and achieve good condition of ecosystems so they can deliver benefits” ...



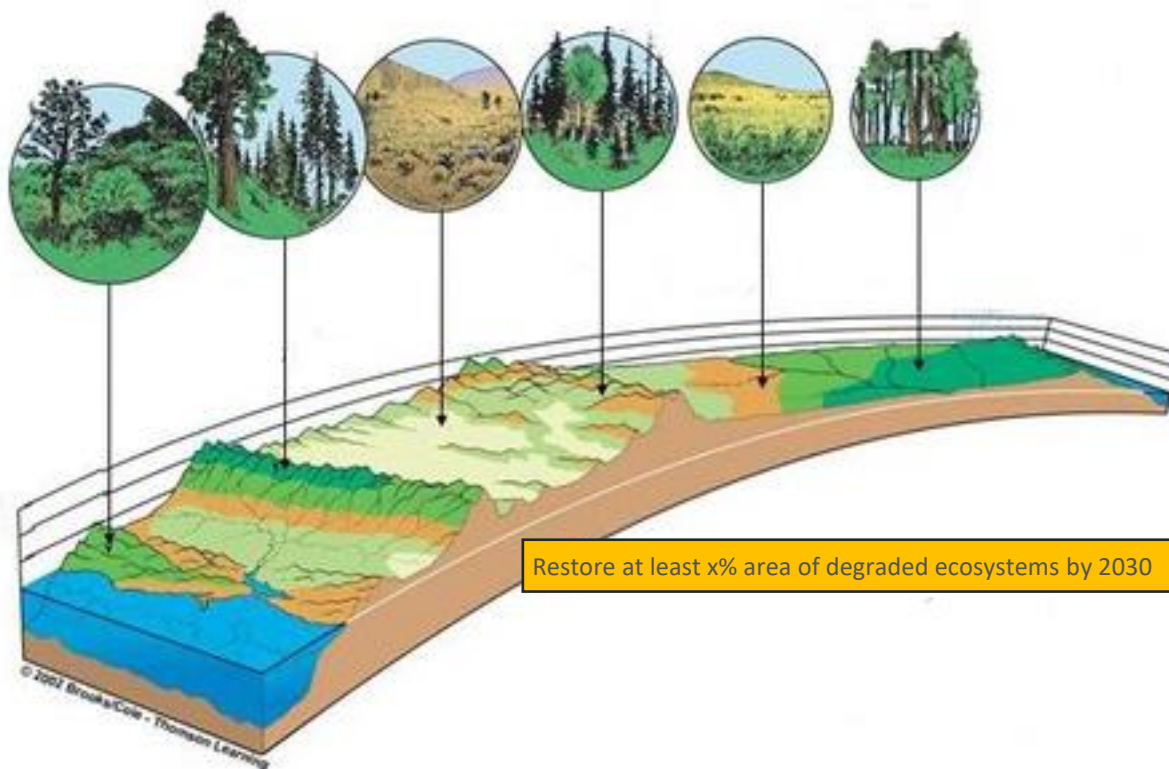
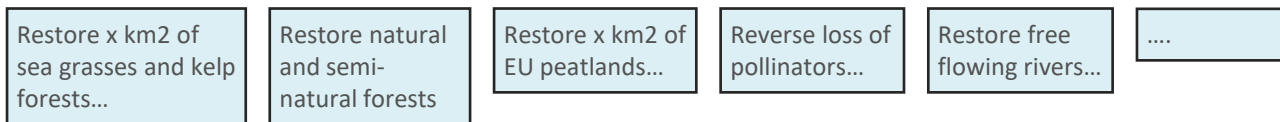
# Options for Setting Restoration Targets

**Option 3:**  
Number of specific  
targets for ecosystems/  
habitats or groups of  
species



A combination  
of both Options  
2 and 3...

**Option 2: Broad target  
covering all or most EU  
ecosystems**



**A new legislation with targets for restoration:**

- Building on relevant EU legislation already in place
- Addressing ecosystems, habitats or species that are not covered by existing EU legislation



# | 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



# | Main challenges ahead

- Deliver more than 100 actions in the BDS, including a complex legislative proposal
- Ensure adequate resources – MFF/recovery in difficult economic context
- CAP reform and strategic plans
- Accountability and review mechanism
- Keep global momentum in light of COP 15 postponement



# To remember...

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.



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