



Translating EU biodiversity policy into external programming and actions

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Why Biodiversity?

- Biodiversity ensures healthy and stable ecosystems ...
- Healthy ecosystems provide goods and services and mitigate climate change effects...=> Nature Based Solutions
- ...so conserving biodiversity is essential for human wellbeing and security

- IT'S NOT A LUXURY.....IT'S A BASIC NECESSITY





Policy context and commitments

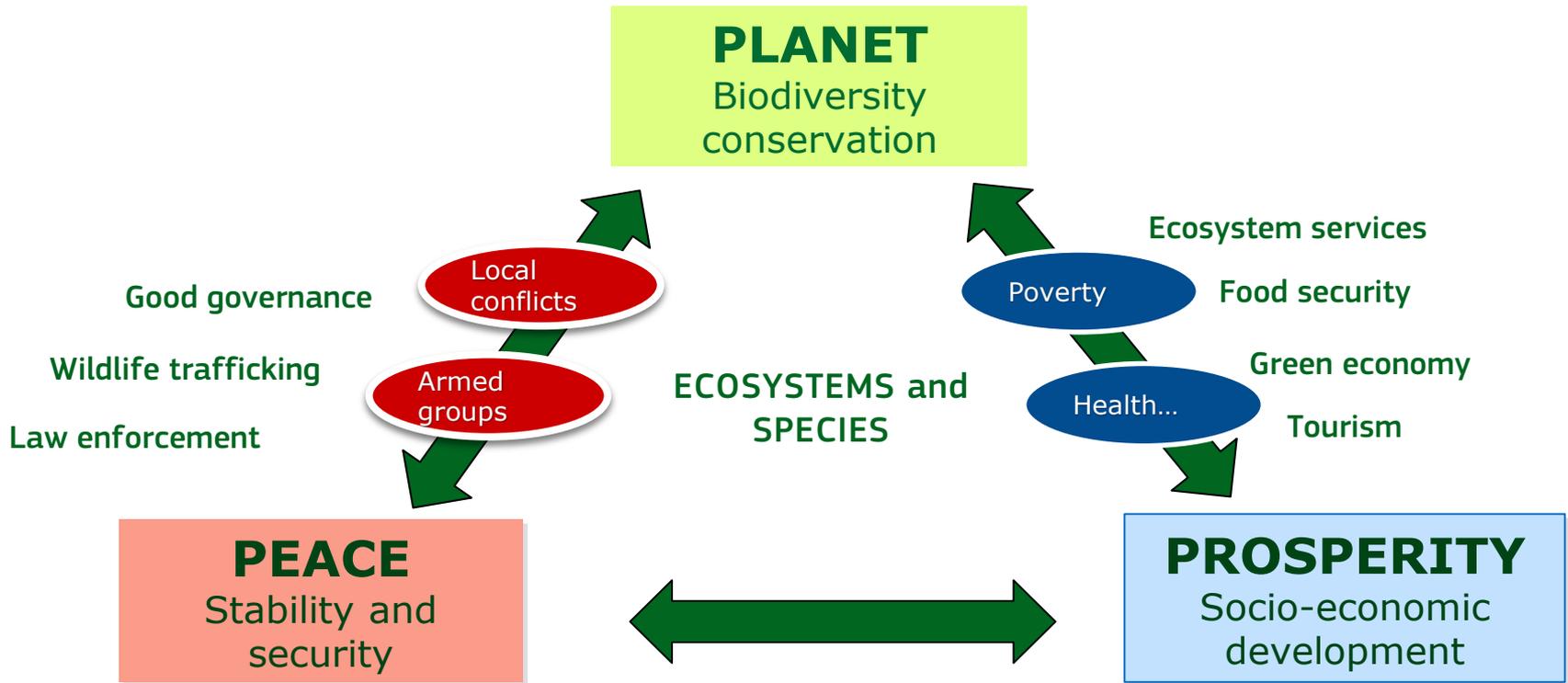
Global Agreements

- Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
- Paris Climate Agreement
- Convention on Biological Diversity 'Aichi targets' (2010)

EU policies

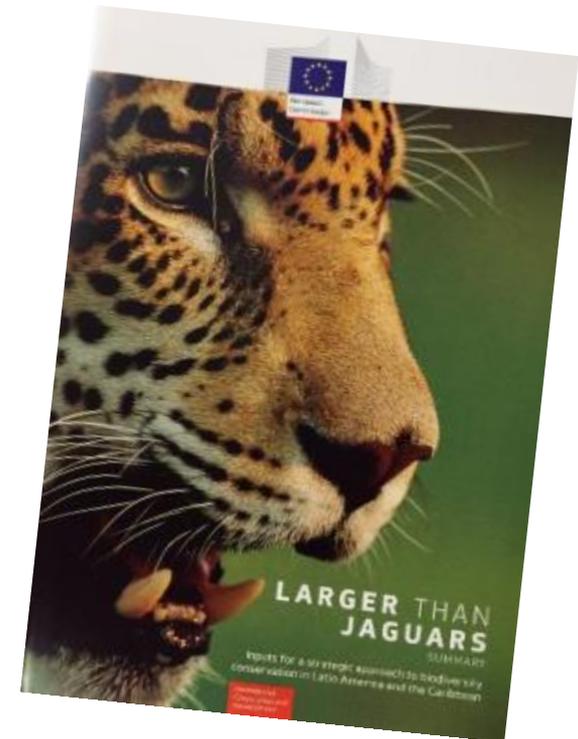
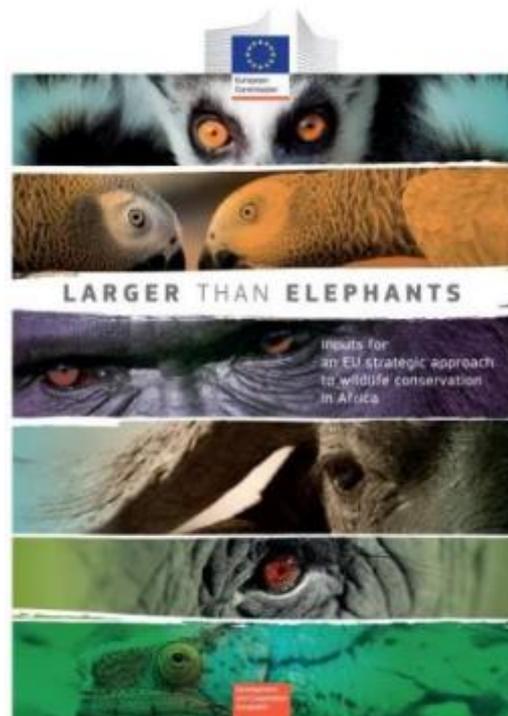
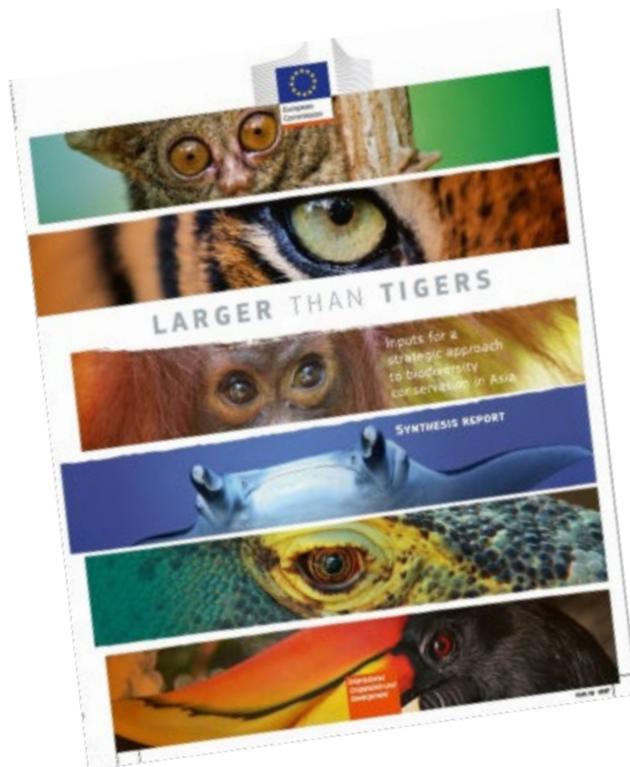
- EU Biodiversity strategy to 2020 + new post 2020 strategy
- EU Wildlife Trafficking Action Plan
- EU Global Strategy
- Communication on Conserving and Restoring the World's Forests
- EU Green Deal

Biodiversity for People, Peace and Prosperity



Setting the strategic framework

The 'Larger than.....' series for Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.



An integrated approach for action

- Protected Areas (the cornerstone of biodiversity conservation) within....
- Key landscapes for conservation (where needs of communities, private sector and biodiversity must be reconciled...)
- Working with local/indigenous communities and civil society, rights-based approach.
- Private sector engagement, sustainable value chains.
- Tackling the illegal wildlife trade



Biodiversity and climate across sectors

- Not only Protected Areas (target 30%) but also mainstreaming
- Biodiversity and Climate Change two sides of same challenge
- Nature Based Solutions are a cornerstone for both:
 - Food
 - Water security
 - Coastal management
 - 30% of Climate Mitigation etc...





NATURAFRICA

An initiative to tackle biodiversity loss by creating a network of protected areas to protect wildlife and offer socio-economic opportunities in green sectors for local populations





Rationale

The Challenges :

- Africa relies heavily on its natural resource, yet these are very depleted
- Africa is particularly vulnerable to climate change, this exacerbates natural capital degradation with a direct impact on food security, health, jobs, growth, migration, resilience and security

The Opportunities:

- Continue to place the EU as a world leader in promoting international responses to environment and climate challenges, including an ambitious global post-2020 agenda on biodiversity
- Contribute to the external dimension of the EU Green Deal (as do the two other big bets for Africa), by
 - Addressing Africa's vulnerability to climate change and environmental degradation
 - Promoting EU values, interests and know-how
 - Creating Green Economy poles around protected areas

Proposal

Approach

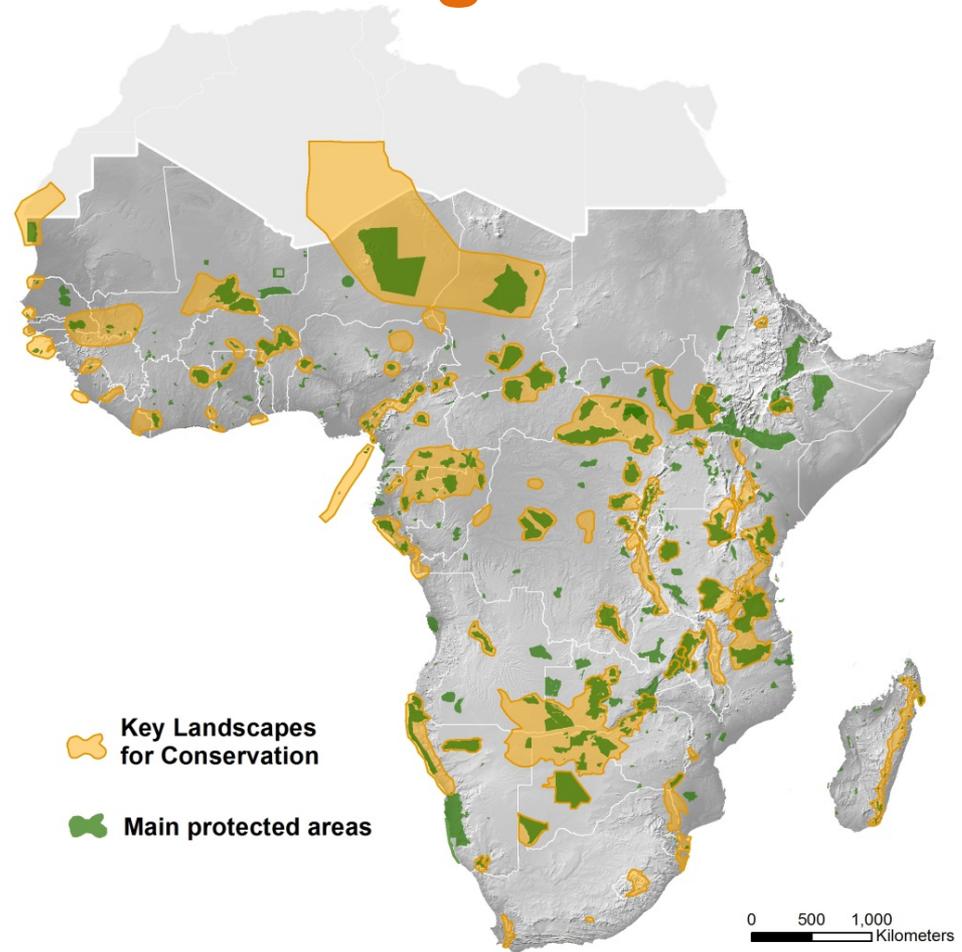
- An innovative and visible initiative tackling biodiversity loss as an entry point to reach other political priorities:
 - Job creation – act as development poles
 - Security
 - Climate Change & Environment

Working on

- Actions to promote sustainable management of protected areas (parks) and ecosystems (forests, mangroves, rivers)
- Integrated approach (agriculture, energy, private sector etc.) triggering green local development



Geographical coverage



The EU "*Larger than elephants strategy*"
Defined 80 Key Landscapes for Conservation covering \pm 300 N.P



Thank you