

Convention on Biological Diversity

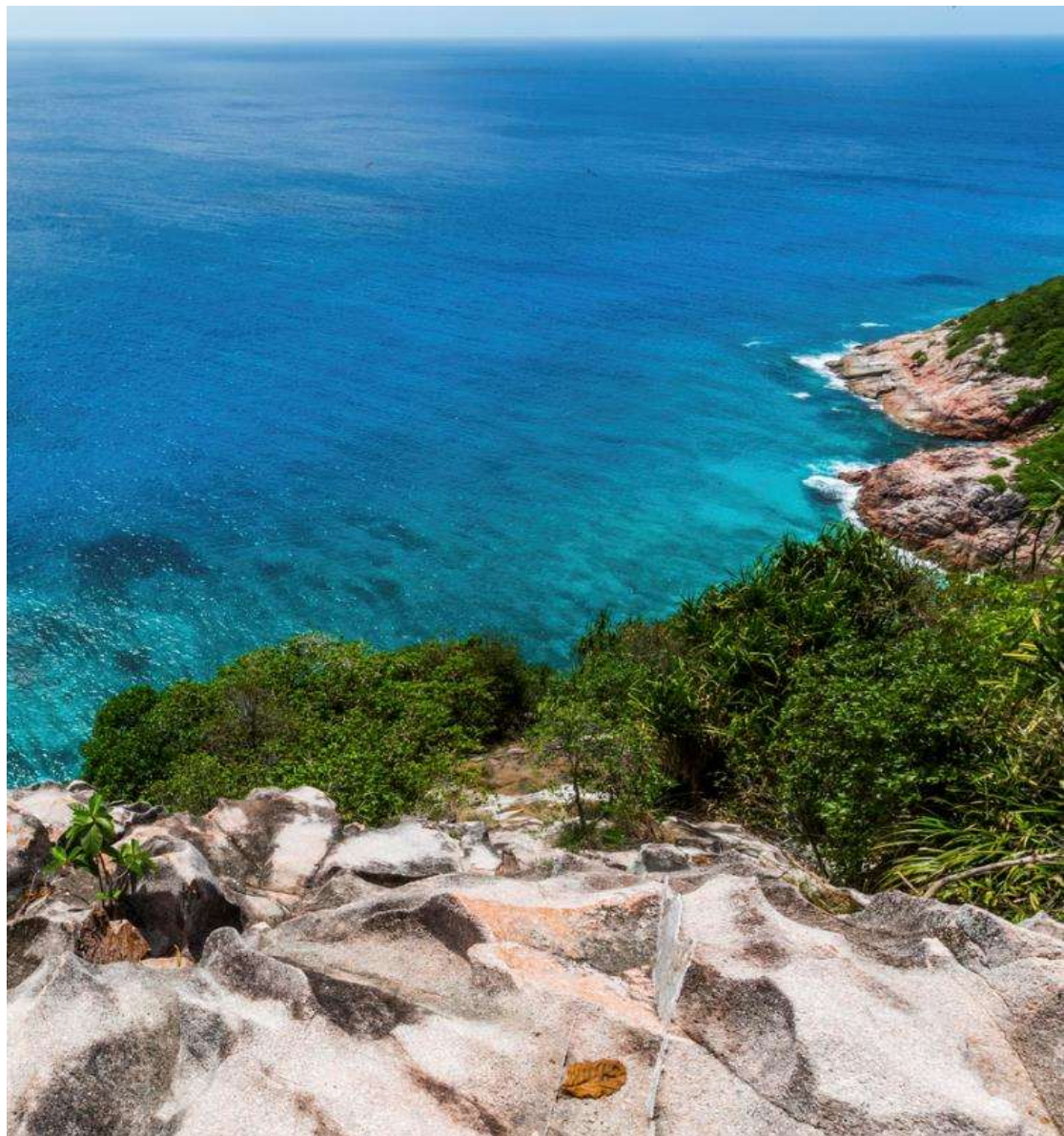
“What does it mean for / in Europe”?

The Nature
Conservancy 

The Convention

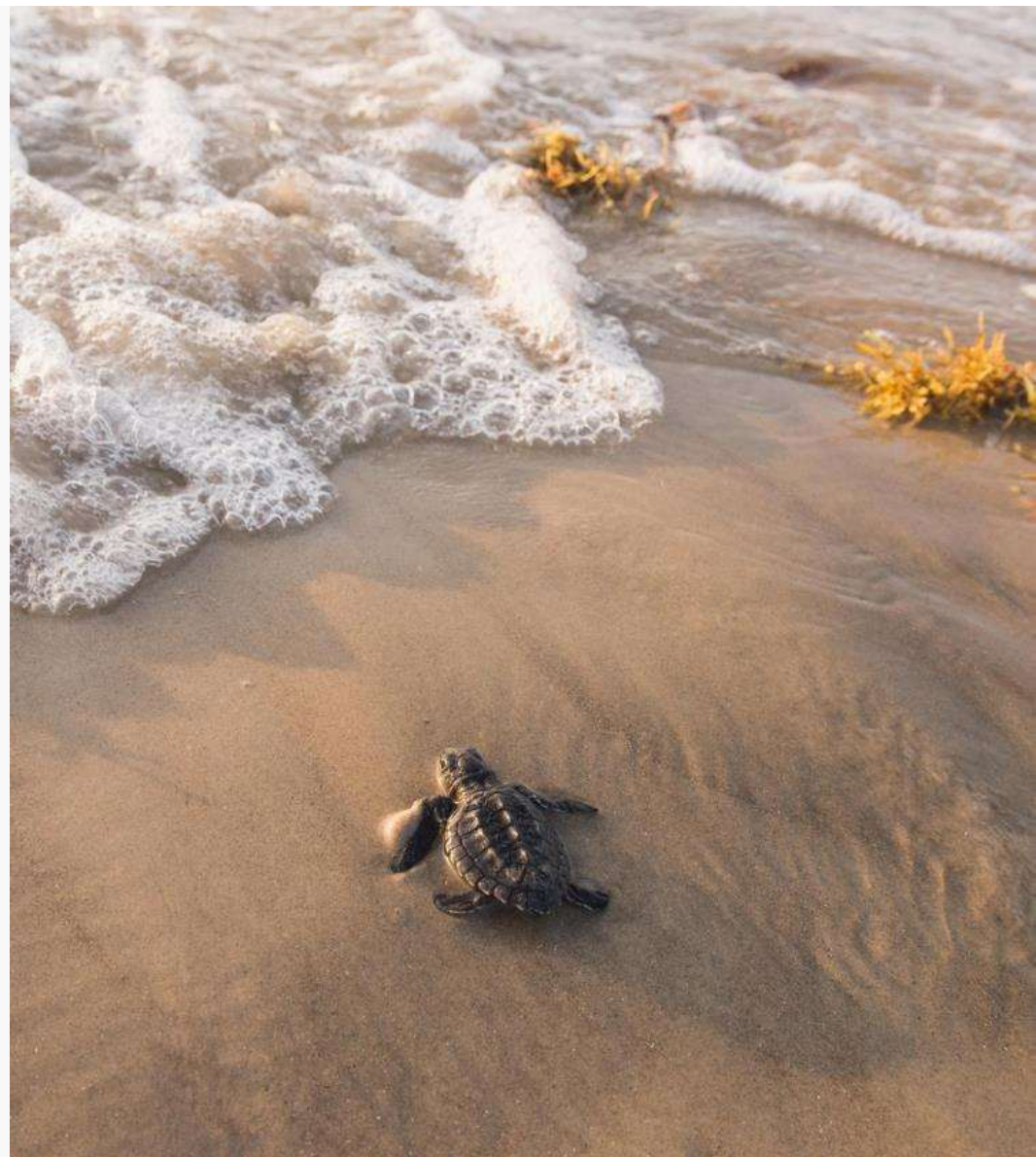
- Three main goals: the **conservation** of biological diversity (or biodiversity); the **sustainable** use of its components; and the fair and equitable **sharing** of benefits arising from genetic resources.

NOT A NATURE CONSERVATION CONVENTION!



The new GBF

- **Ambitious targets**
- **Robust finances “ResMob”**
- **Implementation is critical:**
 - National BiDi Strategy and Action Plans
 - National BiDi Finance Plans
 - Expedited procedures with measurable impact



The regional challenge and opportunity in Europe -1

Number of initiatives, policies, strategies:

- UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- Green Deal
- EU Biodiversity Strategy, Nature Restoration Law
- Green Agenda for the Western Balkans
- Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans



The regional challenge and opportunity in Europe -2

- **NBSAPs/NBFPS** will need to be done – high expectations – GEF, UNDP's BIOFIN) and other support
- **NBSAP accelerator** – being set up (UNEP & UNDP + Germany and others)
- **Missing:** regional component – cross-border coordination to reflect on habitat integrity and address cross-border sectoral activities



Options for the way forward?

NBSAPs and Regional NBSAP would need to be “whole society NBSAP”

- **Mainstreaming** biodiversity into to key sectors
- **Integrate development** opportunities and challenges (infrastructure, energy, finance, fisheries, etc.)
- Starting a **regional NBSAP** initiative across the board – ensuring the NBSAPs are “talking” to each others
- supra-regional **coordination** (UNEP?)
- Feeding into the **GAWB /BiDi task force?**

commitment → concept → governance →
ensuring support → implementation starts →
→ presentation of progress on COP-16 →

