



Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework in Austria

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Some facts about biodiversity in Austria

- Among the most species rich countries in middle Europe: ~ 68,000 species, 480 biotop-types, more than 700 endemic species
- 60 % of territory is mountainous, 50% forests,
- On-going biodiversity loss (as in many other countries), but also success-stories
- Ca. 29% protected areas
- Party to the CBD: implementation of GBF
- EU Member State: implementation of EU Green Deal, EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030; FFH etc..

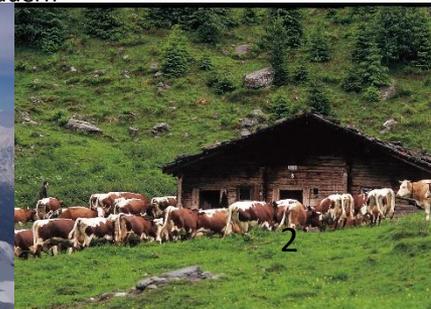
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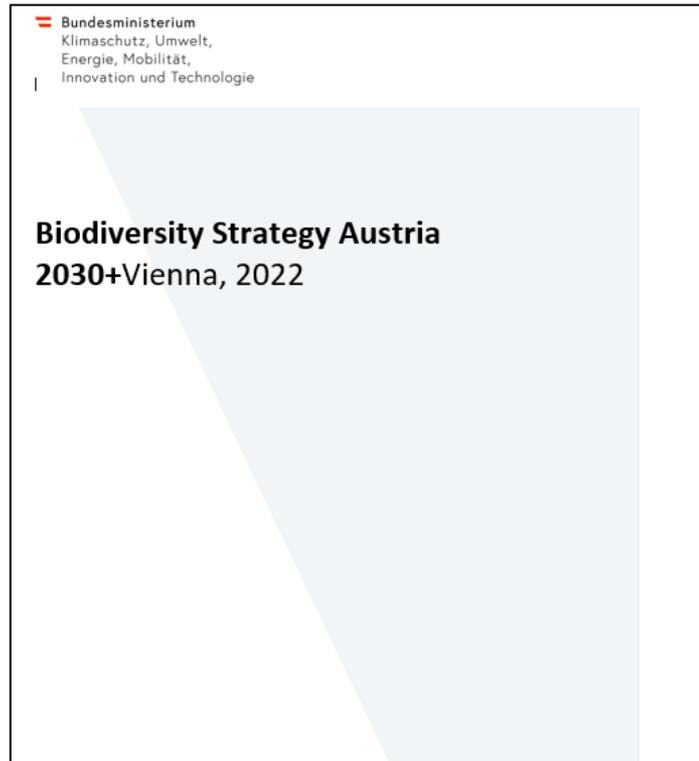


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Biodiversity-Strategy Austria 2030+

- Published in December 2022
- Developed through broad participatory process – involving experts, scientists, landowners, NGOs, ministries, provincial governments and the broad public
- Based on EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 and drafts of GBF



Biodiversity-Strategy Austria 2030+ overriding goals

- Stopp biodiversity loss – bend the curve
- Address drivers of biodiversity loss
- Mainstream biodiversity in sectors
- Transformative Change
- Provide overall framework for biodiversity and relevant financing-programmes and supporting schemes: rural development programm, forest fund, biodiversity fund, etc.

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Ten-Point Work Programm for Biodiversity

1. Status

2. Protection

3. Restoration

4. Loss of habitats

5. Mainstreaming

6. Global Engagement

7. Financing

8. Knowledge

9. Valuing Biodiversity

10. Legal Framework

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Ten-Point Work Programm for Biodiversity

- **Targets** for ecosystems (Forests, agricultural lands, mountainous areas, special habitats, incl. urban areas)
- **Targets** for „instruments“ (protected areas, restoration, ecological corridors, etc.)
- **Targets** for all levels of biodiversity
- **Targets** for the relevant sectors
- **SMART** targets!

Current Status

Measures (immediate and medium term) for achieving targets

Responsible actors for implementation

Parameters for evaluation of implementation

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Ten-Point Work Programm for Biodiversity

Status & Trends

- **Minus 30% threatened species and habitats**



Protection & Connectivity

- **30% Protected Areas**
- **10% strictly protected**



Restoration

- **bogs**
- **30% of wetlands: 5,000 ha of degraded floodplains are restored**
- **1,000 km longitudinal and transverse ecological connectivity of aquatic habitats**



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Mountain pastures and high mountain regions

- Ensure site-adapted **management** of the mountain pastures
- **Protection** of “a technically meaningful proportion” of the **very near-natural and near-natural high mountain areas** in the form of large-scale **wilderness areas and nature reserves** (IUCN 1a, 1b, II), with a focus on contiguous areas larger than 3,000 ha
- **Undeveloped natural areas** in the high mountains are **legally protected** from large-scale development, while the largest possible proportion of the remaining near-natural areas in the high mountains is protected by quiet areas that also permit near-natural alpine farming

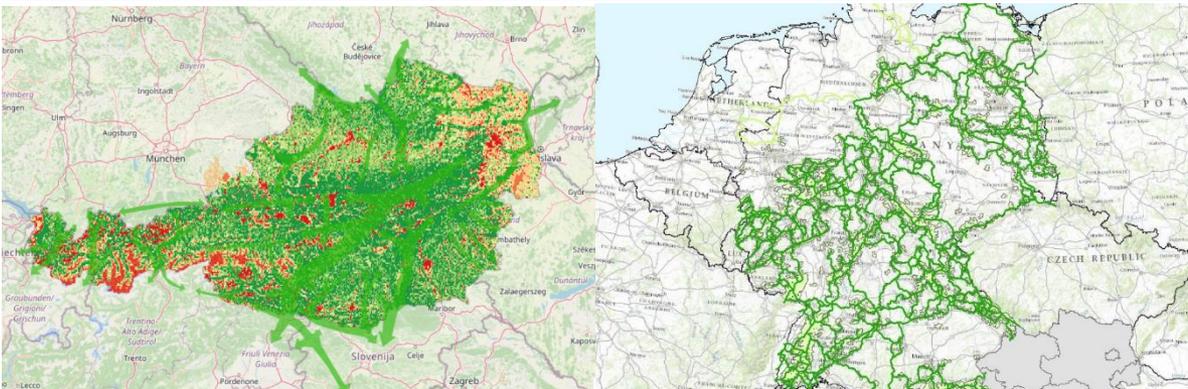
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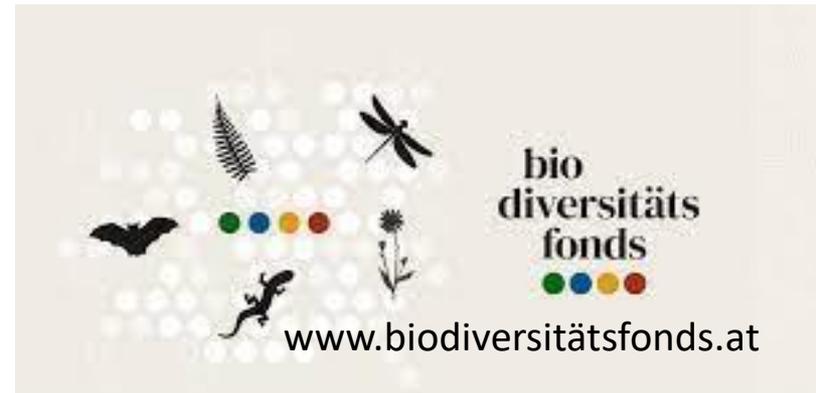
- Strengthening of **green infrastructure** by improving the connectivity of protected areas
- **Restoration of wild animal corridors** or other biotope connection systems – to safeguard connectivity with national and European areas
- **Creation of networks between protected areas** and habitats to improve connectivity and facilitate climate-induced species migration



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Biodiversity-Strategy Austria 2030+: Implementation

- Many actors!
- **Biodiversity Fund: 2021-2026: 80 Mio Euro (50 Mio RRF, 30 Mio national)**
- **Dashboard**
- Establishment of new national **Biodiversity-Monitoring-Systems**
- Regular **reports** on status and trends
- Mid-term report in 2026 on implementation of BDS
- **National Biodiversity-Commission**



**Protecting biodiversity and
our natural heritage is our
joined responsibility!**

Co-operation is important!



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