

3. Status of development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) in EC

Regional Capacity-building workshop for Europe on national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming biodiversity, Isle of Vilm, Germany, 27-30 April 2008



Background

- **First EC Biodiversity Strategy, 1998**
- **Four Biodiversity Action Plans (Agriculture, Fisheries, Territorial Development, Development co-operation)**
- **Adoption of 2010 Biodiversity target, 2001**
- **Wide consultation process – Message from Malahide, 2004**
- **EPBRS, S, Killarney Declaration, 2004**
- **Millenium Ecosystem Assessment, 2005**
- **Streamlining European Biodiversity Indicators (SEBI 2010), 2006**
- **EU Biodiversity Communication and Action Plan on halting biodiversity los by 2010 and beyond - ‘*ecosytem services*’, 2006**
- **EU Biodiversity Research Action Plan (BRAP), 2006**

Biodiversity Action Plan – 10 objectives

1. Protection of most important habitats and species (Natura 2000)
2. Biodiversity in the wider countryside (agriculture, forest)
3. Biodiversity in the marine environment
4. Biodiversity in territorial development
5. Reducing impact of Invasive Alien Species
6. Effective international governance
7. Biodiversity in international development
8. Reducing impact of international trade
9. Biodiversity adaptation/mitigation to climate change
10. Strengthening the knowledge base

Biodiversity Action Plan – 4 Supporting measures

1. Adequate funding
2. Improving Decision-making
3. Stimulating Partnership
4. Reinforcing Communication, Education, Awareness-raising

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

- **Monitoring (conservation status, stakeholders)**
- **Indicators (SEBI 2010)**
- **Reporting on progress in delivery (yearly up to 2010)**
- **Evaluation (mid-term review 2008)**
- **Re-Designing (beyond 2010)**

Overall goal of the EU Biodiversity Action Plan

- A strategic response to accelerate progress to meet the 2010 biodiversity targets with clear focus on biodiversity outcomes
- Addresses relevant policy sectors and horizontal policy areas in a comprehensive and unified way
- Provides a joined up approach by identifying what needs to be done at MS & Community level



Objectives, Targets & Actions of Biodiversity Action Plan

4 broad policy Areas



10 Key Objectives

+ 4 Supporting Measures
+ Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

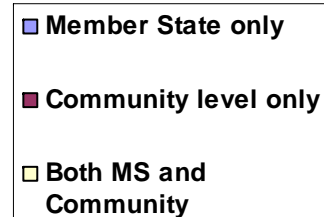
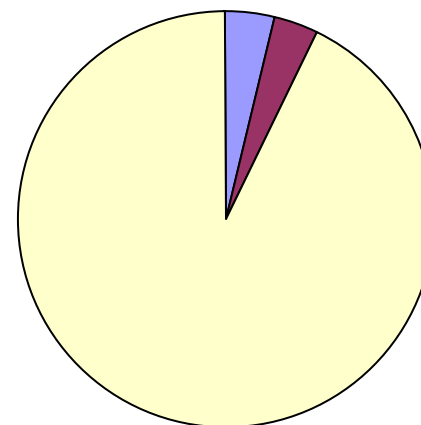


46 Targets

+ 6 Headline Targets



c.150 Actions



Reporting on delivery of EU BAP

- Commission committed to Annual reporting on progress in delivery of EU BAP to 2010
- Biodiversity Inter-departmental Co-ordination Group
- 1st implementation report for period up to end of 2007 published in February 2008
- Focuses on Community level presents
 - Overall summary of progress
 - Detailed table summarising progress at EC level for each action of BAP
 - update on progress with biodiversity indicators (SEBI)

Assessment for each action of EU BAP

NO.	OBJECTIVES, TARGETS, ACTIONS	COMMUNITY LEVEL ACTION	PROGRESS TO DECEMBER 2007
<p>TARGET: Natura 2000 network established, safeguarded, designated and under effective conservation management by 2010, 2012 in marine.</p>			
<p>A1.1.2</p>	<p>ACTION: Ensure adequate financing provided to Natura 2000 implementation from Community sources (notably Rural Development funds, Cohesion and Structural Funds, Pre-Accession Instrument, Life-III, Life+) and MS sources, accessible to those who manage Natura 2000 sites, with focus on optimising long-term conservation benefits as well as priority awareness raising and networking initiatives [2006 onwards].</p>	<p>Establish Community priorities for co-financing under each instrument; provide guidance on co-financing to MS and potential beneficiaries; evaluate MS co-financing programme proposals; disburse funds; monitor effectiveness (in terms of biodiversity outcomes); audit expenditure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Comprehensive opportunities to co-fund Natura 2000 costs provided in each appropriate funding regulation for 2007-2013 . ■ Guidelines & training under EC contract provided to assist MS with application of funds; ■ IT Tool on financing Natura 2000 developed to assist potential beneficiaries to check how individual measures for Natura 2000 could possibly be funded by the major EU sources. ■ Commission checking rural development & operational programmes implementing Commission's cohesion policy; ■ A new COM contract in 2007 to support linking financing and management of Natura 2000.

Summary assesment of EC progress

- **some progress for all objectives & targets though much for already ongoing activities (e.g. environmental legislation)**
- **Significant extension of Natura 2000**
- **Important new initiatives under preparation (work on IAS, B@B, communicating biodiversity, ecosystems economic evaluation).**
- **difficult to demonstrate significant progress in integration into sectoral policies (e.g. rural, marine, regional/territorial)**
- **need to strengthen synergies between climate change and biodiversity**
- **good international progress on enhancing global governance & promoting forest law enforcement, governance and trade**
- **.....but mainstreaming of biodiversity in bilateral development cooperation & in EU trade policies remains an important challenge.**

SEBI evaluations & 2010 target

- **First set of 26 EU Headline Biodiversity Indicators - published in October 2007.**
- **SEBI provides objective EU-scale summary information from a wide range of experts.**
- **SEBI highlighted major data gaps (IAS, genetic diversity, biodiversity & climate change impacts and adaptation links, sustainable use, governance, communication).**
- **SEBI to provide a major input for future assessment of the 2010 biodiversity target.**



More Info

- http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/knowledge/index_en.htm
- <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>

Thank you for your attention