

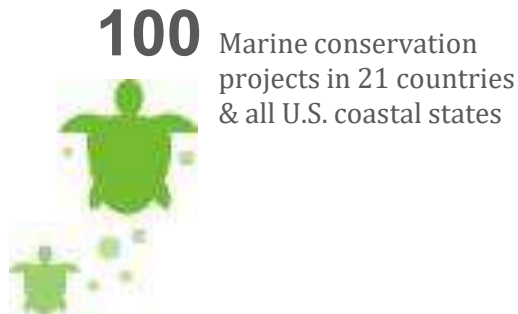
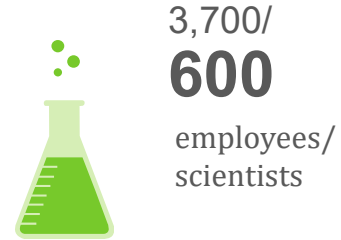
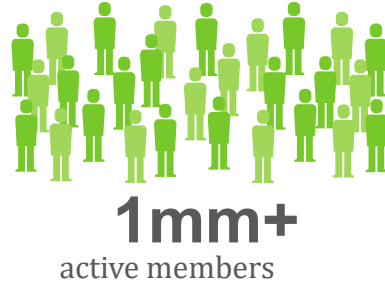


The European Biodiversity Strategy & the Global Biodiversity Framework

Challenges & opportunities for Slovenia



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CBD Global Biodiversity Framework - *what is it?*

“Living in harmony with Nature”

**United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,
the “Earth Summit”**

Convention on Biological Diversity, UNFCCC, UNCCD

-” Halt the loss of Biodiversity and put it on the track of recovery”

2020 – „super year for Biodiversity“ – GBF for the coming 10 years

2022 *trying again!*

Global freshwater crisis – climate change, invasive species, agriculture and alterations – loss of connectivity

-> FW is in the rise – the „*Third Realm*“

The EU and its 27 Member States are all signatories of the Convention



EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy: *what is it?*

“Bringing nature back into our lives”

The new EU 2030 Biodiversity Strategy:

... a commitment under the European Green Deal

Is the EU and its Member States renewed effort(s) to restore and further protect biodiversity in Europe (and beyond), and to produce a coherent network of protected areas – also beyond the EU’s border (WB)

- 1) Reverse biodiversity loss**
- 2) Ecosystems are restored, resilient, and adequately protected**
- 3) Europe's biodiversity will be on the path to recovery by 2030**

“This strategy sets out how Europe can help make this happen”

2019 – 2021/22

- Consultations through **2019 - 2020**
- Strategy Ratified, „Council Conclusion“ **October 2020**
- Nature Restoration Plan/Law & Guidance to be Finalized **December 2021**
- **2022-23 Pledges** on % & **Implementation** begins...





EU Biodiversity Strategy: *Freshwater*

Restoration, Protection, Strict Protection, and the Trans-European Nature Network

- **Protection target 30X30 /10!**
- **Rivers: a habitat-specific restoration target** in the Biodiversity Strategy (25K km)
- **Obstacle removal** is mentioned as key **measure**
- Promotes a **holistic approach** with freshwater habitat restoration overall, not just river channels + complementary measures to WFD and others
- ... **large-scale river and floodplain** restoration investments (climate relevance)

Member States will be responsible for designating additional protected and strictly protected areas & for meeting connectivity-restoration % targets – (rivers?)



EU Biodiversity Strategy: *Integration with the WFD*

30% of EU land and sea protected, 10% of this % under strict protection criteria

- **Freshwater ecosystems** are included...

Legally binding EU nature restoration targets to be proposed in 2021 (Nature Restoration Law & Plans), to:

1) Further support EU WFD implementation:

- Increased efforts to **restore freshwater ecosystems and the natural functions of rivers** – WFD objectives to be met by 2027
- **Restore at least 25,000km free flowing rivers** - might increase!
 - Removal of primarily obsolete barriers (longitudinal)
 - Restoration of floodplains and wetlands (lateral)

2) Restore and preserve ecological flows:

- Member States review water abstraction and impoundment permits – WFD objectives to be met by 2027

Focus: to *implement and enforce EU environmental legislation*



EU Biodiversity Strategy: *the legal instrument*

Nature Restoration Law: set implementation requirements and enabling measures including **national restoration plans**

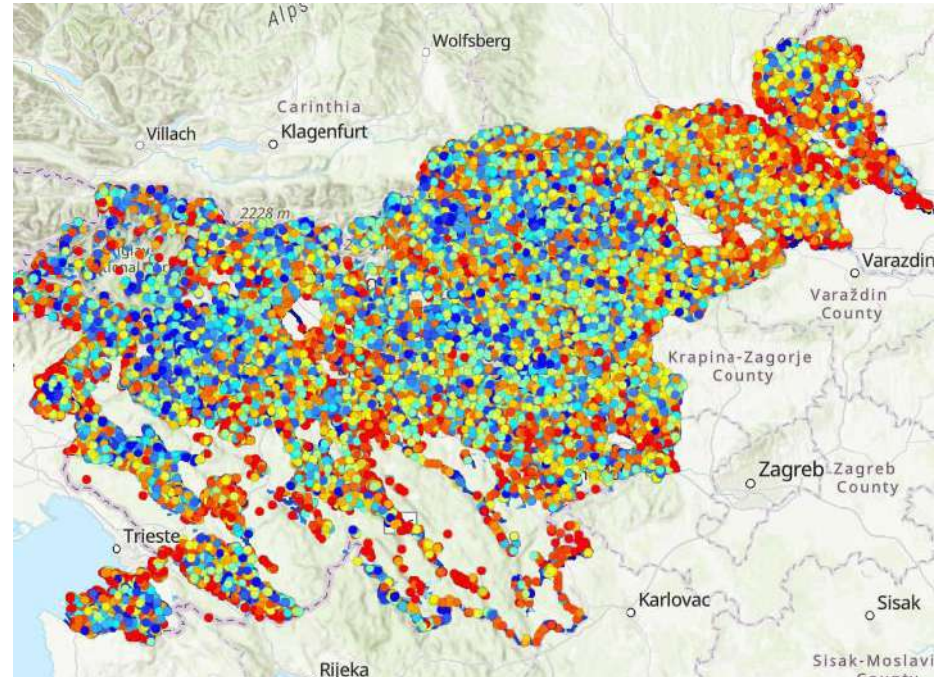
- a) Provide definitions in relation to targets
- b) Set an overarching goal for ecosystem restoration
- c) Set specific binding targets for which data and monitoring mechanisms are available
- d) Set requirements to monitor indicators for those specific targets for which data and monitoring mechanisms are not yet fully developed, allowing for a later setting of baselines and thresholds/targets.



What does this mean for Slovenia?

Dealing with river fragmentation and river protection:

- Like all EU countries, river fragmentation and facilitation of species migration is an issue in Slovenia as well – *What and where to restore?*



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What does this mean for Slovenia?

- There will have to be earmarked “kilometres” of the 25K km in accordance with the upcoming legal tool (NRL/NRPs) tied to RBMPs, current measures, and additional projects (*to name a few elements*)
- Discussions around protecting “valuable” river courses with *designations* in addition to WFD Status (ecol./chem.) and applying the Directives “non-deterioration principle” will have to be held, within the current and future frameworks/legal instruments/Mgt. tools

*The EU committed to **Biodiv. Finance:***

- *More money will be made available for MS (Slovenia) through various EU instruments to implement the new legislation/targets (7.5-10% of the MFF, and now more...) Restoration fund?*

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