

POSITION PAPER

On the implementation of the European Union's BIODIVERSITY 2030 strategy

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Background

The European Commission published on 20 May 2020 its EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Bringing nature back into our lives¹. This policy is part of the European Green Deal² that sets the path for a new, sustainable, and inclusive growth strategy to boost the economy, improve people's health and quality of life, care for nature, and leave no one behind.

As stated by the President of the European Commission, making nature healthy again is key to our physical and mental wellbeing and is an ally in the fight against climate change and disease outbreaks. It is at the heart of the growth strategy, the European Green Deal, and is part of a European recovery that gives more back to the planet than it takes away.

1. General comments

The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers has proven over the years our commitment to move towards more sustainable aquaculture systems and contribute to preserve biodiversity, as stated in our Code of Conduct.

FEAP sees the Biodiversity Strategy as an opportunity to contribute to a more holistic and systematic approach to EU food policy bringing together the most relevant issues relating to food production, trade and consumption. It also places sustainability in the centre of food legislation.

- In this context, we support the Commission's ambition to develop new measures to safeguard biodiversity in Europe and beyond.
- Nevertheless, FEAP calls for the Biodiversity strategy to be consistent with other key elements of the European Green Deal (like the Farm to Fork strategy) and with the Common Fisheries Policy, the EU Research policy, the EU trade policy and other existing frameworks.
- However, we stress that any decisions should be based on reliable scientific data, constructive consultation and comprehensive impact assessments

¹ EU Biodiversity Strategy Communication: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-annex-eu-biodiversity-strategy-2030_en.pdf

² The European Green Deal: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/european-green-deal-communication_en.pdf