Fisheries in the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

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“Nature is vital for our physical and mental wellbeing, it filters our air and water, it regulates the climate and it pollinates our crops. But we are acting as if it didn't matter, and losing it at an unprecedented rate. This new Biodiversity Strategy builds on what has worked in the past, and adds new tools that will set us on a path to true sustainability, with benefits for all. The EU's aim is to protect and restore nature, to contribute to economic recovery from the current crisis, and to lead the way for an ambitious global framework to protect biodiversity around the planet.” Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius
Why now? - Context

Key element of the European Green Deal

Green recovery from Covid-19 crisis

EU as a global player – international processes (CBD)
The structure of EU Biodiversity Strategy

PROTECTING NATURE

RESTORING NATURE

ENABLE TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION
Fisheries in the EU Biodiversity Strategy

- Protect 30% of EU seas
  - 10% of which strictly protected
- Reduction of damage to seabed
- Reduction of by-catch of sensitive species
- Reduction of fishing pressure to sustainable levels (full implementation of CFP)
Next steps

• Implementation of concrete actions announced in the Strategy
• European Parliament and Council reactions
• CBD CoP in China in 2021
THANK YOU!

EU Biodiversity Strategy and all the accompanying documents available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity(strategy/index_en.htm