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Towards a Trans-European Nature Network on Land



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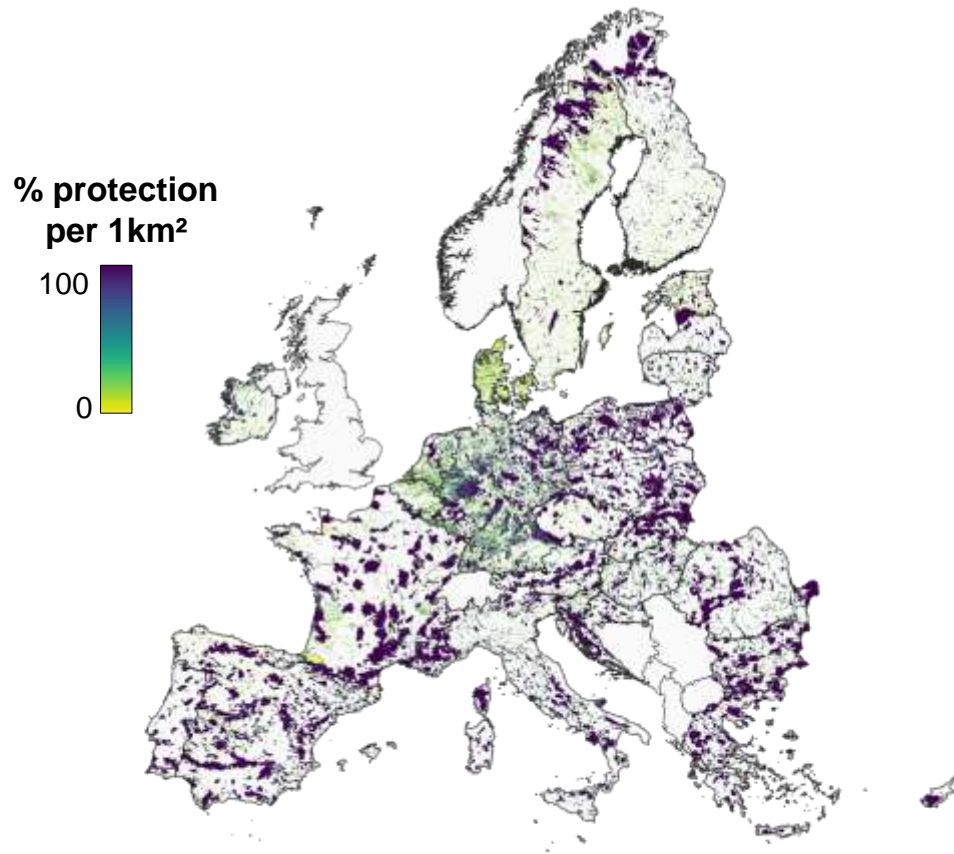
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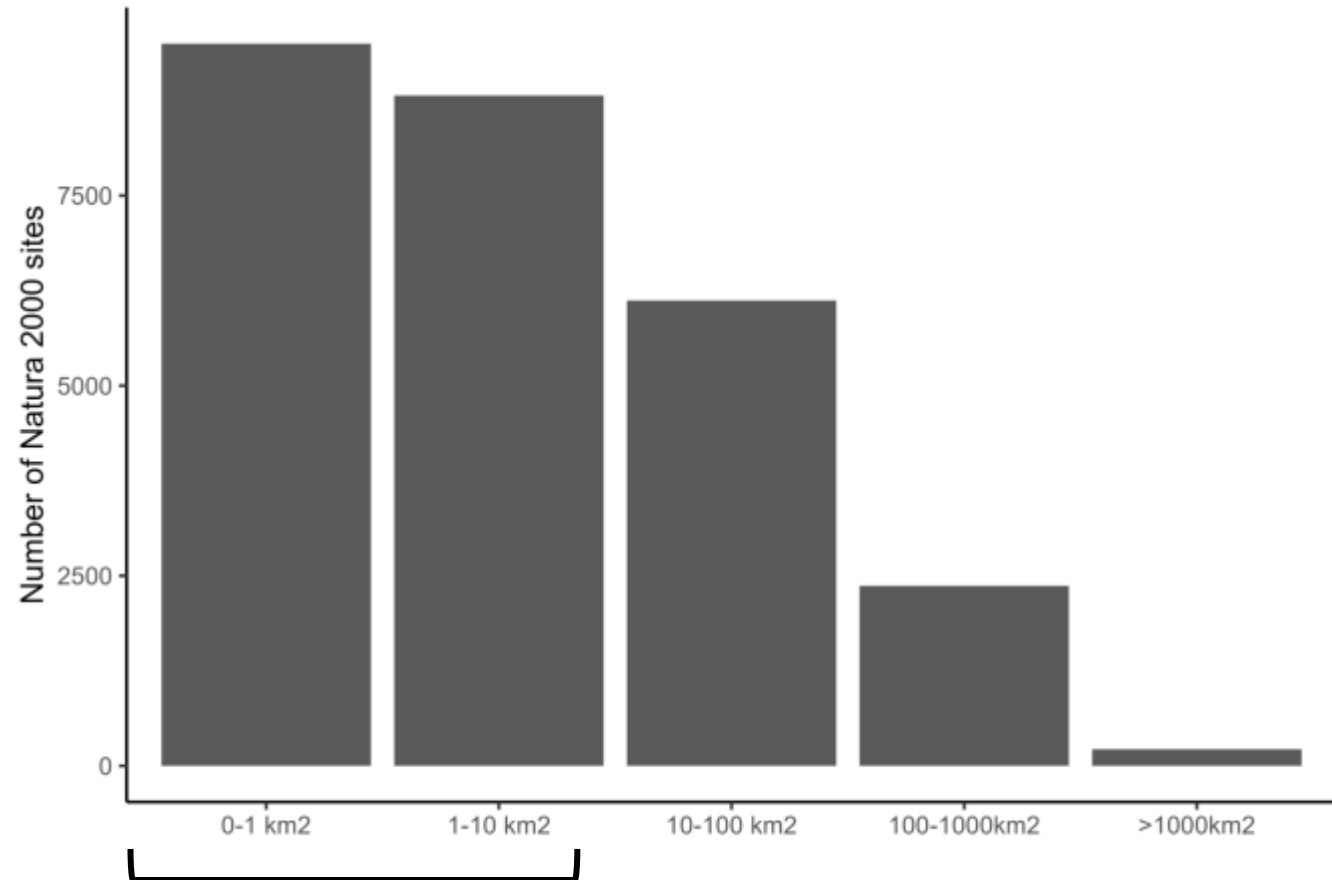
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The terrestrial network of protected areas

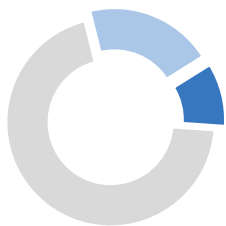


Source: NaturaConnect, Louise O'Connor



67%

European Biodiversity Strategy 2030



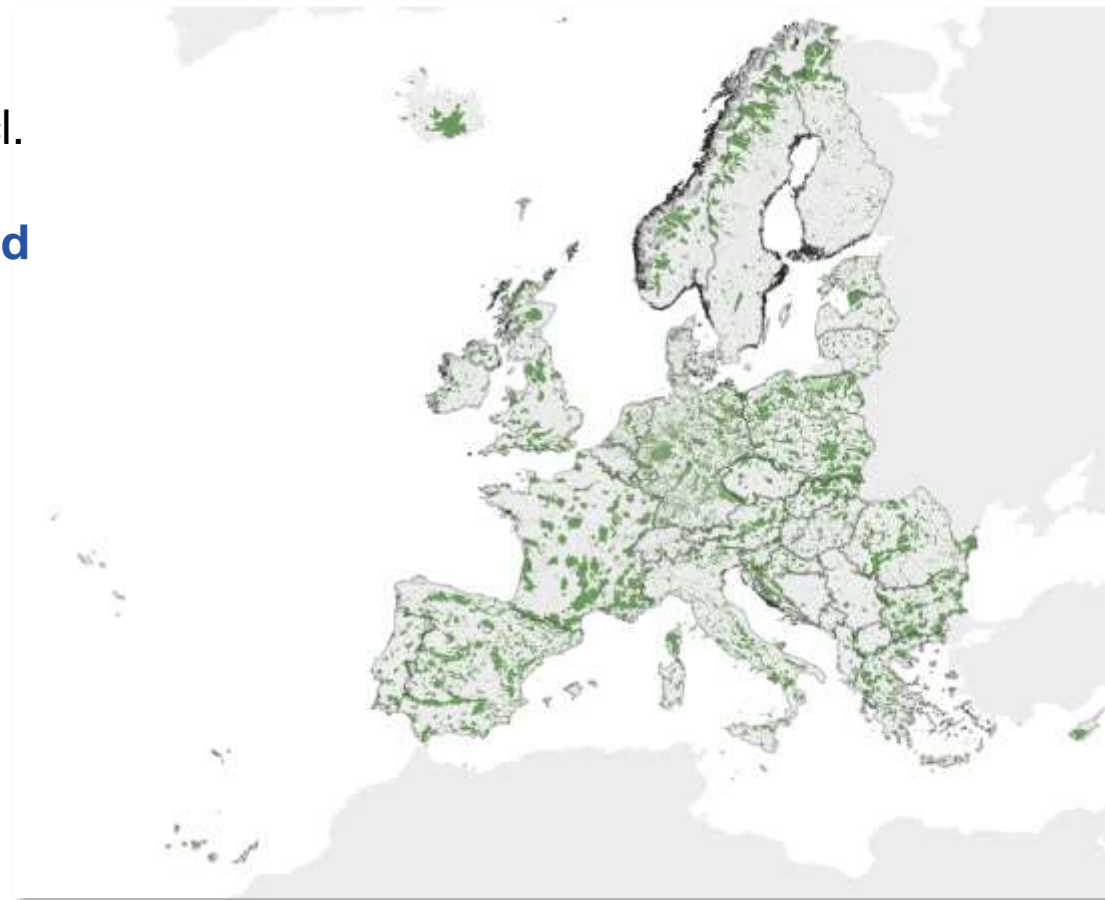
Legally protect at least 30% of the land (incl. freshwater), and 30% of the sea in the EU.
At least **1/3** of this should be **strictly protected**



Include **restoration on 20%** of lands by actively or passively assisting towards **good condition**



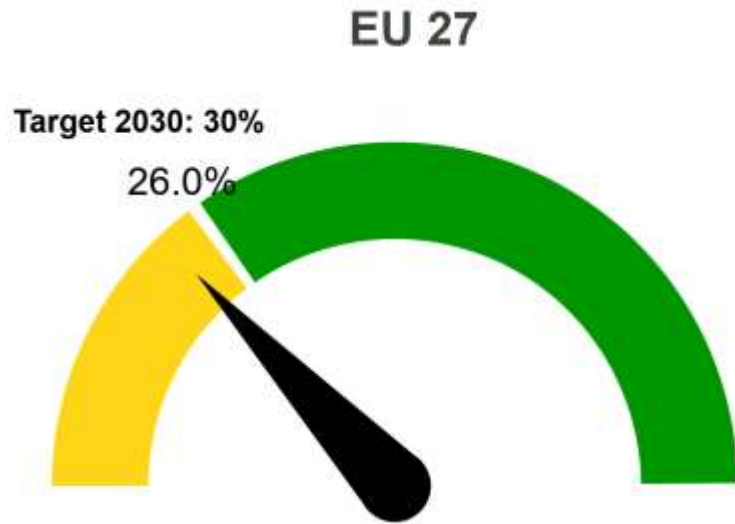
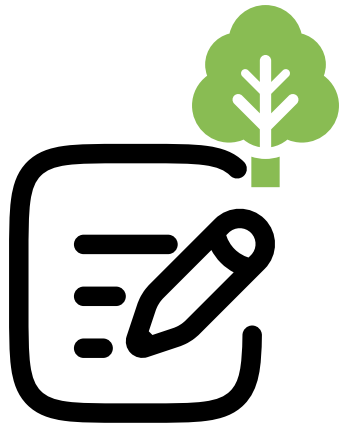
Facilitate ecological corridors and support sustainable land management, while **increasing resilience** through climate mitigation and adaptation



How are we getting there?

EU Member states commitments towards increased protection

Only **7** Member States out of 27 have notified the European Commission of their commitments.



Source: EEA (2024)

		DELAYED	2023
+ 5 - Progress significantly in legally designating new protected areas and integrating ecological corridors			



What do Member state representatives think?



Source: Survey among National representatives at the Boreal Biogeographic Seminar 2023, Helsinki

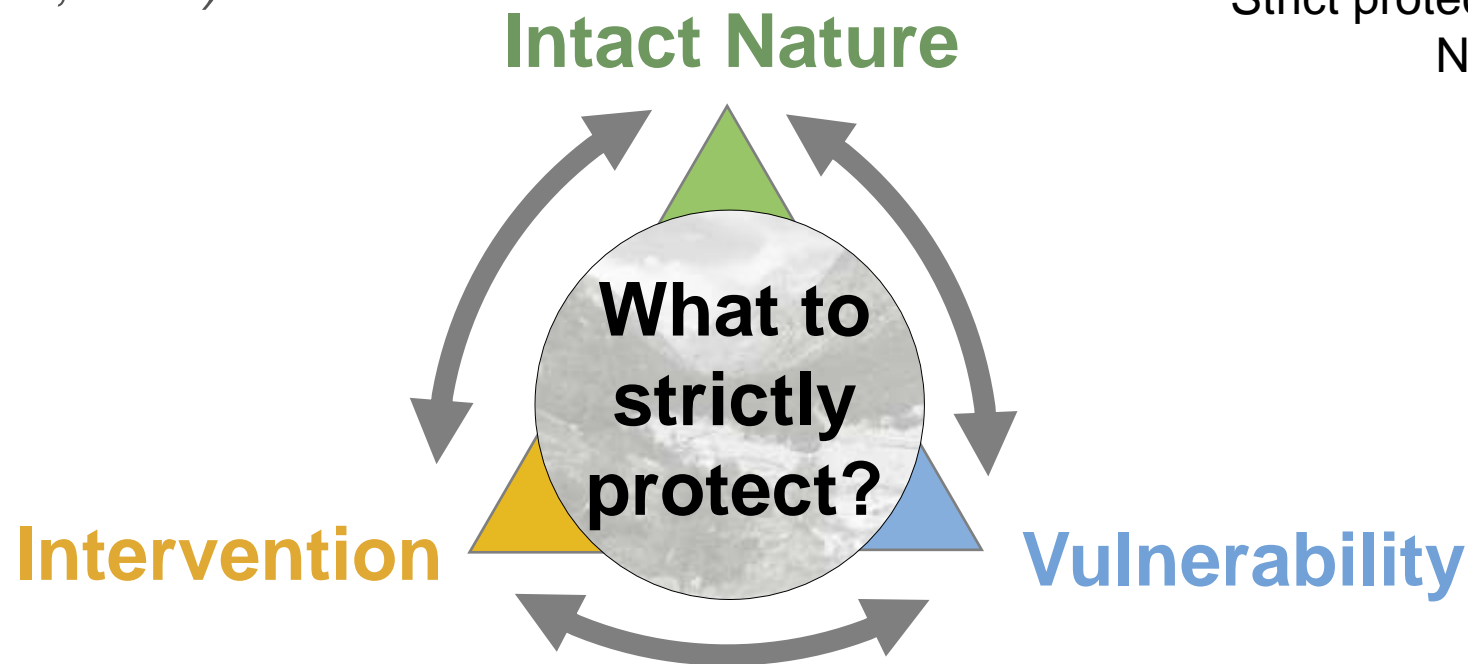
10% “Strict” protection

Challenge of finding EU applicable definition

Most strictly protected area should be non-intervention areas, and active management within strictly protected area, should be the exception to the rule (EC Guidance on Protected Area Designations, 2022).



Strict protection workshop, Brussel, November 2024



EU and international responsibilities

*“Due to the limited number of pledges received so far, the Commission **does not have enough information** to assess whether the EU is on track to reach its protected area objectives by 2030.”*

~May 2024,



Virginijus Sinkevičius, MEP

Source: E-000737/2024(ASW)

But also:

- Restoration and designation
- Sectoral commitments
- Commitments to international treaties

A reminder

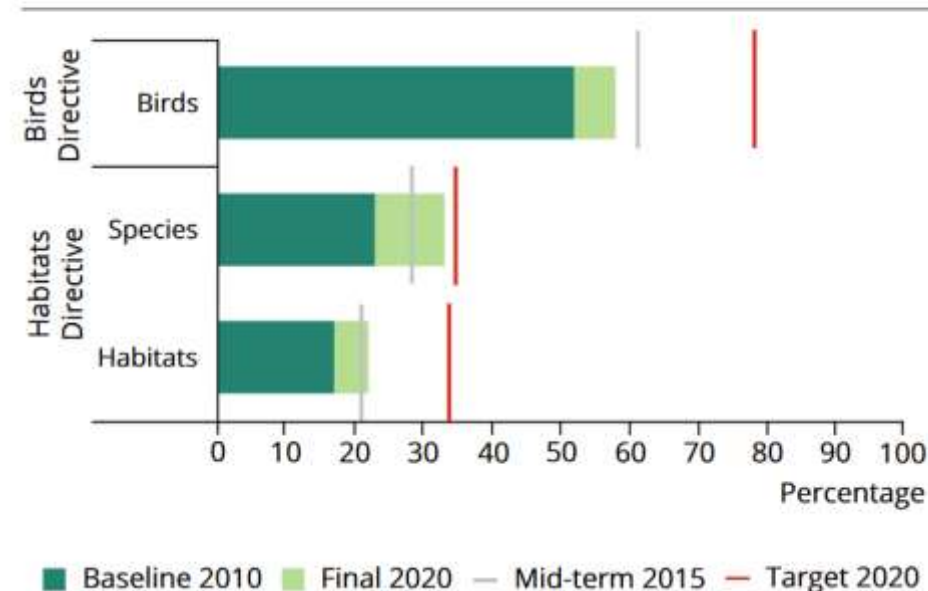
Looking back at the EU 2020 Biodiversity targets

Europe handsomely
“reached” the **17%** Aichi
targets.

...but what has been their
impact?

**Protection is only a means to
reach favourable outcomes!**

Figure 6.2 Progress towards target 1 (percentage of assessments)



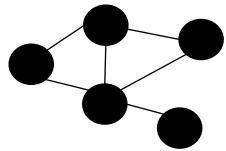
EEA “State of Nature” Report No 10/2020

Pathways forward

1. Conservation planning
2. Multi-scale engagement
3. Knowledge sharing

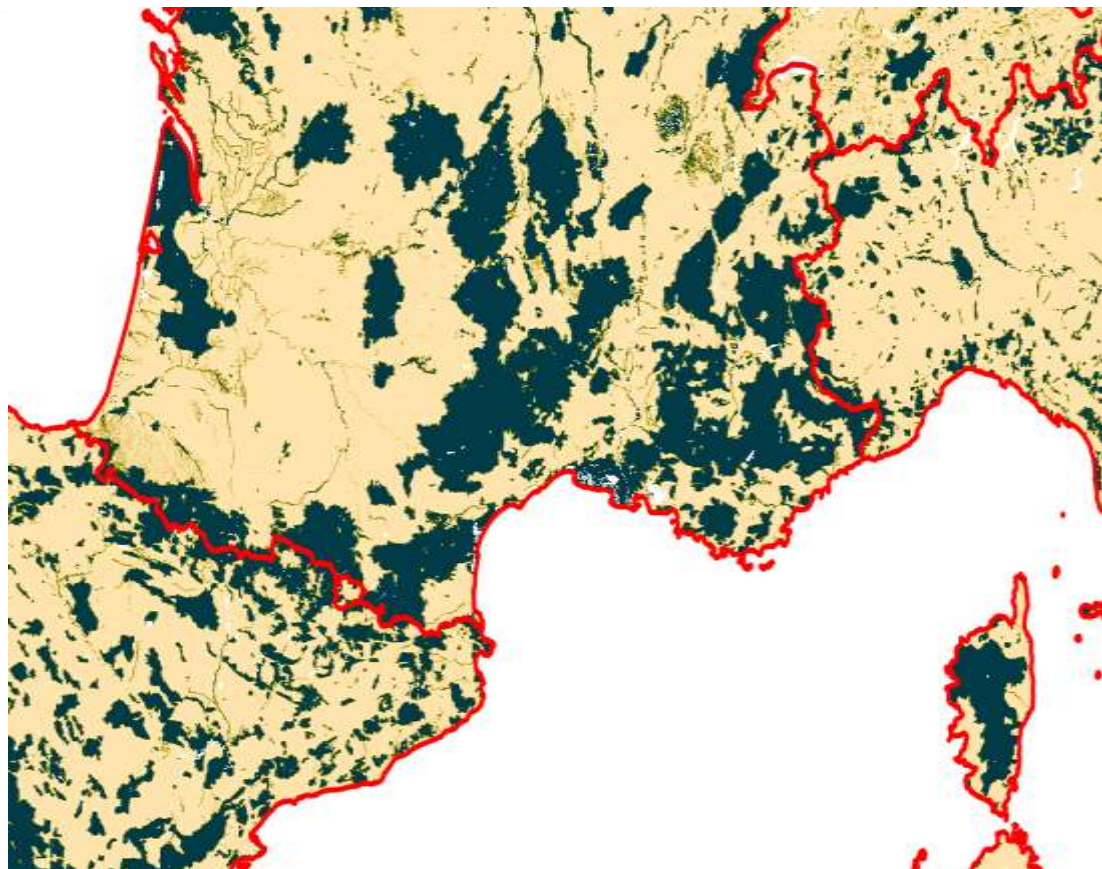
Principles of area-based conservation expansions

Comprehensive
Adequate
Resilient
Effective

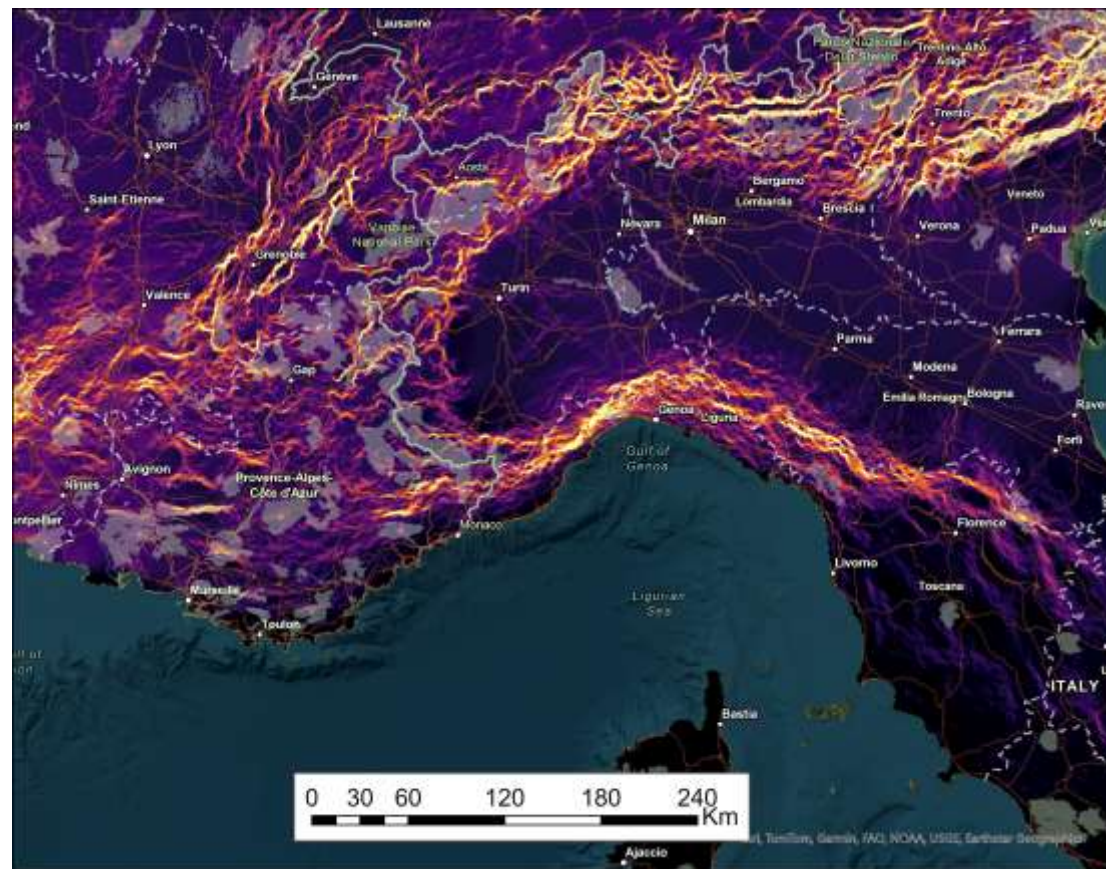


International collaboration across scales is key

Cross-border protection



Connectivity corridors



Implementation requires multi-scale policy engagements

- ❑ **Stakeholder buy-in along the whole process**
(planning, designation, implementation, long-term management)
- ❑ Effective conservation builds on **favourable boundary conditions and empowerment**



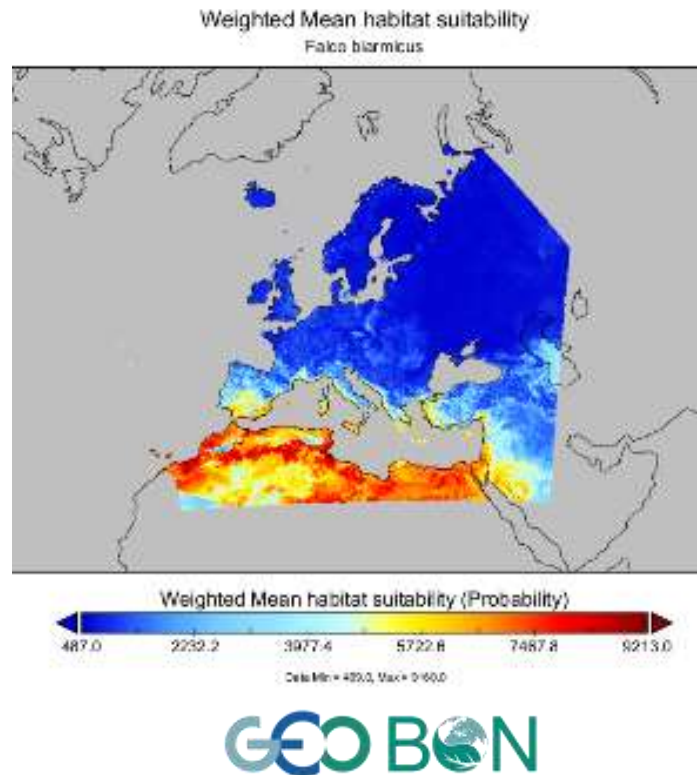
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Stakeholder workshop

How the NaturaConnect project can support

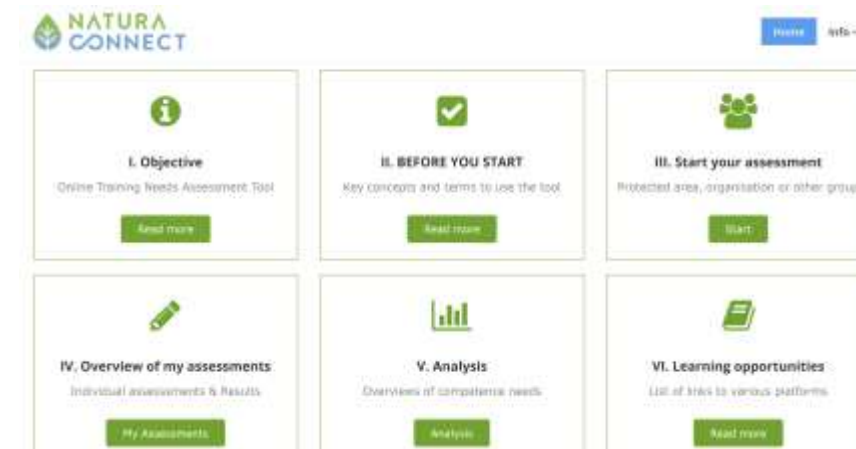
Guidelines and factsheet



Openly available data



Tools and training



Competence Assessment for a Trans-European Nature Network (TEN-N)

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