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TSC Knowledge Hub -Target 3

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Target 3 - Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas

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Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are **effectively conserved** and managed through ecologically representative, **well-connected and equitably governed** systems of **protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories**, where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, **while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes**, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories.

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Headline Indicator

3.1 Coverage of protected areas and OECMs

Component indicators:

- Protected area coverage of Key Biodiversity Areas
- Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME)
- ProtConn
- Protected Area Connectedness Index (PARC-Connectedness)
- Red List of Ecosystems Connectivity Indicator (in development)
- The number of protected areas that have completed a site-level assessment of governance and equity (SAGE)
- Species Protection Index





Objective of Target 3 Knowledge Hub

Support countries served by the European TSC centre in the **effective and inclusive implementation of Target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework**, by providing access to relevant knowledge, technical guidance, and capacity-building resources related to protected and conserved areas.

Who We Are

The Knowledge Hub for Target 3 will be **co-led by the European Environment Agency (EEA) and IUCN.**

This partnership will bring **complementary strengths in data handling, technical implementation, existing networks, capacity-building, and policy integration and advocacy.**



**European
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The European Environment Agency (EEA)

The EEA delivers knowledge and data to support Europe's environment and climate goals.

In collaboration with our partner network, Eionet, the EEA informs decision-makers and the public about the state of Europe's environment, climate change and wider sustainability issues.

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/en/about/who-we-are>



EIONET: Environment Information and Observation Network

Eionet is the European Environment Agency partner network.

Eionet brings together around 3,000 experts from more than 600 national institutions across 38 European countries.

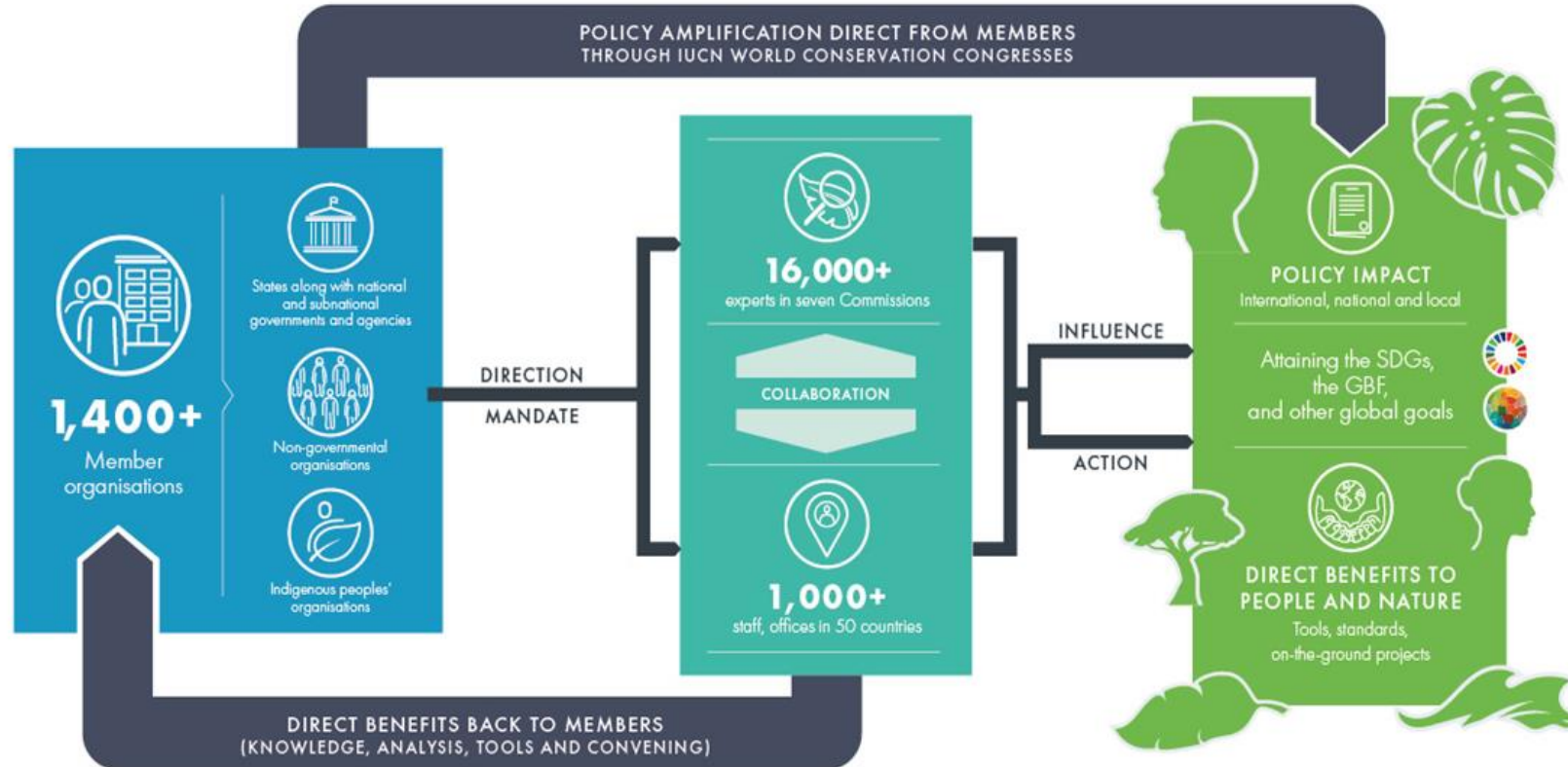
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International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)



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IUCN Offices

- Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN Med)
- Europe Regional Office (EURO)
- Eastern and Central Asia Regional Office (ECARO)
- IUCN Protected and Conserved Areas Team

Existing Services of Our Entities - EEA

European Environment Agency

EIONET Expert Group on Protection and Restoration

Data flows

- [Natura 2000](#)
- [Nationally designated areas](#)
- Strict protected areas
- Emerald Network data

Indicators

- [Terrestrial protected areas in Europe](#)
- [Marine protected areas in Europe's seas](#)
- [Natura 2000 sites designated under the EU Habitats and Birds Directives](#)

Biodiversity Information System for Europe (BISE)

- [BISE protected areas pages](#)
- [Natura 2000 ressource page](#)
- [Natura 2000 map viewer](#)
- [Natura 2000 reference portal](#)

Briefings and reports

- EEA (2020) [Building a coherent Trans-European Nature Network](#)
- EEA (2020) [Management effectiveness in the EU's Natura 2000 network of protected areas](#)
- EEA (2020) [State of Nature in the EU \(2013-2018\)](#)
- EEA (2012) [Protected areas in Europe – an overview](#)

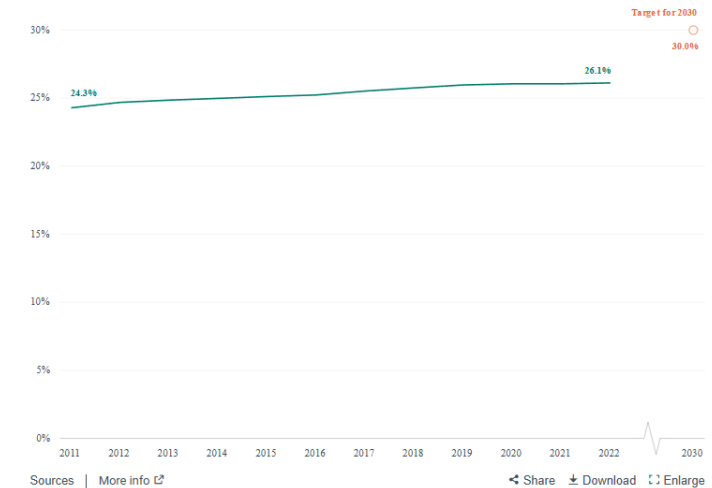
Terrestrial protected areas in Europe

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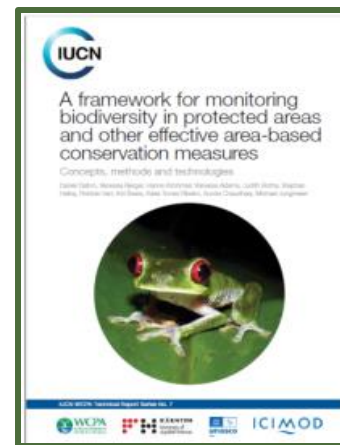
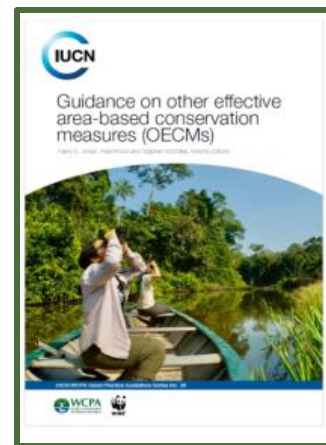
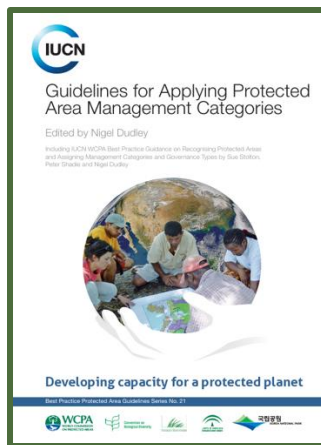
By the end of 2022, protected areas covered 26.1% of European Union land, with 18.6% of EU land designated as Natura 2000 sites and 7.5% under other complementary national designations. The EU biodiversity strategy for 2030 sets out a target of protecting at least 30% of EU land by 2030, while ensuring that all protected areas are managed effectively. The area reported as protected has steadily increased since 2011, by 1.8 percentage points, yet there are no signs of growth in the last years. It is currently uncertain whether the EU will meet the 30% target, unless rate of designation of protected areas more than doubles by 2030.

Figure 1. Coverage of protected areas in the EU-27 land area in 2011-2022



Existing Services of Our Entities - IUCN

- **Guidelines and standards and technical notes** (e.g. on PA categories, OECMs, KBAs, Green List)
- **Training materials, toolkits, and webinars** on PCA and OCEMs management effectiveness and governance
- **E-learning modules and platforms** developed with partners like UNEP-WCMC
- **Peer-learning and mentoring opportunities** to strengthen institutional capacity



Next Steps

As the knowledge hub for Target 3 takes shape, a detailed work plan for the coming years will be developed

In the meantime, partners are already moving ahead with a variety of activities that will feed into and strengthen the hub.

Target 3 training for Eastern European Countries – December 2025

Promotion of the Knowledge Hub (KH) through IUCN's participation in:

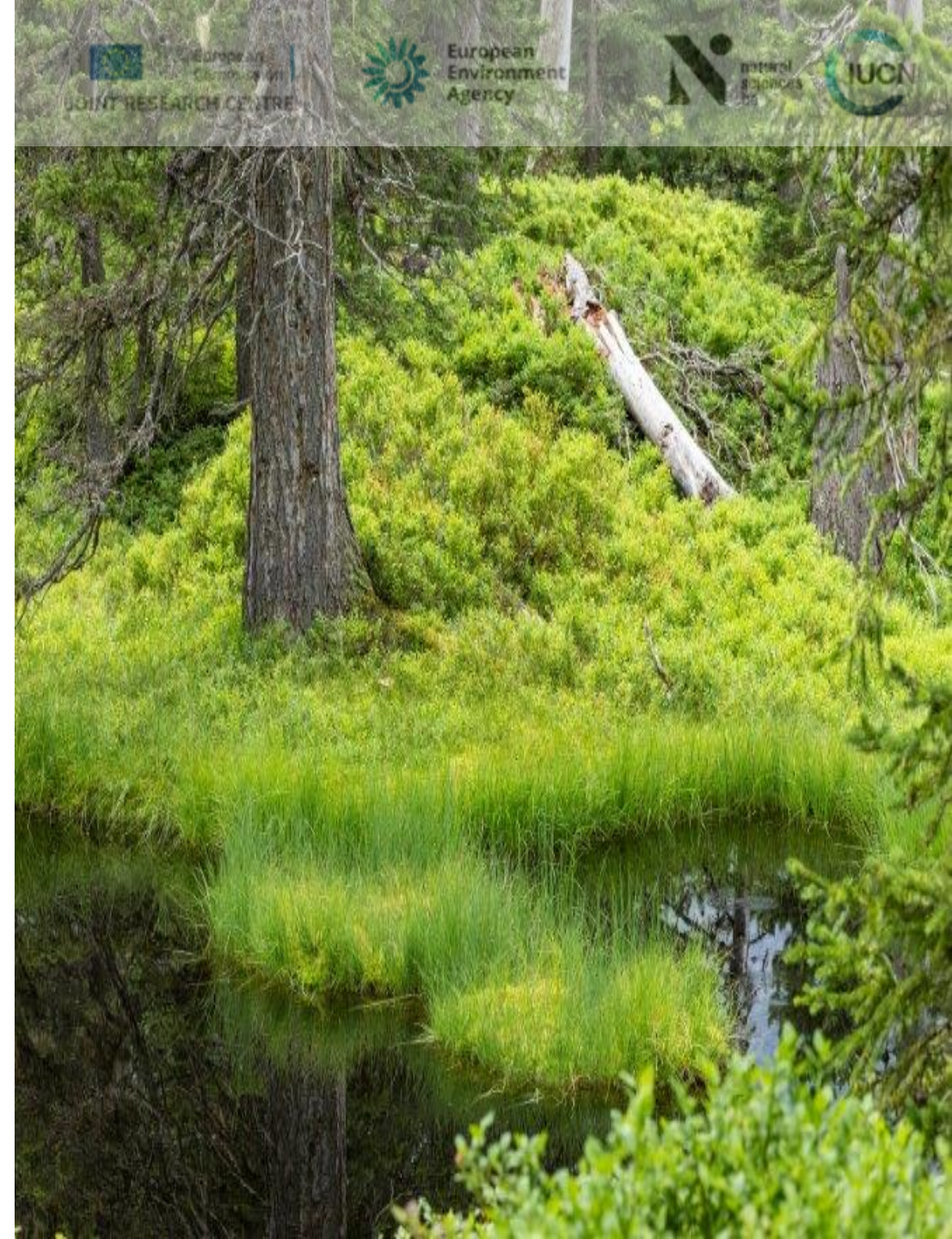
- IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC)
- Barcelona Convention COP – *December 2025*
- Relevant stakeholder for a4
- Organisation of national focus groups on MPA management effectiveness in Spain, Italy, France, Croatia, and Greece

EIONET meetings

- Online meeting of EIONET Technical Group on Biodiversity Monitoring on GBF implementation – *Q4 2025*
- In-person meeting of the EIONET Expert Group on Protection and Restoration – *Copenhagen, Q1 2026*

Advisory Boards

- EU LIFE PAME (protected area management effectiveness) and Advisory board Natura Connect (2025-2026)





Support Needed from Knowledge Hub 3?

**Please share any wishes for support needed from
knowledge hub 3 for your country.**

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