

Time's up for the planet!

No development without biodiversity

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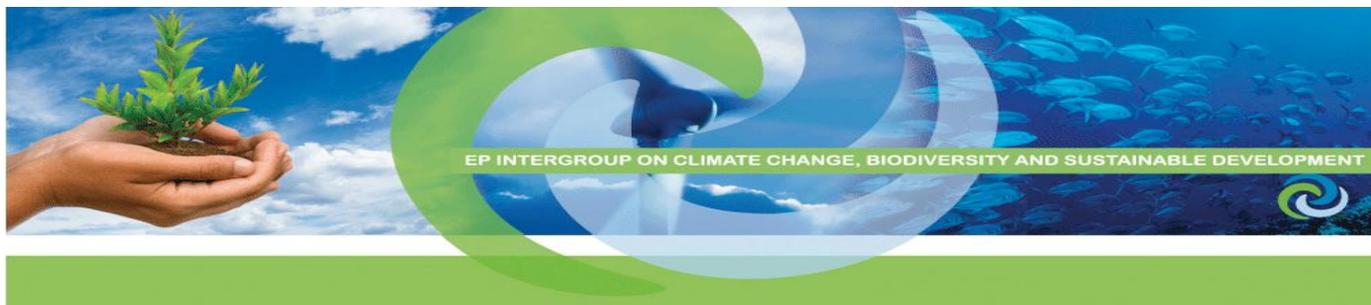
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Recent scientific evidence underlines the scale of the **global biodiversity crisis** and its impacts on economic development and prosperity, food security, health, migration flows and stability. Providing alarming evidence, these reports are a call for action we must not ignore.

Starting from this, the event will further explore the case of Asia through the recent publication of the Report ‘**Larger than Tigers**’. Asia's rich diverse ecosystems have witnessed rapid population and economic growth and a large number of species is on the brink of extinction. The conversion of natural habitats to intensive agriculture, escalation in wildlife trafficking and a growing demand for minerals, energy, food and water are some of the greatest environmental challenges on the continent. In Asia like in other regions, biodiversity remains an irreplaceable component of livelihoods and its loss undermines community resilience and security. The Report compiles lessons learned from past and present activities, and proposes priority actions.

This event will also present current discussions on the future EU biodiversity strategy after 2020. The coming two years will require a large mobilisation of partners around the world for the **crucial follow-up to the current Global Biodiversity Targets post-2020**. In November a Conference of the Parties (COP) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will gather in Sharm el Sheikh to prepare the ground for the decisive 2020 CBD COP in China. Efforts will be necessary to gather necessary support to establish an ambitious framework that will enable us to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.



AGENDA

- 18:15-18:25** Welcome by **Ricardo Serrão Santos MEP**
- 18:25-18:40** **Introduction by Chantal Marijnissen, DG DEVCO:** *How is biodiversity conservation contributing to stability and development?*
- 18:40-18:45** **Introductory remarks by Pavel Poc MEP**
- 18:45-19:00** **Conrad Aveling, Team Leader, EU Biodiversity for Life (B4LIFE) Facility:** *Presentation of the “Larger than Tigers” report*
- 19:00-19:10** **Humberto Delgado Rosa, DG ENV:** *Preparations for the post 2020 biodiversity targets*
- 19:10-19:20** **Marine Braud, WWF:** *Mobilizing efforts for an ambitious post-2020 biodiversity agreement*
- 19:20-19:25** **Reaction from Anouska Plasmeijer, IUCN European Regional Office**
- 19:25-19:30** **Reaction on behalf of Maurice Ponga MEP**
- 19:30-19:35** **Video message from Guillaume Balas MEP, co-sponsor of the EP resolution on CBD COP14**
- 19:35-19:55** **Discussion with the audience**
- 19:55-20:00** **Closing remarks by Ricardo Serrão Santos MEP**