



The EU

Biodiversity for Life



flagship initiative

**Een initiatief om biodiversiteit dwars over de EU
ontwikkelingssamenwerking te bevorderen.**

Arnold Jacques de Dixmude, EuropeAid, Europese Commissie





"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 financial flows for developing countries by 2015 and maintain until 2020"*



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



- Bulk of the Dev.Coop. resources:
 - EDF (~€ 30,000 M) + DCI (~€ 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%**
 - and other four: Sustainable Energy; Food and Nutrition Security; Human Development; Migration and Asylum.
- Need for enhancing and mainstreaming across other instruments, programmes and policies, through 'Flagship Initiatives'



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!

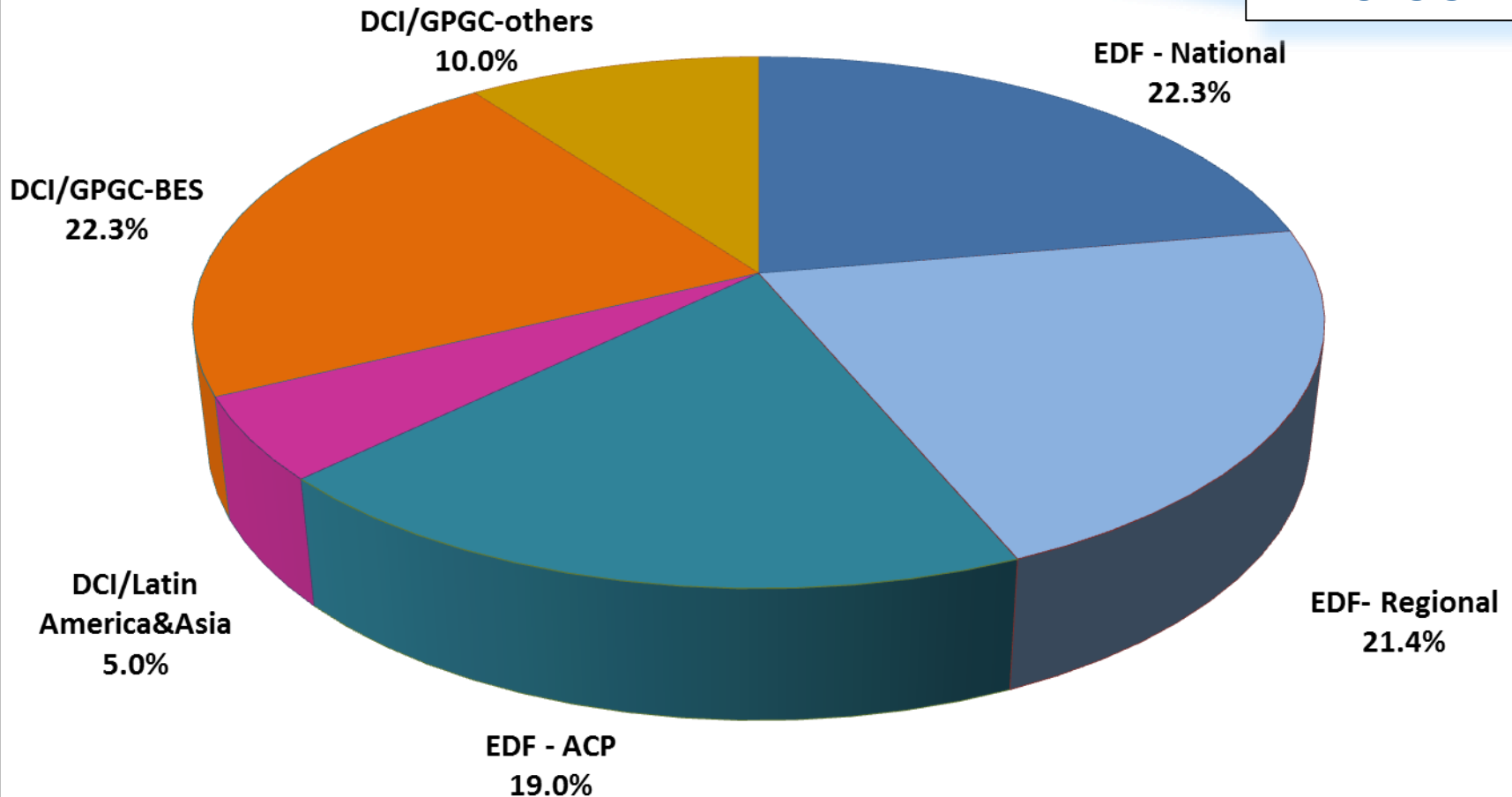
- *" Contribute to halting biodiversity loss and reducing poverty by promoting a cross-cutting and innovative approach to fully integrate biodiversity and ecosystem conservation with socio-economic development and poverty eradication".*
- Four priority areas, in line with the **Agenda for Change**:
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

**particular
political
concern
nowadays**



**Total budget for B4LIFE flagship 2014-2020
across several funding instruments or programmes:
around 1 billion EUR**

**Of which:
~1/2 for Wld
Crisis**



The Strategic Approach: Larger than elephants



- Identify at the scale of Sub-Saharan Africa the principal **threats** to wildlife (animals and plants) and the most appropriate **responses** for the next 10 years.
- Not limited to wildlife trafficking, but focused on **conservation and sustainable management** of wildlife and its linkage with development.
- Important for the aid programming
- Not limited to EU activities but can be a frame for many sources of funding
- Reviewed and endorsed by a wide array of stakeholders from the conservation community.



Site-level



Conservation and sustainable development of 80 Key Landscapes for Conservation

National



Institutional strengthening and capacity-building; law enforcement; nature-friendly dvpt strategies

International



Stopping the illegal killing and trafficking of wildlife products; awareness-raising; trade regulation; regional cooperation

Information systems for better decision-making

Increasing political uptake



- *Jan 2014: **EP Resolution** on wildlife crime*
- *Feb 2014: **Commission Communication** on the EU approach against Wildlife Trafficking*
- *April 2014: **EU on-line consultation and conference** – 170 experts, 34 countries, key IOs, >20 NGOs. Summary of contributions to the consultation published in Nov 2014.*
- *Feb 2014: London Declaration; Jun 2014: UNEA Resolution; Mar 2015: Kasane Statement.*
- *April 2015: **Joint Declaration of EU and AU Commissioners** mentions cooperation on illegal wildlife trafficking .*



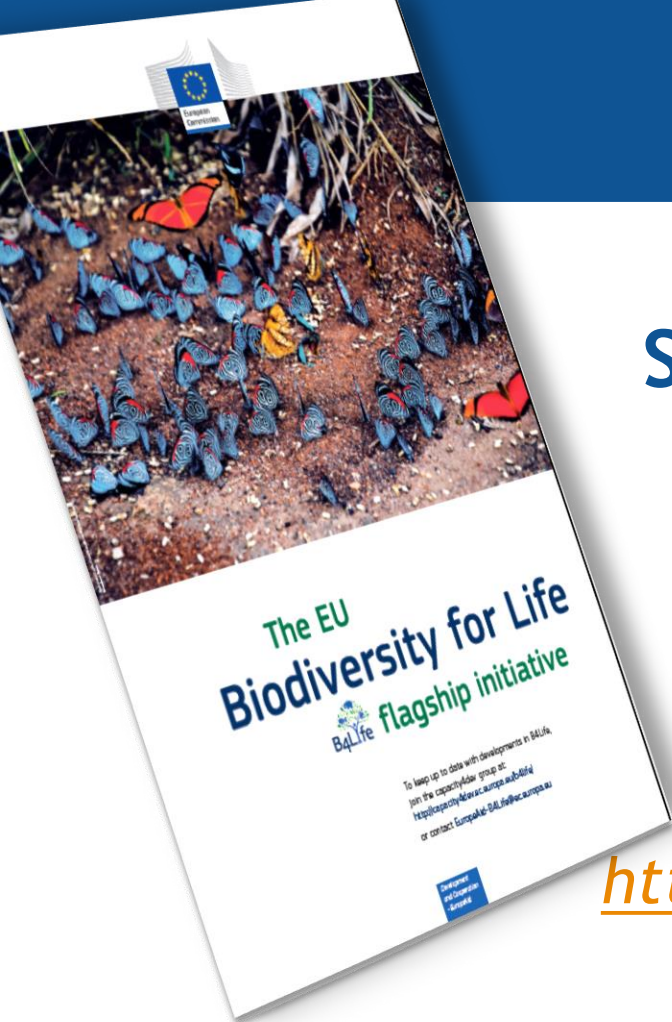
- ***Regional and national political dialogues** under Art. 8 of the Cotonou Agreement: wildlife conservation and wildlife crime increasingly addressed to tackle both the supply and demand side.*
- *July 2015: **UNGA Resolution** on Illegal Wildlife Trafficking*

Toward an Action Plan



- EU Action Plan on Wildlife trafficking in preparation by Commission (ENV, DEVCO, HOME, JUST, EEAS...).
- Based on strong support from stakeholders while the consultation.
- EUROPEAID provides input to this Action Plan on the development aspects, through its 'Larger than Elephants' report.
- Adoption hoped for 3 March 2016 (international wildlife day)





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

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

