

UN Sustainable Development Goals and implications at EU and international level



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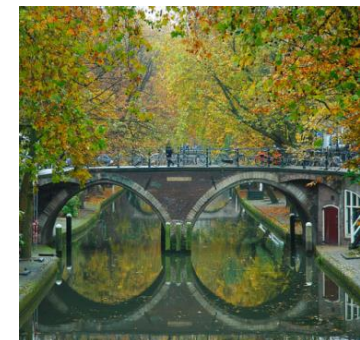
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International Union for Conservation of Nature



- More than 1,200 member organizations (including **200+ government** and 900+ NGOs)
- World's **oldest (1948)** and **largest** global environmental network
- Six Commissions uniting **17,000 volunteer experts**
- Helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environmental and societal challenges



EU leadership on sustainable development



- EU is key player in the pursuit of environmental protection, human rights, and sustainability
- Domestically, as well as internationally, implementation of SDG must be a top priority for the EU



EU implementation of SDGs



- All EU policies coherent with global goals for 2030
- Goals and targets are integrated and inseparable: no cherry-picking
- Eg a revised EU SD Strategy/framework to support effective implementation at EU and Member State level
- Biodiversity & ecosystems central to sustainable development. Continued implementation of EU Biodiversity Strategy across all MS is crucial.
- Nature-based solutions yield high socio-economic benefits while conserving and restoring nature



IUCN and the SDGs



- Observer status in the UNGA
- Observer in the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)
- 50+ years of expertise on the Red List and Protected Area management



IUCN's recommendations to the indicators



- Build upon existing processes and indicators (Eg MDGs indicators, the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (Aichi Biodiversity Targets), World Bank on governance, IUCN on species and protected areas)

Two specific multipurpose indicators:

- 1) Red List Index (as a primary indicator for SDG 15.5 on biodiversity loss; but also other SDGs related to food, water, consumption, climate, ocean and land ecosystems)
- 2) Protected area coverage of biodiversity (as a primary indicator for SDG 15.1 on sustainable use of ecosystems and other SDGs related to water, ocean and land)

