

# ***Mediterranean coast and macro-regional strategies week***

**THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL AND EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES**

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# The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Bringing nature back into our lives

European Green Deal - *von der Leyen Commission*

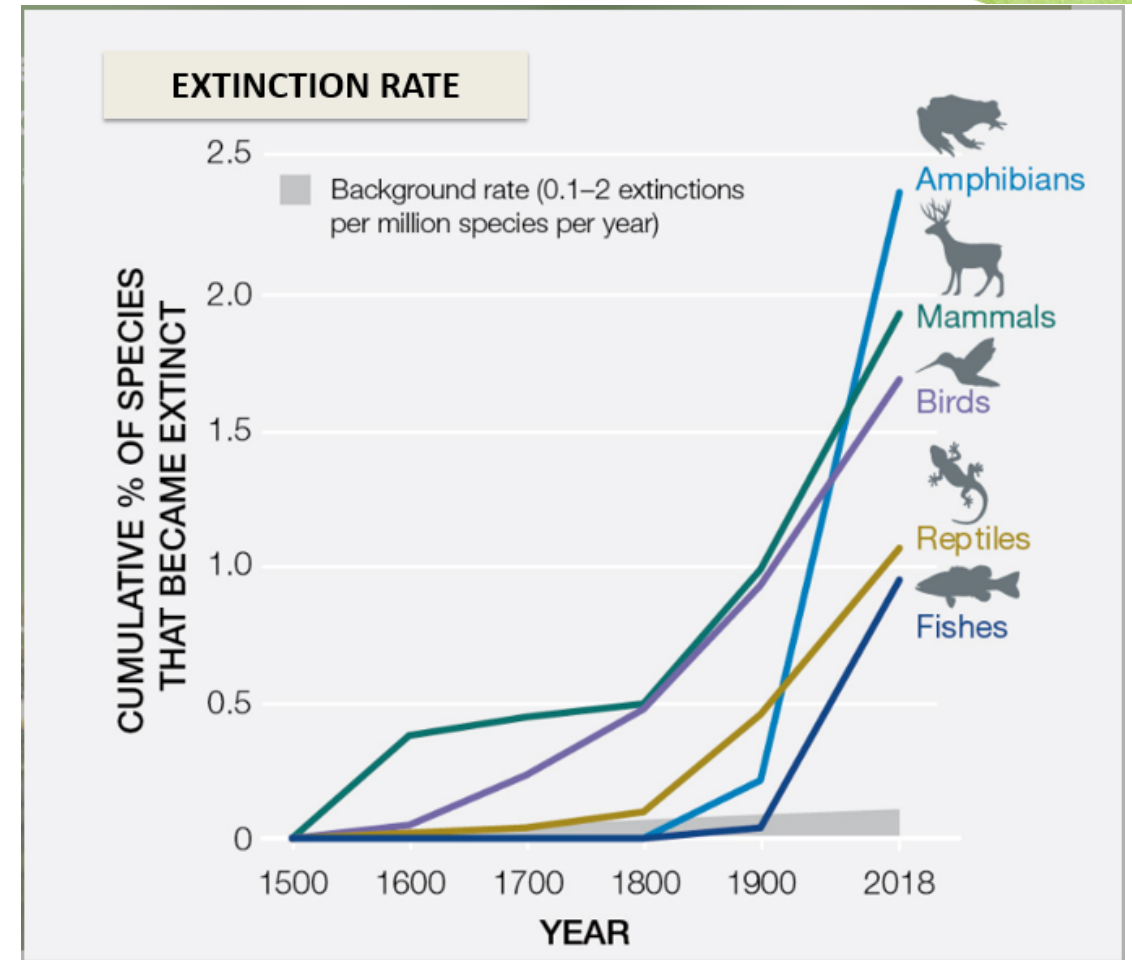
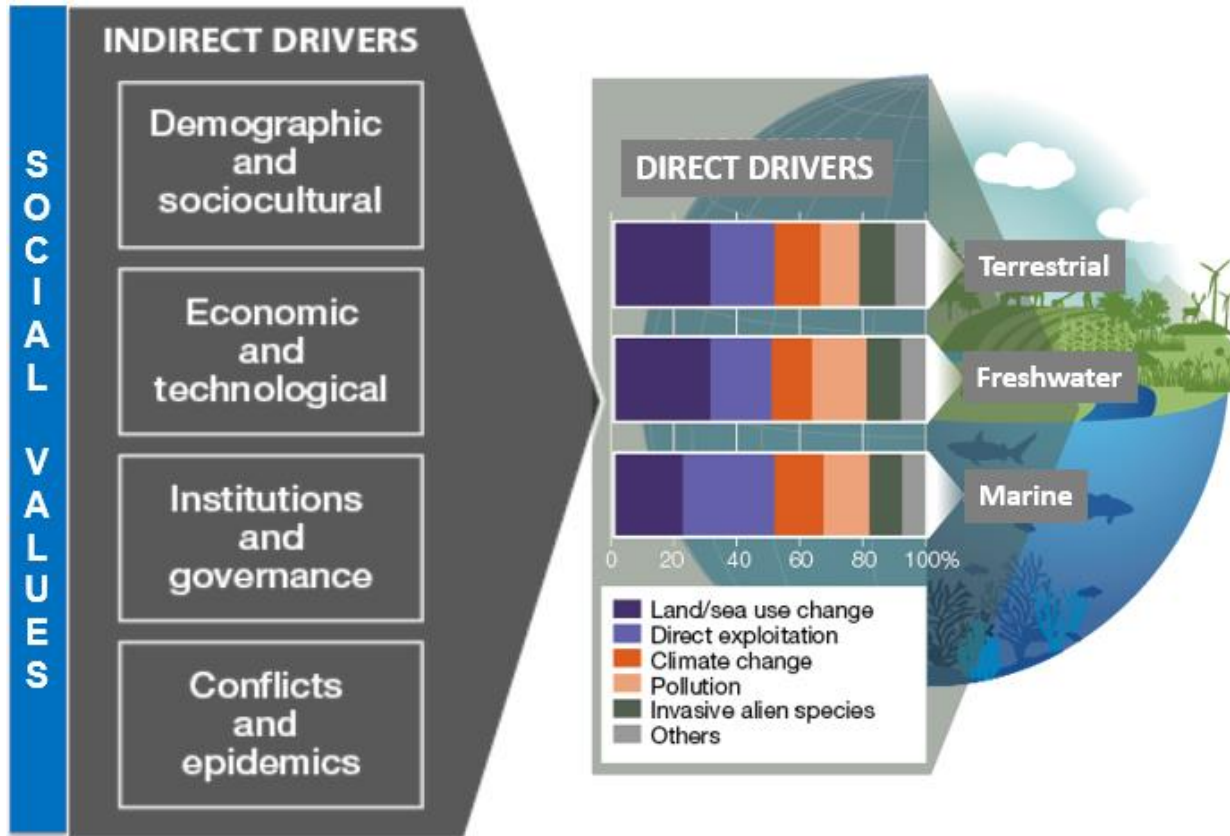
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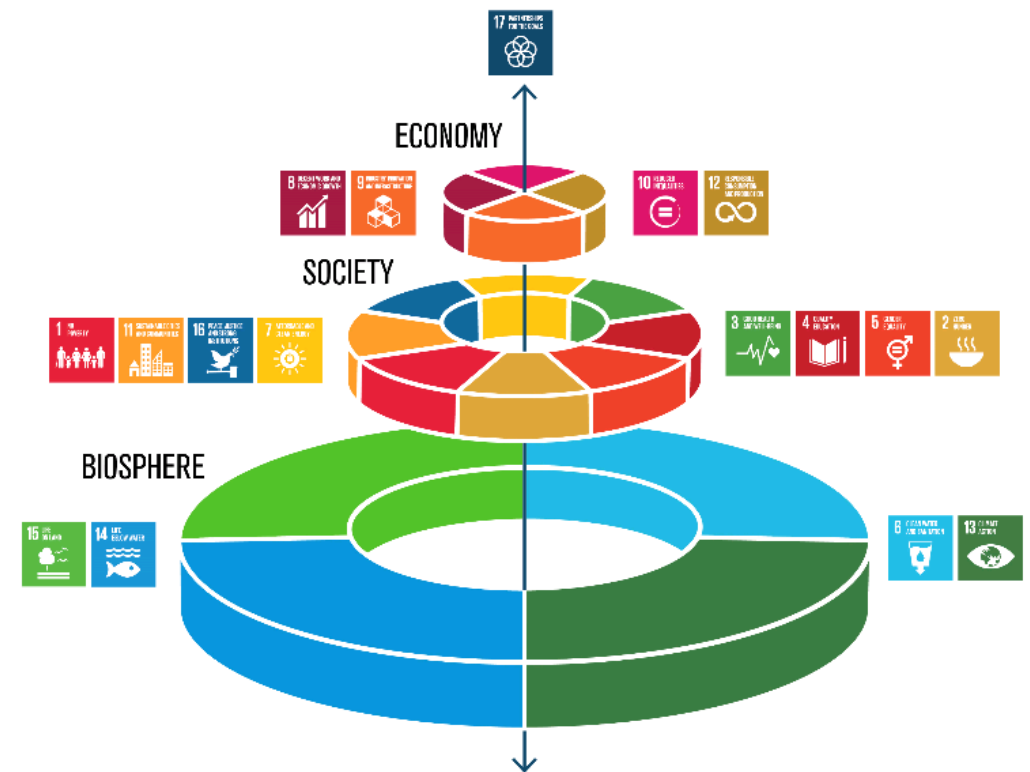


# The global biodiversity crisis



# | Biodiversity underpins sustainable development

- Biodiversity loss: key threats 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



# | Why **now** is the time to take action



**Health:** Clear links between nature destruction and the increased risk of outbreaks of infectious and in particular zoonotic diseases.



**Resilient Recovery:** stimulating jobs and transformative change post-COVID 19.



**Our role in the world:** The world is watching us and looking for EU leadership towards CBD COP15.





# | 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: trend to be positive for at least 30%
- ✓ Agroecology: Organic farming >25%
- ✓ Biodiverse landscape features >10%
- ✓ 50% reduction of use and risk of pesticides
- ✓ Reduction of pollution from fertilisers by 50% and by 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 25,000km 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, 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
- 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



# | EU for an ambitious global agenda



- SDGs
- 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

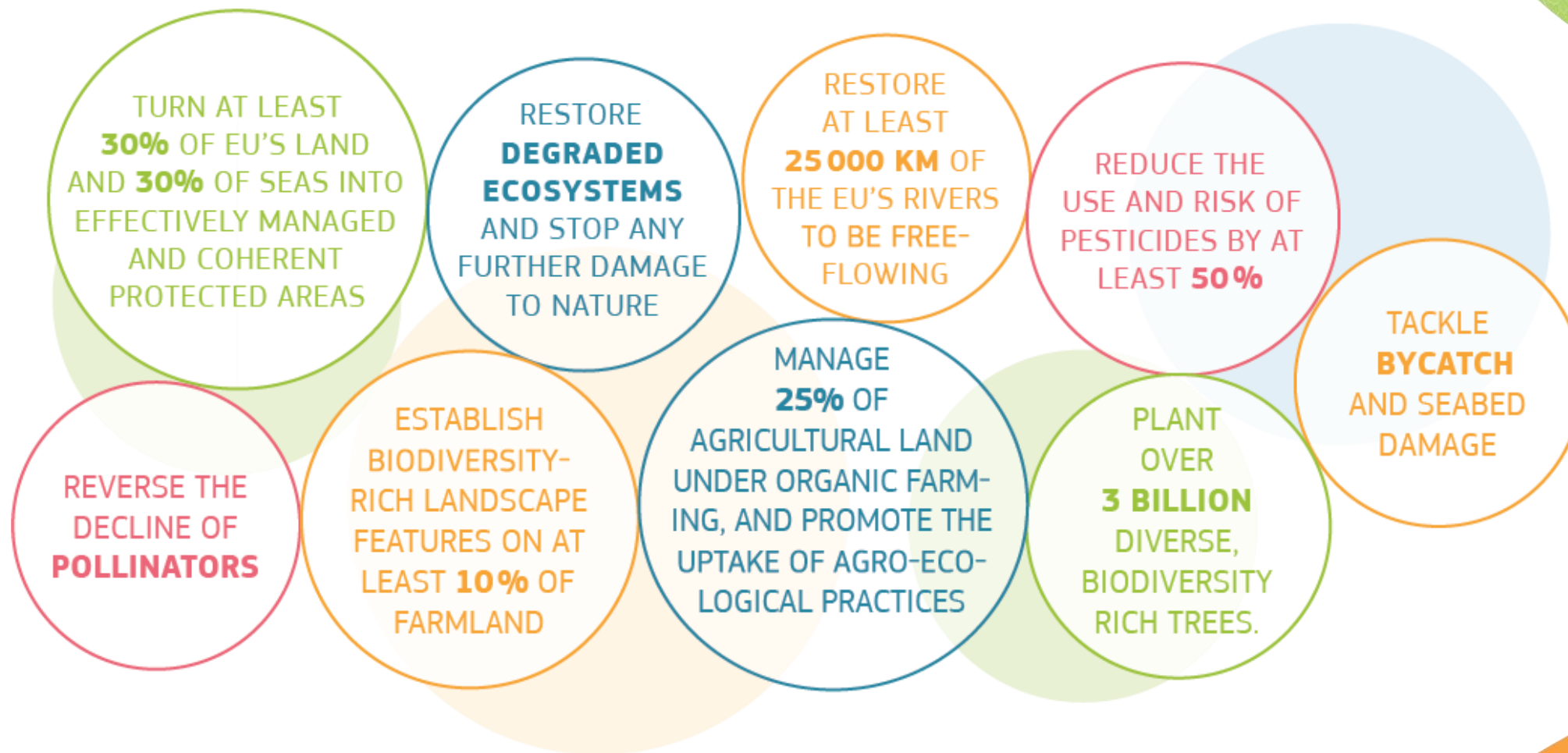


- UNGA Biodiversity Summit Sept 2020
- CBD COP 15 2021, China





# To remember...





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



More info at: <https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/strategy/>

