



The EU

# Biodiversity for Life



flagship initiative

**An initiative to enhance biodiversity across the EU  
development cooperation.**

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## "An Agenda for Change"

- Current policy framework for EU development cooperation since May 2011
- Target and concentrate aid to where it is most needed and where it can make a difference
- **Develop innovative ways of financing development**
- **Search for a greater alignment with partner countries' policies.**



## Focus on Priority Areas:

- Human rights, democracy and governance:
  - support to governance reforms that promote the **sustainable and transparent management of natural resources**.
- Sustainable and inclusive growth for human development
  - sustainable agriculture and energy that includes the **safeguarding of ecosystem services** and food and nutrition security.
  - business environment, regional integration, global market, social protection, health, education, job creation



# Our favourite quotes



- *"Development is not sustainable if it damages the environment, biodiversity and natural resources and increases the exposure/vulnerability to natural disasters."*
- *"EU development policy should promote a 'green' economy that can generate growth, create jobs and help reduce poverty by valuing and investing in natural capital."*



## Biodiversity Strategic Plan 2011-2020

- 20 Biodiversity Aichi Targets
- EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
  - 6 Targets, 20 Actions
  - International Dimension: Target 6: "Step up EU contribution to averting global biodiversity loss".
- Resource mobilisation strategy
- International target: *"to double etc..."* (one time 😊)



- Post-2015 Development Framework
  - "Development" and "Sustainable Development" processes converge
  - New set of "Sustainable Development Goals"
  - Likelihood of a prominent integration of biodiversity in the SDGs: great opportunity for mainstreaming biodiversity in "non-biodiversity issues".
  - Claims for further integration and synergies among MEAs and simplifying SD architecture.



# What's B4Life is NOT



- *A new fund*
- *A new programme*
- *A new project*
- *A new strategy*
- *A new instrument*



# What's B4Life is...



## ...a Flagship



# A Flagship ?



- More holistic and coherent approach of the EU actions in biodiversity:
  - clear and coherent strategic framework
  - enhance EU contributions to biodiversity
  - building new alliances with stakeholders
  - test innovative approaches and tools
  - more assertive integration of biodiversity in country policy dialogues
- More visibility, more prominence, enhanced profile for biodiversity within the development agenda, thus... more resources.

→ a Flagship!

# The instruments



- *Bulk of the Dev.Coop. resources: EDF (~€ 30,000 M) + DCI Geographic (~€ 20,000 M) + ENI (~€ 15,000 M)*
- *DCI thematic: € 7,000 M, of which:*
  - *Civil Society & Local Authorities: € 1,900 M*
  - *Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC): € 5,100 M*

**GPGC shared in 5 priority areas:**

- **Environment and Climate Change → € 1,300 M = 2.15%**
- **Sustainable Energy**
- **Food and Nutrition Security**
- **Human Development**
- **Migration and Asylum**



# B4Life objective



- *" Contribute to halting biodiversity loss and reducing poverty by promoting a cross-cutting and innovative approach to fully integrate biodiversity and ecosystem conservation with socio-economic development and poverty eradication".*
- Three priority areas, in line with the **Agenda for Change**:
  1. Good governance
  2. Food security
  3. Green economy
- + a special Wildlife Crisis Window (WCW)



## *Good governance to support sustainable management of natural capital*

- Coordination and strengthening of institutions in charge of protected areas management
- Empowerment of environmental civil society
- Integration of community-based management and collective action
- Law enforcement/Fight against wildlife crimes.
- Design of national biodiversity strategies and natural capital accounting systems → economic valuation
- Urban biodiversity with Local Authorities



## *Promote ecosystem conservation for food security and sustainable rural development*

- Promotion of biodiversity-compatible sustainable or climate-smart agricultural practices
- Protection of a genetically diverse pool of seeds
- Ecosystem restoration of degraded areas.
- Develop sustainable land zoning and community-based management plans in buffer zones.
- Promote integrated coastal management.
- Combat invasive alien species



## *Nature-based solutions toward Green Economy*

- Develop nature-based market models and value chains involving local communities and private sector
- Develop public-private partnership for long-term investments in natural capital
- Develop Payment-for-Ecosystem-Services schemes integrating farmers' and local dwellers' rights
- Capacity building in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (*Access and Benefit Sharing*)



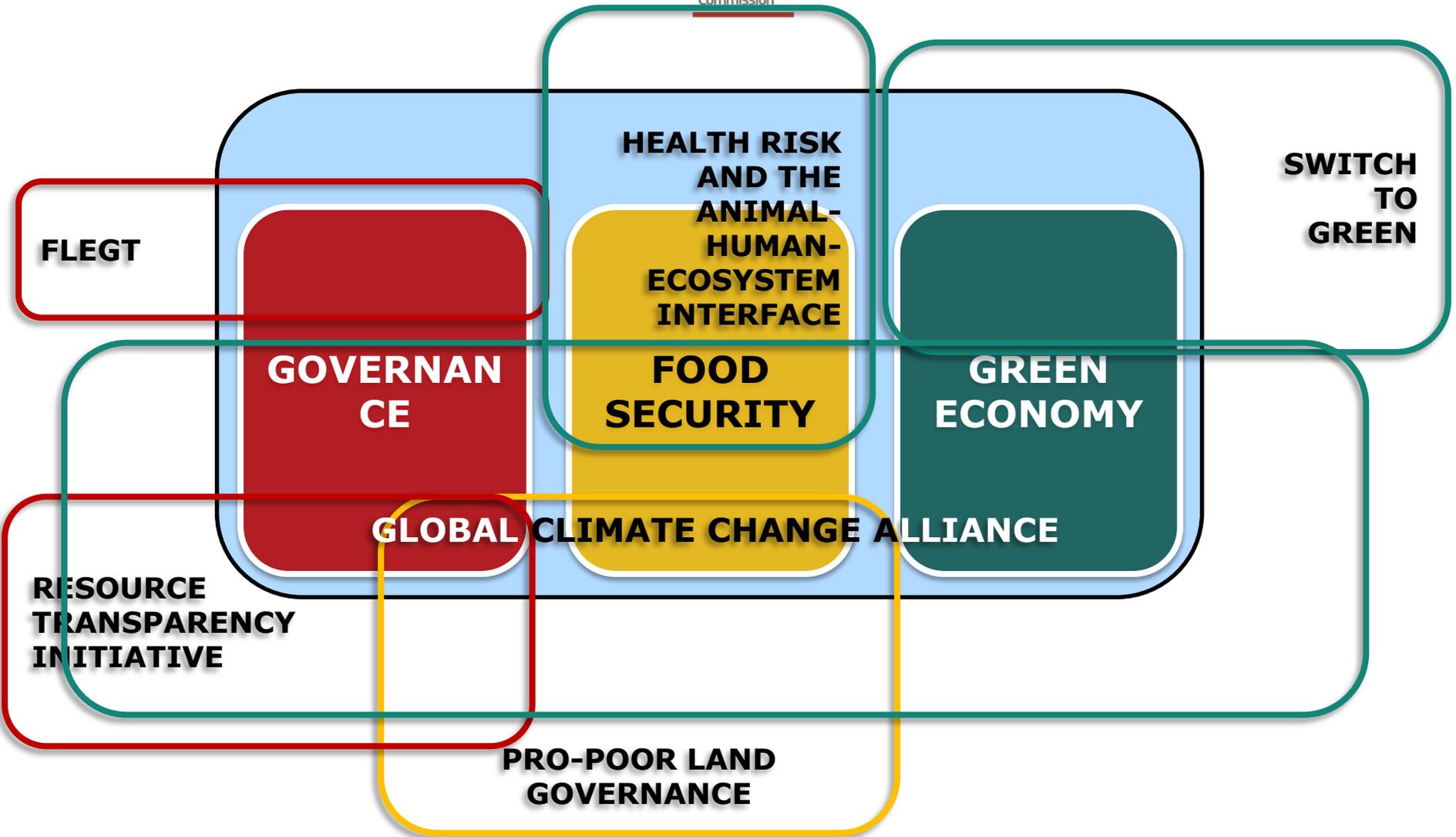
## Wildlife Crisis Window

*Response to the current crisis of wildlife, particularly in Africa, due to many pressures (poaching, land-use change, climate change, invasive species...).*

- **Local level:** secure and support priority protected areas; ensure sustainable livelihood to local dwellers in buffer zones.
- **National level:** reinforce the rule of law and tackle corruption, national planning.
- **Regional level:** promote regional anti-criminal networks, improve monitoring of endangered species.
- **International level:** support international fight against wildlife crime



# B4Life is not alone...



- EC initiative based on **EuropeAid instruments**
- To use the available variety of instruments and implementation modalities
- Whole Multiyear Financial Framework: **2014 - 2020... and beyond**
- **Coordination committee:** several thematic and geographic units across EuropeAid + other Commission DGs + EEAS + ... MS?
- All developing countries eligible, focus on LDC but also countries with « *hot spots* » and OCTs.
- B4Life Facility: support the implementation of B4Life



# Capturing resources...



Programme	Concentration area	ENV and CC allocations (MEUR)	Out of which B4Life allocations	Out of which Wildlife Crisis Window allocations
<b>DCI/GPGC</b>	Biodiversity Envelope	216	216	54
	CC Interventions	370	60	tbd
	Forests + FLEGT + REDD	260	50	tbd
	Food Security	tbd	tbd	tbd
<b>DCI/RIP</b>	ASEAN	50	20	10
	Latin America	300	tbd	tbd
	Central America	35	tbd	tbd
<b>EDF/RIP</b>	West Africa	250	100	80
	Central Africa	88	80	80
	Eastern and Southern Africa	200	50	50
	Caribbean	56	4	tbd
	Pacific	tbd	tbd	tbd
<b>EDF/IntraACP</b>	CC and Environment	250	130	80
<b>EDF/OCT</b>	Thematic programme OCT	16	16	tbd
<b>EDF NIP</b>	RDC/Envt et Agriculture durable	120	70	70
	Tchad/ Ressources naturelles	?	20	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>2211</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>444</b>

# Some figures



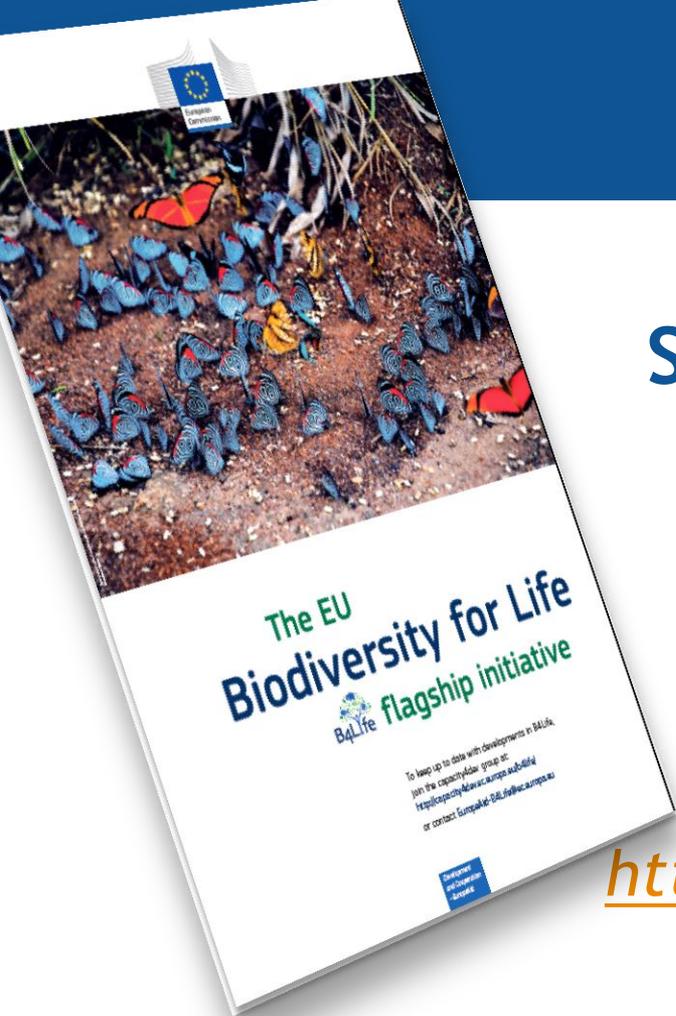
- EuropeAid = third world biggest donor for biodiversity: € 1,600 million from 2007 to 2013.
- Biodiversity principal (2007-2013): € 530 million
- Biodiversity significant (2007-2013): € 1,070 million
- Share of activities with biodiversity as significant (not principal) objective increased from 46% in 2007 to 82 % in 2013
- B4Life preliminary target: raise Biodiversity principal (2014-2020 to € 800+ million)

- € 1,600 M Compared to total of EuropeAid's main developing cooperation instruments for 2007-2013 (EDF + DCI) i.e. € 37,619 million → 4.25% for biodiversity.
- Average 2006-2010 : € 194 million
- 2011: € 174 M = -10.22%
- 2012: € 289 M = +49.12%
- 2013: € 305 M = +57.38%

*(→ on track toward the RM international target ??)*

- Other possible cooperation instruments
  - Partnership Instrument (in « upgraded countries »)
  - Instrument for Stability (security dimension).
- Other, extra-EC funding and involvement:
  - EC and MS joining funds in a common basket ? EU Trust Fund? GCCA model?
  - Joining other international initiatives





## Stay in touch with B4Life

- *Sign up to EuropeAid's "Capacity for Development" portal*
- *Join the B4Life group:*

<http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/b4life/>

- Thematic pages
  - Blog pages
  - Library
- Calendar of events
- Contacts and interaction between members

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***"The economy itself will die if  
our ecosystems collapse"...***

... said Leonardo di Caprio at the UNGA on 22 September 2014

