



Ukraine: Biodiversity Policy and Actions

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Ukraine become Part for biodiversities conventions

- **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);**
- **Convention on Migratory Species (Bonn Convention);**
- **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) ;**
- **The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands ;**
- **Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention).**

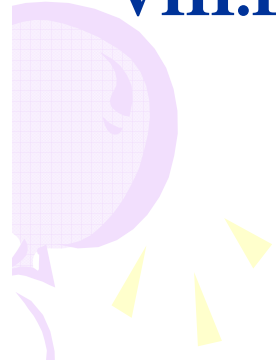


Biodiversity Policy and Regulatory Framework

- I. Ukraine ratifying CBD in 1992**
- II. Law on Environmental Protection, 1991**
- III. State Programme on National Ecological Network of Ukraine, 2000-2015 (2004)**
- IV. Law on Wild Life, 2001**
- V. Law on Vegetation, 1999**
- VI. Law on Red Book of Ukraine, 2002**
- VII. Law Natural Protected Areas, 1992**
- VIII. National Concept on Biological Diversity 2002-2010**
- IX. Law on Biosafety, 2007**



National Priorities

- I. Extension of forestry areas till 16-20 % of the territory;**
 - II. Increasing of Natural Protected Areas till 10,4% of the territory;**
 - III. Reintroduction of Species with Critical Conservation Status in his historical Areas;**
 - IV. Mainstreaming of Biodiversity concerns into Sectorial policies and plans (transport, energy, agriculture, etc.)**
 - V. Conservation of endangered species of flora and fauna (Red Book)**
 - VI. Concept on combating of invasive and alien species**
 - VII. Public awareness and education on biodiversity**
 - VIII. Elaboration of Databases and Cadastr of fauna and flora**
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Main advantages

- **Ministry of Environmental Protection – National Biodiversity Authority**
- **Regulatory Framework improved**
- **2000-2009 the total area of protected territories was increased and constitute 3, 04 mln ha**
- **Ukraine ratified several regional conventions in the field of Biodiversity (Alpine Convention, Carpathian Convention, etc)**
- **Elaborated and approved Action plans on conservation of Buffalo (*Bison bonasus* L.), Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos* L.)**
- **Signed three Memo regarding Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*), Aquatic Warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*) and Slender-billed Curlew (*Numenius tenuirostris*);**
- **Signed Protocol on collaboration for Conservation and protection of bio and landscape diversity of Carpathian zone**
- **Beech trees habitats included in the list of UNESCO**
- **Emerald Ecological Network – Natura 2000**



Barriers and constrains

- **NBSAP is not elaborated and approved yet by Ukraine**
- **Poor understanding of biodiversity concerns by national authorities and decision makers**
- **Insufficient financial support for biodiversity activities**
- **Poor cooperation and collaboration on vertical and horizontal levels (interdepartmental)**
- **Poor mainstreaming into sectorial policies (transport, land planning etc.)**
- **Insufficient support for scientific monitoring on biodiversity**
- **Low level of public information and awareness**



Communication, education and public awareness

- **Ecological magazine Life Ukraine;**
- **Annual Ecological Exhibition;**
- **Red Book, 3th edition;**
- **Zoological journal;**
- **Cadastre of natural protected areas;**
- **Rare Ihtiofauna of Ukraine;**
- **Collaboration with NGOs, organization workshops and training on biodiversity;**
- **International Day on Biodiversity.**