

The science-base for post-2020 global biodiversity framework – lessons from IPBES & elsewhere

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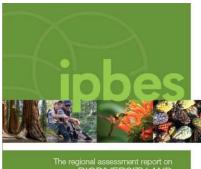
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- Le rythme d'extinction des espèces s'accélère dangereusement, menaçant désormais un million d'entre elles, avertissent les scientifiques
- ▶ Parmi elles, 500 000 espèces terrestres sont d'ores et déjà considérées comme des « morts ambulants », car leurs territoires s'amenuisent
- L'homme est le principal responsable de cette extinction de masse, en raison de la destruction et de la surexploitation des milieux naturels
- ➤ Les experts mettent en cause un modèle de consommation insoutenable et appellent un «changement en profondeur»

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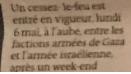
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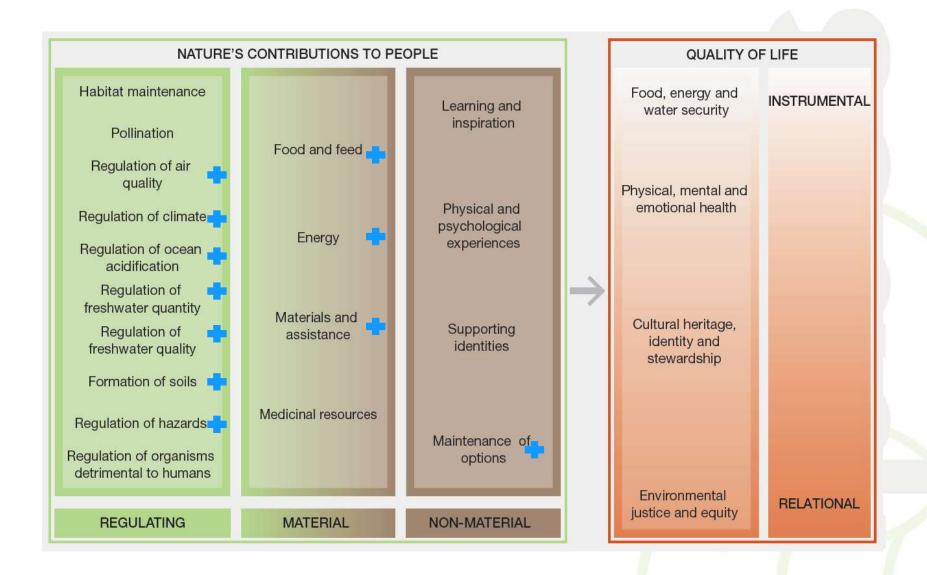
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Nature's contributions to people

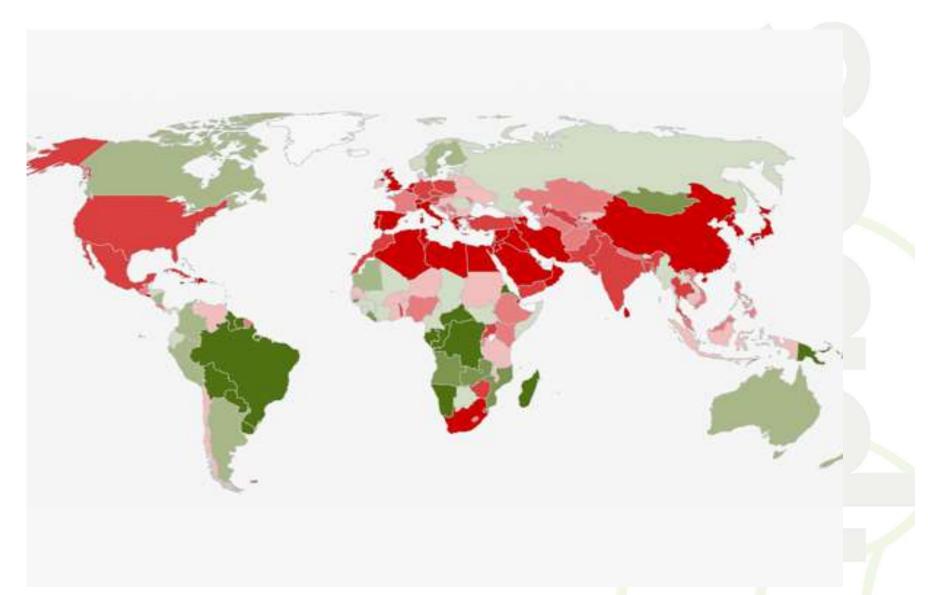


DIRECTIONAL TREND

Matrice	la contributions to manufa			global		Across
Nature	's contributions to people		- No	change -	→ Increase	
100	1 Habitat creation & maintenance	U				Consistent
*	2 Pollination & dispersal of seeds	0				Consistent
\approx	3 Regulation of air quality		0			Variable
	4 Regulation of climate		0			Variable
***	5 Regulation of ocean acidification					Variable
	6 Regulation of freshwater quantity		0			Variable
	7 Regulation of freshwater quality		0			Consistent
*	8 Regulation of soils		(3)			Variable
蜂	9 Regulation of hazards & extreme events		0			Variable
8	10 Regulation of organisms	0	0			Consistent
V.	11 Energy		0		9	Variable
111	12 Food & feed	0			2	Variable
	13 Materials & assistance					Variable
E.	14 Medicinal, biochemical, & genetic resources	0	0			Consistent
	15 Learning & inspiration	0				Consistent
S	16 Physical & psychological experiences		0			Consistent
	17 Supporting identities		0			Consistent
	18 Maintenance of options	0				Consistent



Ecological footprint and biocapacity



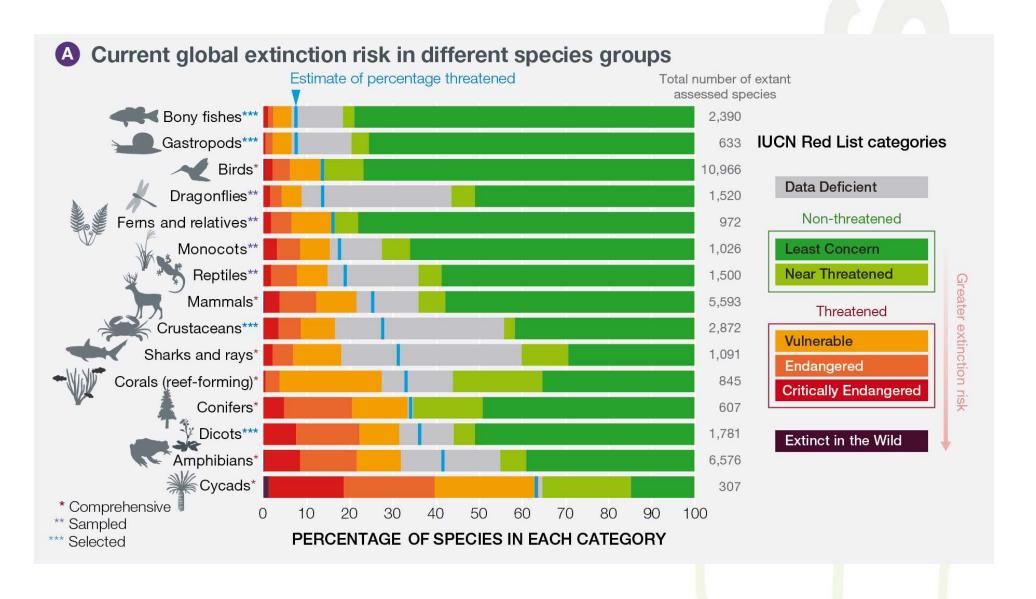
Nature and its vital contributions to people, which together embody biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are deteriorating worldwide

- Biodiversity and nature's contributions to people are essential for a good quality of life
- Biodiversity underpins nature's contributions to people and is a strategic asset for sustainable development
- However, benefits are unevenly distributed, accessed and experienced by people and communities
- Biodiversity has significant market and non-market economic value, and non-economic (social/cultural) value.
- People's interactions with nature are shaped by very diverse values.
- Full valuation useful for decision-making, if fully considering and respecting local and regional cultural values.

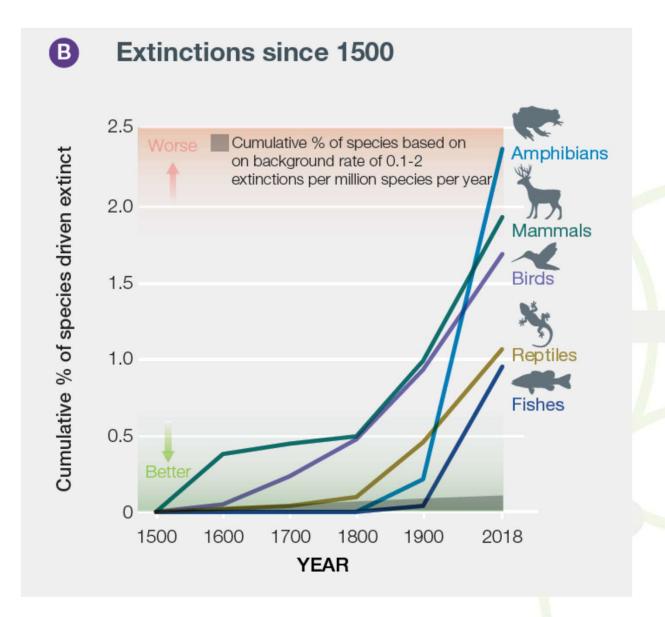
Biodiversity loss is lost and the underlying drivers have accelerated during the past 50 years

- Biodiversity loss is going on in all regions and the spatial extent and biodiversity status of natural ecosystems has declined in all regions
- Extinction risk is increasing in terrestrial, coastal, marine and freshwater habitats due to anthropogenic drivers in all regions.
- About 20% of assessed species per region in the IUCN Red List are threatened, for endemic species this proportion is about 25%.
- Key emblematic wildlife is generally declining.
- Invasive alien species have increased in number and abundance.
- The situation has become markedly worse in all regions during the last 20 years.
- Some targeted interventions also caused positive trends, such as local increases in forest cover or in populations of some large mammals.

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Biodiversity status for Europe and Centra Asia

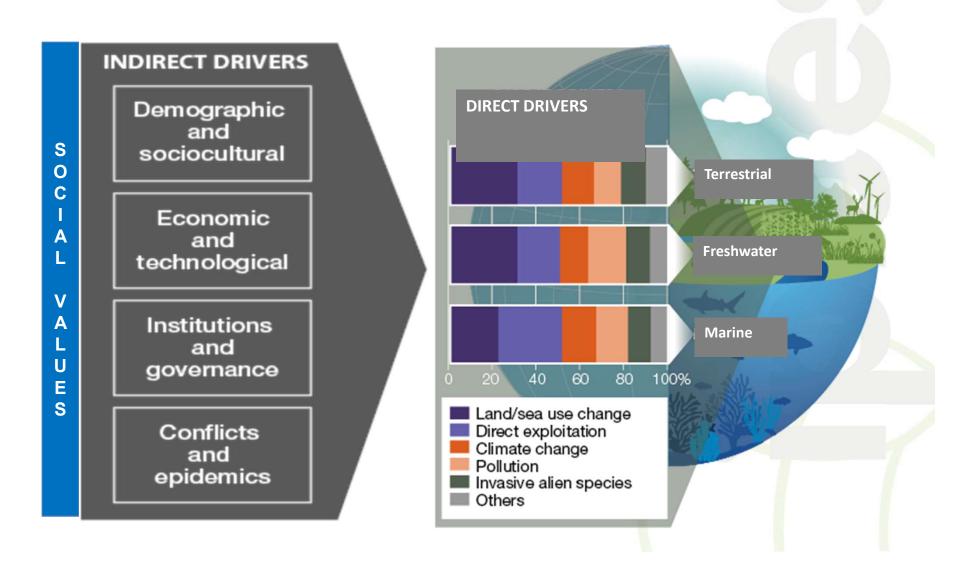


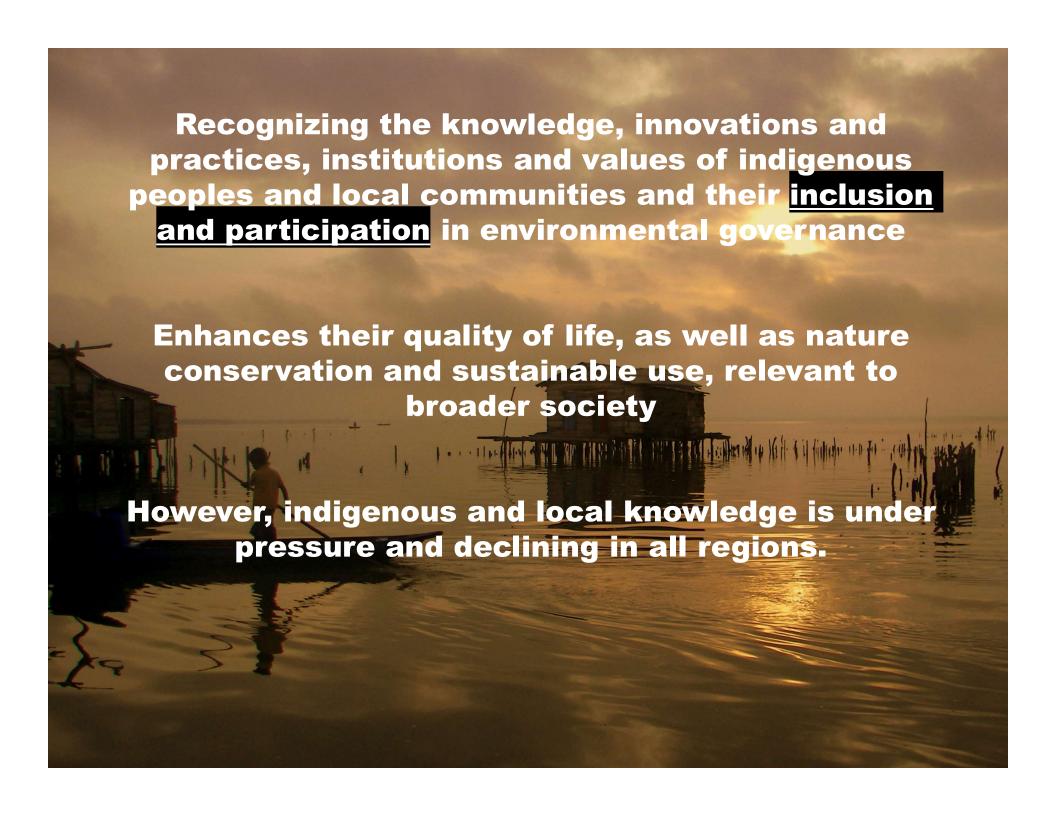
Assessment of past (~1950–2000) and current (~2001–2017) trends in biodiversity status of marine, inland surface water and terrestrial ecosystems for the four subregions and the whole of Europe and Central Asia (Figure SPM-6)

Direct drivers of change for Africa

	ECOSYSTEM TYPE	Direct drivers						Indirect drivers	
Subregions		Climate change	Habitat conversion	Overharvesting	Pollution	Invasive alien species	Illegal wildlife trade	Demographic change	Protected areas
CENTRAL AFRICA	Terrestrial/Inland waters	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
CENTRAL AFRICA	Coastal/Marine	7	1	1	7	7	1	NI	\leftrightarrow
EAST AFRICA AND ADJACENT	Terrestrial/Inland waters	1	71	1	7	7	1	1	7
ISLANDS	Coastal/Marine	1	\Leftrightarrow	7	7.	7	1	1	⇔
NORTHAFRIOA	Terrestrial/Inland waters	1	7	71	7	1	↔	7	→
NORTH AFRICA	Coastal/Marine	71	7	7	7	1	NI	->	7
SOUTHERN	Terrestrial/Inland waters	71	7	1	7	1	7	7	7
AFRICA	Coastal/Marine	7	7	7	71	1	7	7	7
WEST AFRICA	Terrestrial/Inland waters	1	1	1	7	7	1	71	7
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	of agreement for countries sa	mpled							

Underpinning the proximate causes of deterioration in nature are the root causes, or indirect drivers of change.





Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

		-	Progress towards elements of each target						
Goal	lar	get (abbreviated)	Poor	Moderate	Good	Unknown			
Drivers		Awareness		\sim					
		Planning & accounting	×	\sim					
		Incentives	XX						
	2	Production & consumption	XX						
		Habitat loss	XX						
ס	-6	Fisheries	××			?			
Pressures	W/7	Agriculture & forestry	XX	<u>~</u>					
sure	3	Pollution	XX						
Se	2	Invasive alien species	XX		V	?			
	10	Coral reefs etc	XX						
Status	11	Protected & conserved areas		~~~					
	12	Extinctions prevented	XX						
	13	Genetic diversity		~~~		?			
Benefits	14	Ecosystem services	×			?			
	15	Ecosystem restoration				??			
	16	Access & benefit sharing		<u>∼</u>	V				
Implementation	141	Strategies & action plans		~~	V				
	718	Indigenous & local knowledge		<u>~</u>		??			
	19	Biodiversity science		~		?			
	20	Financial resources		<u>∼</u>					

Progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals

		Recent status and nature's support l	Uncertain			
Selected Sustainable Development Goals		Poor/Declining support	Partial support	Unknown	relationship	
1 NO POVERTY	No poverty	00			00	
2 ZERO HUNGER	Zero hunger	0	•••			
3 GOODHEALTH AND WELL-BEIN	Good health and well-being			33	U U	
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATIO	Clean water and sanitation	000	-			
11 SUSTAINABLEC AND COMMUNIT	Sustainable cities and communities	0000	(-)			
13 CLIMATE	Climate action	0	-	888		
14 LIFE BELOW WATER	Life below water	0000	999			
15 LIFE AND	Life on land	000	000			

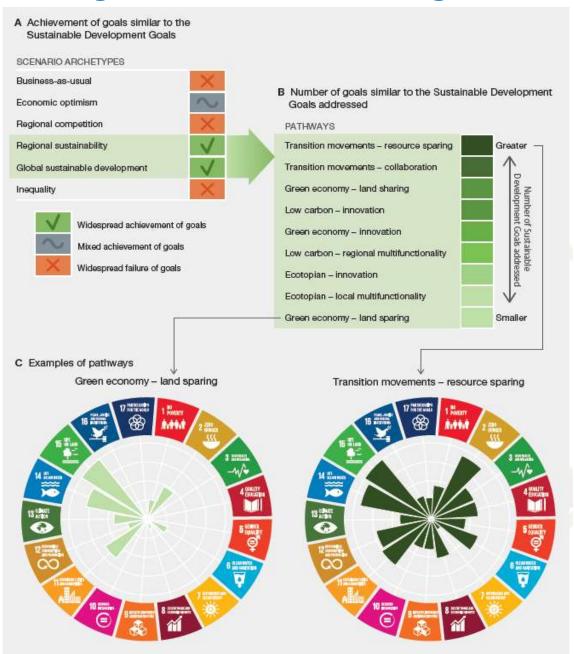
^{*} There were no targets that were scored as good/positive status and trends

Scenarios and pathways toward and beyond

A Achievement of goals similar to the
Sustainable Development Goals

The most effective pathways stress long-term societal transformation

Extent to which goals such as the Sustainable Development Goals are expected to be achieved under the six scenario types (Figure SPM 11 - Europe and Central Asia Assessment)

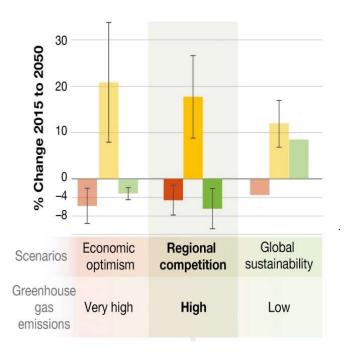


Future scenarios/Plausible futures & Sustainable pathways

- Until 2050, business-as-usual scenarios are projected to result in a continued loss of biodiversity, with climate change becoming a dominant driver for most ecosystems.
- Most scenarios consider only few drivers, notably climate change, leading to underestimates of biodiversity loss.
- Scenarios optimized for economic growth or regional competition result in significant loss of biodiversity and nature's contributions to people.
- Continued loss of biodiversity, especially when coupled with projected changes in climate, is likely to undermine the achievement of many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and many of the climate-related goals.
- Sustainability scenarios characterized by environmental concern, changes in consumption patterns, social equity and human welfare, and a balanced supply of the various contributions of nature to people have much more positive outcomes.

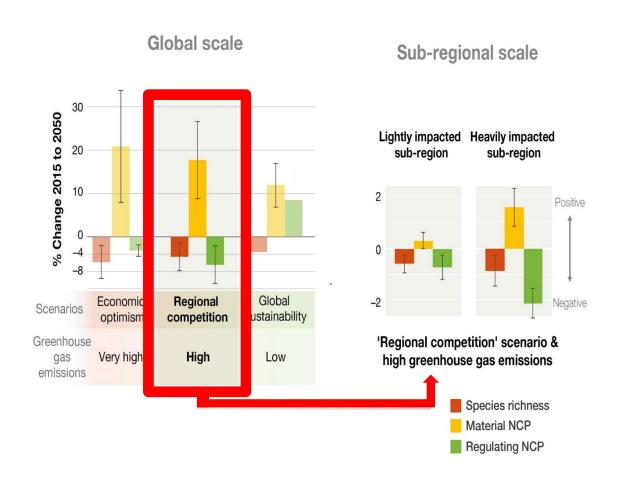
Projected changes in biodiversity and nature's material and regulating benefits, due to climate & land use change by 2050

Global scale





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2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

"We are setting out a supremely ambitious and transformational vision. We envisage a world free of poverty, hunger, disease and want, where all life can thrive."

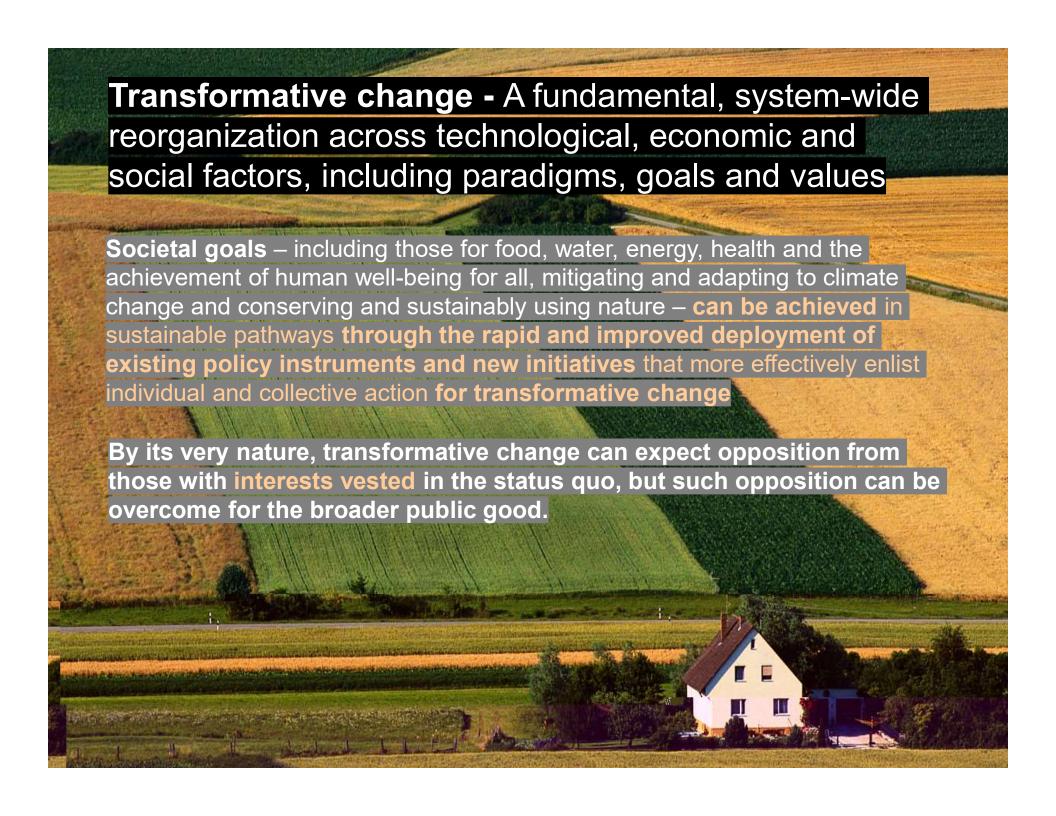
17 Goals, 169 Targets

2050 Vision for Biodiversity

"Living in Harmony with Nature"

"By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people"

Goals ? Targets/milestones for 2030?



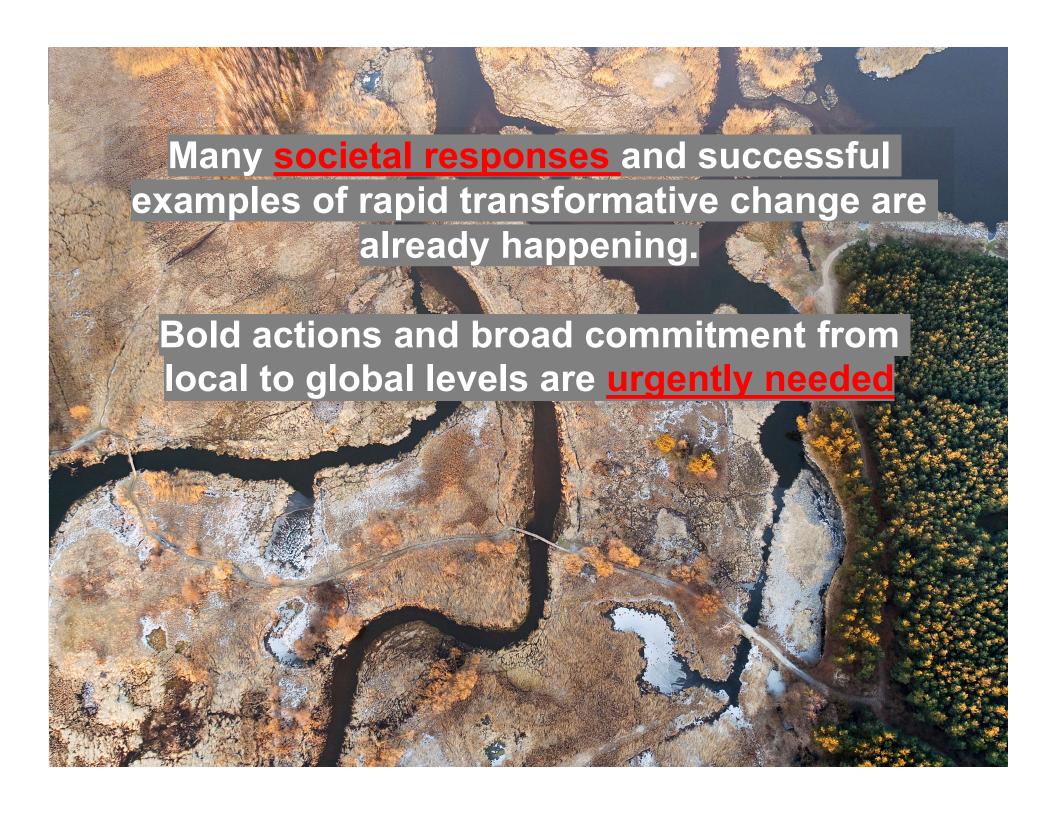
Scenarios which include transformative change are compatible with the 2030 sustainability objectives and the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity

A key constituent of sustainable pathways is the evolution of global financial and economic systems to build a global sustainable economy

One that steers away from the current limited paradigm of economic growth

Changes in production and consumption of energy and food Low to moderate population growth

Nature-friendly and socially fair climate adaptation and mitigation





Interactions and synergies in transformational change

Challenges related to climate change, nature deterioration and achieving a good quality of life for <u>all are</u> <u>interconnected</u>.

- The causes and the consequences of biodiversity loss and of climate change are linked and interacting very closely.
- Hence, realising synergies and minimising trade-offs between biodiversity-related and climate-related decisions and actions is essential and highly promising.

And, they need to be addressed <u>synergistically</u>, from local to global levels.

Food, water, energy, health, human well-being for all, mitigating and adapting to climate change, and conserving nature can be achieved together in sustainable pathways.

Transformative Change

Integrative, adaptive, informed and inclusive governance approaches including smart policy mixes, applied especially at leverage points

MULTI ACTOR GOVERNANCE INTERVENTIONS (LEVERS)

- · Incentives and capacity building;
- · Cross-sectoral cooperation
- · Pre-emptive action
- · Decision-making in the context of resilience and uncertainty
- · Environmental law and implementation

governance

INDIRECT

DRIVERS

Demographic

sociocultural

Economic and

technological

Institutions and Conflicts and epidemics Conservation

DIRECT Human activities DRIVERS

Examples: Fisheries Land/sea-use change Agriculture Energy Direct Forestry exploitation Mining Climate change Tourism Pollution Infrastructure Invasive species

etc.

Others



LEVERAGE POINTS

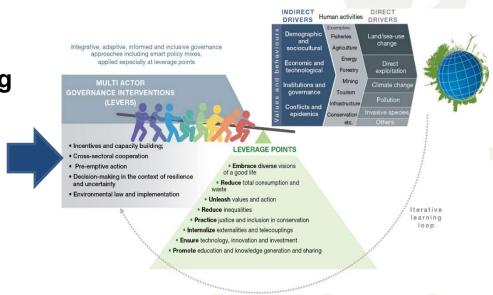
- Embrace diverse visions of a good life
- · Reduce total consumption and
- Unleash values and action
- Reduce inequalities
- · Practice justice and inclusion in conservation
- Internalize externalities and telecouplings
- Ensure technology, innovation and investment
- Promote education and knowledge generation and sharing

Iterative learning loop



FIVE MAIN INTERVENTIONS for transformative change

- (1) incentives and capacity-building
- (2) cross-sectoral cooperation
- (3) pre-emptive and precautionary action
- (4) decision-making for resilient social-ecological systems
- (5) Strengthen environmental law and implementation



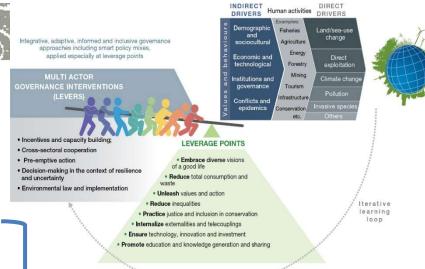
All five main interventions types may require new resources, particularly, but not only, in low-capacity contexts such as in many developing countries





8 leverage points = efforts, where interventions yield exceptionally large effects!

- (1) visions of a good life
- (2) reduce total consumption and waste
- (3) unleash diverse and responsible values and related action
- (4) address inequalities
- (5) justice and inclusion in conservation
- (6) externalities and telecouplings
- (7) technology, innovation and investment
- (8) education and knowledge generation and sharing.

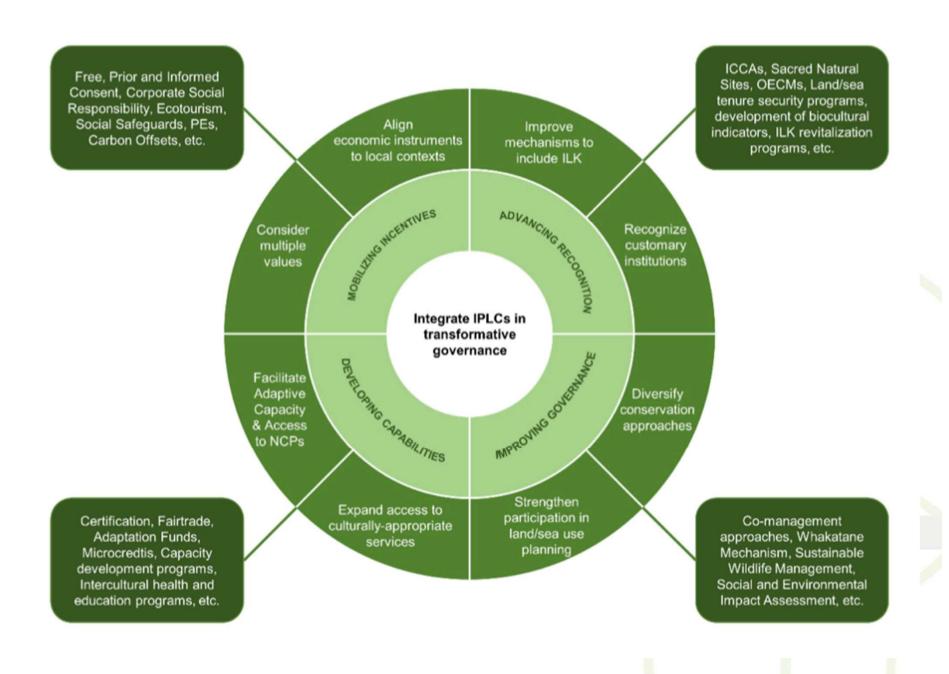


These changes and actions are mutually reinforcing

Need for rapid implementation of <u>existing</u> instruments and decisions for <u>transformative</u> ch

Example issues for cross-sectoral, integrated managemen multiple levels

- Food production and conservation goals: complementary and interdependent
- Sustainable fisheries: <u>integrated management</u> on land, in freshwater a oceans
- Land-based climate change mitigation: attention to trade-offs
- Nature-based solutions in cities: crucial for global sustainability



Conclusions for post-2020 agenda of the Convention for Biological Diversity

- Biodiversity loss is a highly important sustainable development issue, and a climate issue.
- Human well-being depends on addressing biodiversity loss and human-induced climate change now.
- Current biodiversity-related decisions affect current and future generations, with poor people being the most vulnerable.
- Achieving 2050 vision and SDGs require transformative change
- Developing an effective post-2020 agenda fantastic opportunity and high responsibility:
 - Monitorable targets taking up identified opportunities/actions
 - Targets for adequately protected area and sustainably used area

Conclusions for this workshop

- 27. Eight areas are envisaged for attention:
- (a) Station 1: Targets and objectives for keeping healthy terrestrial ecosystems and their vital contribution to people;
- (b) Station 2: Measures addressing direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss mainstreaming biodiversity into society;
- (c) Station 3: Targets and objectives for keeping healthy marine ecosystems and their vital contribution to people;
- (d) Station 4: Implementation framework: resource mobilization, capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, and communication;
- (e) Station 5: Objectives and measures for reducing the rate of extinction of species and their vital contribution to people;
- (f) Station 6: Addressing shared objectives: gender equality, women's empowerment and social inclusion; indigenous peoples and local communities; and human rights;
- (g) Station 7: Objectives and measures for safeguarding genetic resources and their equitable use;
 - (h) Station 8: Accountability framework: monitoring, assessment, reporting and review.

Capture key elements of transformative change (key types and points of interventions)

IPBES Future Work Programme until 2030 IPBES agreed to support all the deliverables that the CBD had requested

- (a) A technical paper on the interlinkage between biodiversity and climate change and member countries asked for this to be delivered in time for COP-15 and FCCC COP-26.
- (b) A nexus assessment on biodiversity, water, food and health.
- (c) An assessment on the determinants of transformative change, (including behavioural, social, cultural, economic, institutional, technical and technological dimensions) member countries advanced the timetable for its delivery.
- (d) A methodological assessment on measuring business impact and dependence on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people





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Leverage Point 3: Values and Actions

The <u>third leverage point</u> is unleashing existing widely held values of responsibility to effect new social norms for sustainability, especially by extending notions of <u>responsibility</u> to include impacts associated with <u>consumption</u>.

Such **norm changes** require concerted effort but are feasible when infrastructure and institutions (including social arrangements, regulations and incentives) **activate values held by individuals**.

**Diverse values are consistent with sustainable trajectories, but not all have received equal attention in global sustainability discourses.

Leverage Point 6: externalities & telecouplings

The <u>sixth leverage point involves</u> accounting for <u>nature deterioration</u> from local economic activities and socioeconomic-environmental interactions <u>over</u> <u>distances</u> (<u>telecouplings</u>), including, for example, international trade.

Structural changes to economies are also key to shifting action over long time scales, including technological and social innovation regimes and investment frameworks that internalize environmental impacts such as externalities of economic activities, including by addressing environmental impacts in socially just and appropriate ways.

Although market-based policy instruments such as payments for ecosystem services, voluntary certification and biodiversity offsetting have increased in use, their effectiveness is mixed, and they are often contested; thus, they should be designed and applied carefully to avoid perverse effects in context

**The widespread internalization of environmental impacts, including externalities associated with long-distance trade, is considered both an outcome and a constituent of global and national sustainable economies