

Saving Biodiversity- from NBSAP to action!

A stakeholders perspective on the German
NBS(AP) process



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Who we are - NABU

NABU - German Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union

- German partner of BirdLife International
- Founded in 1899
- About 500.000 members and supporters
- A real grassroot organisation
- 2000 NABU-Groups with ten thousands of volunteers
- Lobby work + managing sites + citizen science





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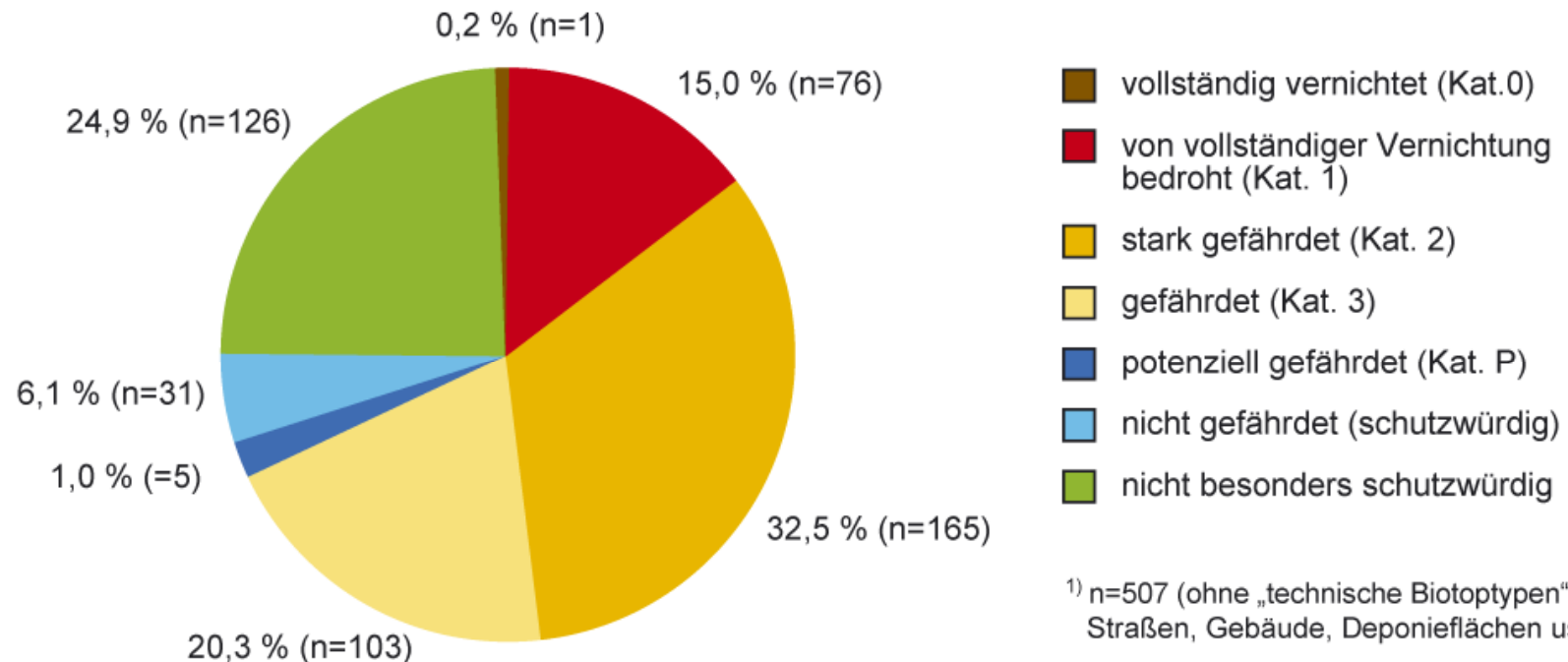


Betriebsgelände
der LMBV mbH
Betreten verboten!
Lebensgefahr!



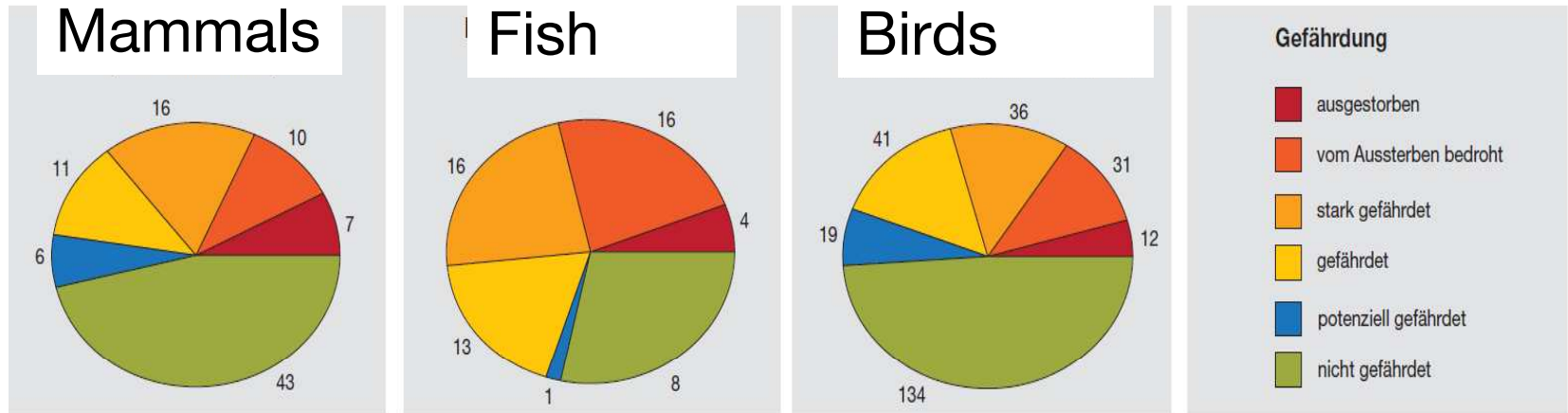
H(e)art facts...

Status of Habitats in Germany



Quelle: Bundesamt für Naturschutz 2004 (Hrsg.) – Daten zur Natur 2004

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Who is doing the damage?

- Unsustainable farming, forestry, water use
- Construction work
- Emissions

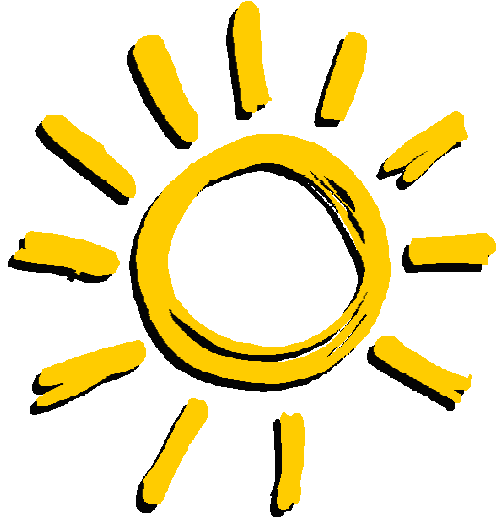


WE ARE! (consumers and politics)

What has been done?

- Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), 1992
- EU-Biodiversity Strategy, 1998
- National Strategy (NBS(AP)), 2007
- Federal Funding Programm on Biodiversity 2011
- ...





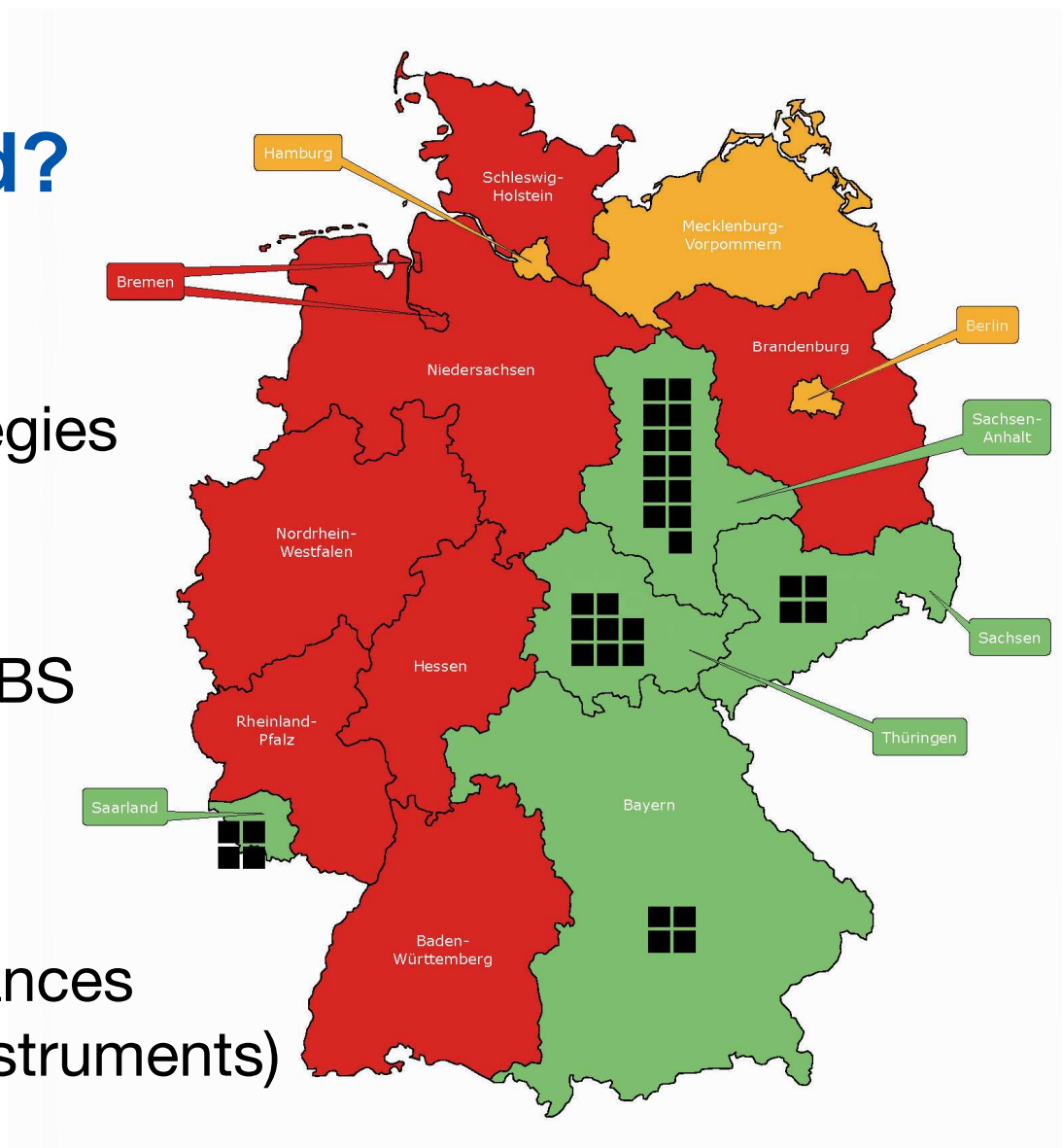
- good and ongoing stakeholder involvement
- adopted by government, not Ministry of environment: cross-sectoral
- generally agreed aims and huge facilitator for the ongoing implementation!
- meeting Aichi-Targets quite well



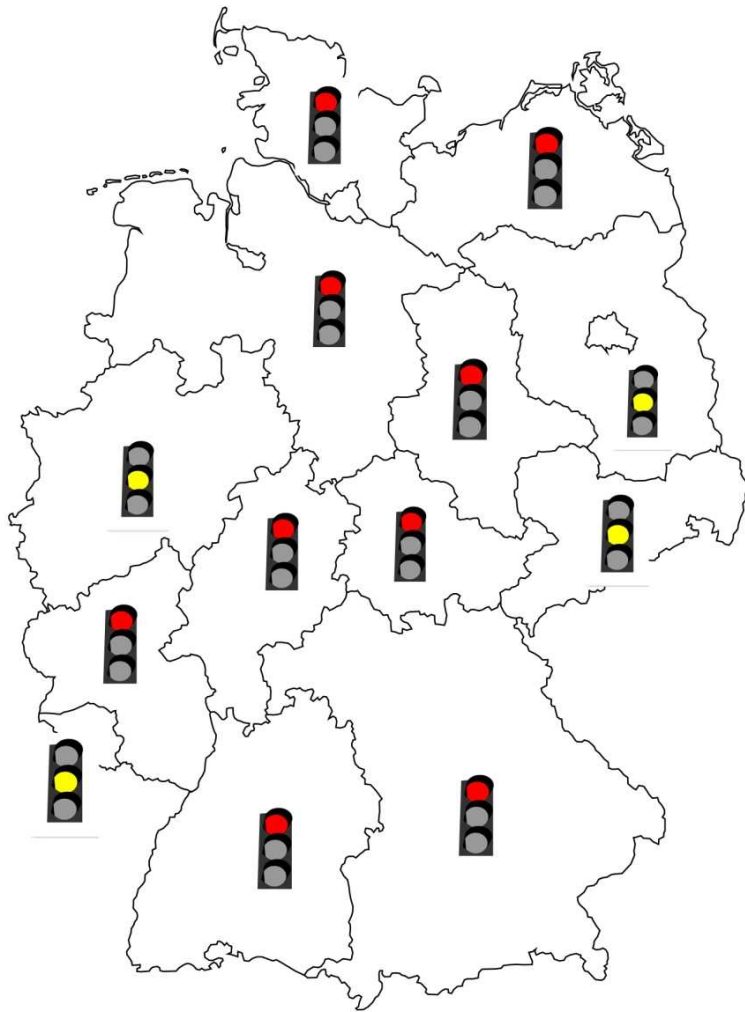
- no information on financial instruments or necessary budgets to achieve aims!
- weak on changes in subsidies and other financial issues

And on the ground?

1. Lack of regional strategies
2. Small commitment
3. No direct link to the NBS
4. Not directly addressing
5. No information on finances (neither amount nor instruments)



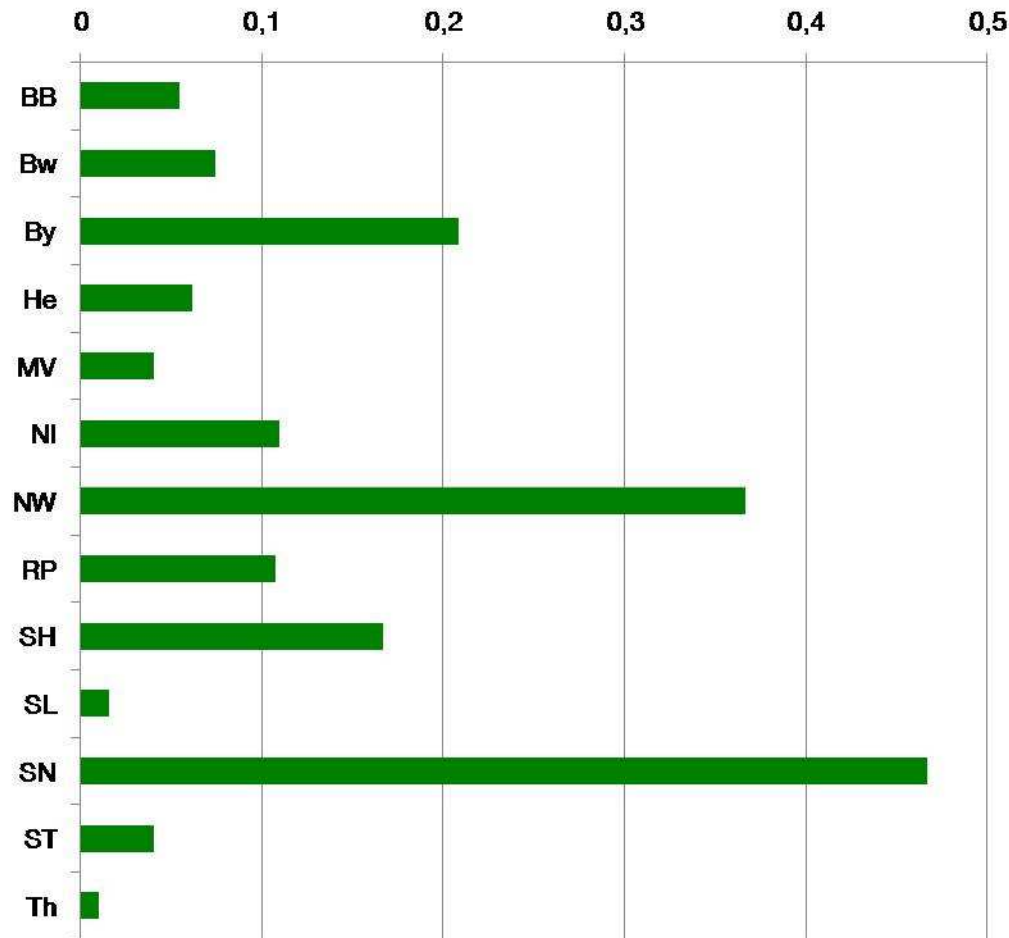
Snap-shot review: Official commitment to action



Indicators:

- designated wilderness areas
- amount of set-aside forests
- Natura 2000 sites and management
- Use of CAP Programms' financial input for Biodiversity (ELER)
- Number of protected areas

Natura 2000 sites and management



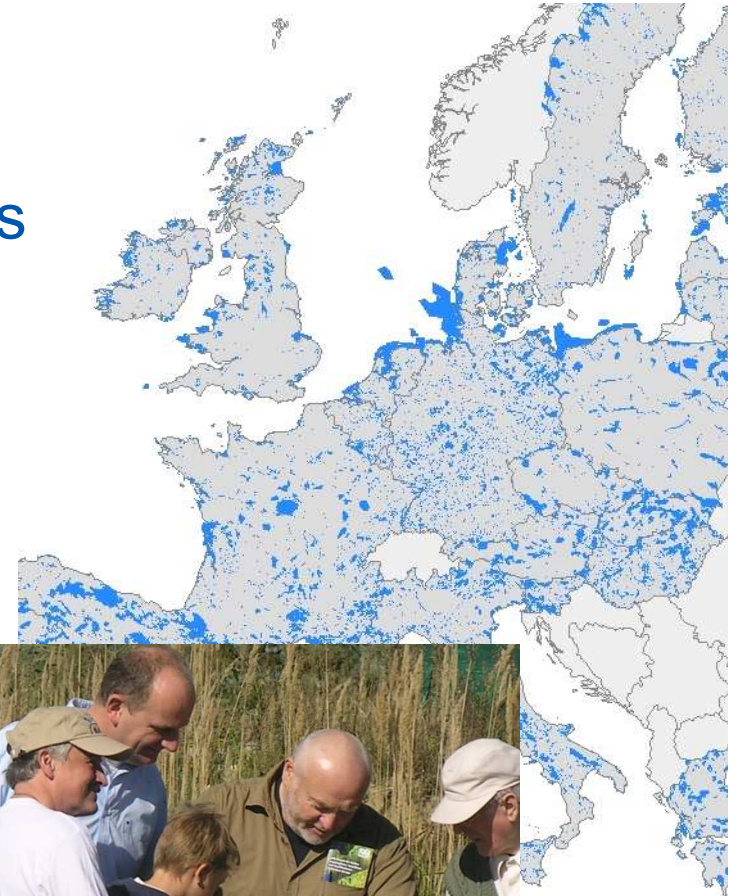
Number of MP/
Number of sites

From reaction to action?!

Change happens!

Lets build bridges—
Not only between fragmented habitats
but between stakeholders

- Capacity building:
less papers, more people!
- Gaining new partners
- From paper to action, each one
of us!



How?

Damages are done mostly locally

- Without local and regional implementation: no successful NBSAP, no CBD success
- People care locally and individually: local identity matters!



How?

Successful implementations in Europe does not (only) fail due to lack of finances

- Not only more money, but more system!
 - Priorities give freedom
 - Money follows priorities
 - Synergies!
 - Strong partners make the difference:
→ NGOs and Buissness



How?

- Successful implementation does not fail due to missing instruments!
 - Experts for everything
 - (Natura 2000)
 - Citizen science!
 - Landowner involvement!
 - Agricultural policies
 - Planning, regional/spacial planing



Let's get the job done!

- Transfer the NBS to local facilitators
- Activate stakeholders by participation:
on setting priorities, developing ideas,
naming and solving obstacles
 - **Speak their language!** ←
- Provide help and follow-up for the future
 - **Top down meets bottom-up** ←



Time to act!

- Be regional:
 - Marine and Coastal Regions
 - Lake and River/ Freshwater dominated Regions
 - Agricultural Landscapes
 - Submontaneous Landscapes
 - Biodiversity in Cities
- Operationalise at district and community level
- Show Best Practice, financing and communication guidelines



Examples:

→ Federal Agency Initiative:

- cities and communities biodiversity declaration

→ NABU:

- Awareness Package: local workshops – national conference – regional workshops

- Regionalized handbooks in 2012 on

„How to start in my region?! Implementing the NBS locally“

„Messages from outer space“

- Show what you have and do!
- Do what is possible, not concentrate on what is not (hard, isn't it?)
- Seek partners! (They are everywhere!)
- Don't need to convince everyone (The media doesn't create opinion!)
- Accept limits! (even more difficult, hm?)
- Don't think we know everything [sic!]



Ask!

Listen!

Act!

Thank you!

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