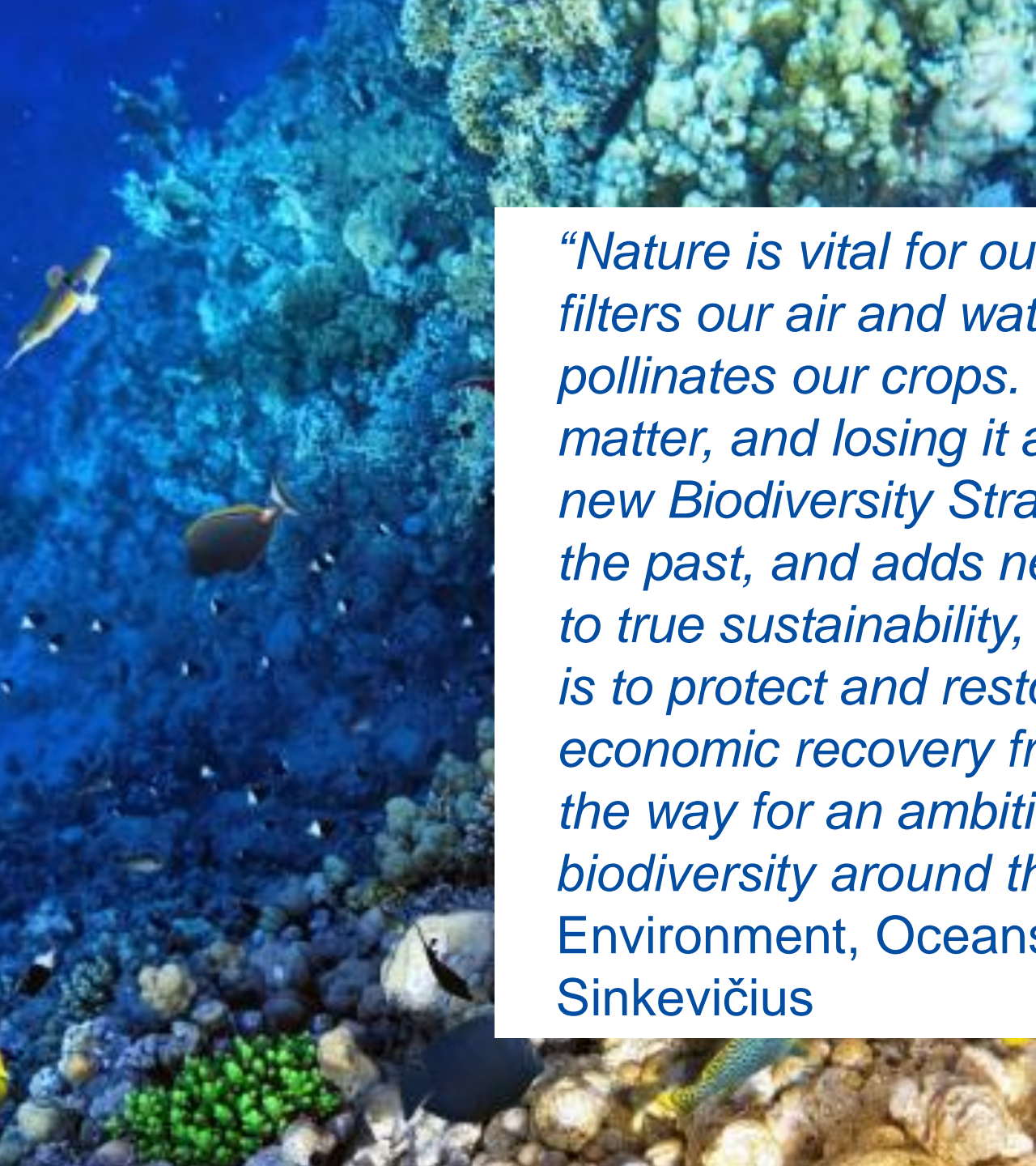




# Fisheries in the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

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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**



**ENABLE  
TRANSFORMATIVE  
CHANGE**

**RESTORING  
NATURE**



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