

CBD Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in the Netherlands

- **1995: first Strategy with Action Plan**
 - Strengthening biodiversity objectives in existing government policies
- **2001: update and elaboration**
 - 30 additional actions in 6 thematic fields:
 - Integration in nature, water, spatial planning, environment
 - Agriculture and trade processes
 - International cooperation
 - Science and monitoring
 - Technology and exchange of expertise
 - Public awareness and participation
- **2008: new biodiversity action plan**
 - Key strategic priorities
 - Additional to existing NBSAP



biodiversiteit **werkt**

VOOR **natuur** VOOR **mensen** VOOR **altijd**

BELEIDSPROGRAMMA
BIODIVERSITEIT 2008-2011



International framework for NBSAP:

- Biodiversity Convention
- Global 2010-target
- EU 2010-target and EU Biodiversity Action Plan
- Millennium Development Goals





Main causes of biodiversity loss

Direct:

- **Overexploitation of natural resources**
- **Decrease/fragmentation of habitats**
- **Pollution**
- **Invasive species**
- **Climate change**

Indirect:

- **Growing world population: competition for scarce land and resources**
- **Increase of consumption and production (food, energy, water etc.)**
- **Richest biodiversity in poorest countries: link with development policies**

5 strategic priority themes + 3 supporting priorities

1. **Trade chains and biodiversity:** soja, wood, palm oil, peat
2. **Payments for biodiversity:** ecosystem services, financing instruments, REDD
3. **Biodiversity works:** functional agrobiodiversity, local approaches
4. **Ecological networks:** connectivity, flexibility, adaptation
5. **Marine Biodiversity:** fisheries, mining
6. **New coalitions**
7. **Knowledge**
8. **Communication and education**



Implementation approach

- **Link national and international efforts**
- **Interministerial steering group**
- **Task Force Biodiversity and Natural Resources:**
 - High Level representation from private sector, NGO's, scientific world, local government
 - Advise on long term solutions and strategies
 - Short term initiatives: discussion platforms, National Committee IYB
- **Projects with business sector:**
round tables (Leaders for Nature/IUCN), pilot projects (BioCom)
- **Projects on new financial mechanisms:**
forests/REDD (UNFF), offsets/compensation (BBOP), European Biodiversity Resourcing Initiative
- **CEPA:** interministerial programmes on biodiversity communication and education, dialogues



Status of implementation

- **Political recognition greatly improved**
 - Cabinet agreement
 - LNV-vision
- **Local/regional authorities + private sector develop own biodiversity policies/activities, Countdown2010**
- **Biodiversity objectives get integrated in (national) policies for agriculture, forest, sustainable development, climate change**
- **Examples of implementation based on CBD/EA:**
 - Waddenzee
 - Hoeksche Waard
 - Rivermanagement

But: still much to do !

