

List of key information sources

- List of formal contacts in MS (Nature Directors)
- Administrations and related web links:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/db_gis/index_en.htm#sites

POLICY AREA 1: Biodiversity in the EU

1. To safeguard the EU's most important habitats and species.

- Natura 2000 sites:
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/barometer/index_en.htm
- Conservation status, site management plans, national reports on the Article 17:
<http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/>
- Red data lists: <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/>
- LIFE Expenditure: LIFE Unit
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/project/Projects/index.cfm>
- Legal cases (designation, management, compensation)
- Connectivity:
<http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.org/information/indicator/F1090245995/fo1591978>
http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/ecosystems/docs/adaptation_fragmentation_guidelines.pdf
- Others:
 - Ex-situ conservation
 - Common bird monitoring
 - CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>
 - EC-CHM: <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>
 - MS questionnaires
- EEA indicators for biodiversity:
 - <http://themes.eea.europa.eu/IMS/CSI>
 - <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/information/indicator/F1090245995/fo1591978>
- EEA SOER 2005, inc. country profiles:
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/20051122115248>

2. To conserve and restore biodiversity and ecosystem services in the wider EU countryside.

- Funding under Rural development programmes: Report on how Natura 2000 is covered by RDPs - DG ENV.B1, MS questionnaire
- RDP reports on national web sites
- Under the Objective 2, for Rural Development Programmes (A2.1.1, 2.1.2 & 2.1.8):
Spending under the Rural Development Programmes allocated for agri-environmental

measures in majority countries includes public co-financing but excluding additional private & national contributions. (Finland, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, etc)

- under objective 2 - Agricultural cross-compliance measures (A2.1.4 & 2.1.10):
GAEC Minimum Level of Maintenance measures as referred according to article 5 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003
 - under the Objective 2 - Measures to reduce air pollution impacts on biodiversity (A2.4.2 & 2.4.3):
The National Emission Ceilings Directive (NECD, 2001/81/EC) sets ceilings for each Member State for emissions within their boundaries of ammonia, nitrogen dioxide, sulphur dioxide, and volatile organic compounds. These four pollutants are primarily responsible for acidification, eutrophication, and ground-level ozone. The ceilings must be met by 2010.
- 3. To conserve and restore biodiversity and ecosystem services in the wider EU marine environment.**
- Funding under EFF: Operational programmes on DG FISH web site (if adopted) - http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/structural_measures/operational_programmes_en.htm
MS questionnaires
- 4. To reinforce compatibility of regional and territorial development with biodiversity in the EU.**
- Funding under Cohesion and structural funds, MS questionnaires
- 5. To substantially reduce the impact on EU biodiversity of invasive alien species and alien genotypes.**
- MS questionnaire
<http://www.europe-aliens.org/index.jsp>
<http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>
CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>

POLICY AREA 2: The EU and global biodiversity

- 6. To substantially strengthen effectiveness of international governance for biodiversity and ecosystem services.**
- most of the actions are undertaken at EC level
 - <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>
 - CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>
- 7. To substantially strengthen support for biodiversity and ecosystem services in EU external assistance.**
- AIDCO Report - DG ENV.E1
 - <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>

- Funds allocated for biodiversity projects and programmes in developing countries - CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/analyzer.shtml> - information on development cooperation, assess Article 20 (financial resources):

Biodiversity-related aid is defined as activities that promote at least one of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity: the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components (ecosystems, species or genetic resources), or fair and equitable sharing of the benefits of the utilisation of genetic resources (ABS).

Figures used in national reports showing relate to bilateral aid, and do not include multilateral contributions to GEF, UNEP and other organisations active in the field of biodiversity.

Also, figures are based on indications of the policy objectives of bilateral aid activities, though the biodiversity objective is usually less than the total value of such activities. Policy objectives are reported by donors through “markers” which do not allow exact quantification of aid activities’ contribution to the objectives, therefore the figures are approximate.

- OECD DAC reports - Original figures are provided in million USD. The percentage of total bilateral aid has been calculated using the country’s total amount of bilateral commitments provided by the OECD.

8. To substantially reduce the impact of international trade on global biodiversity and ecosystem services.

- Most of the actions are undertaken at EC level (CITES, FLEGT, Trade agreements). There should also be specific reports on ABS to CDB but no many MS are providing these - <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>, CBD reports - <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>

POLICY AREA 3: Biodiversity and climate change

9. To support biodiversity adaptation to climate change.

- <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>,
CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>

POLICY AREA 4: The knowledge base

10. To substantially strengthen the knowledge base for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, in the EU and globally.

- MS questionnaire, <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>, <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>

THE FOUR KEY SUPPORTING MEASURES

1. Ensuring adequate financing

- MS questionnaires
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/>
<http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rur/>

2. Strengthening EU decision-making

- MS questionnaire, National web sites, CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>, <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>

3. Building partnerships

- MS questionnaire, National web sites, CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>, <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>

4. Building public education, awareness and participation

- National web sites, CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>, <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REVIEW

- MS questionnaire, National web sites, CBD reports: <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>, <http://eumon.ckff.si/>, <http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/>