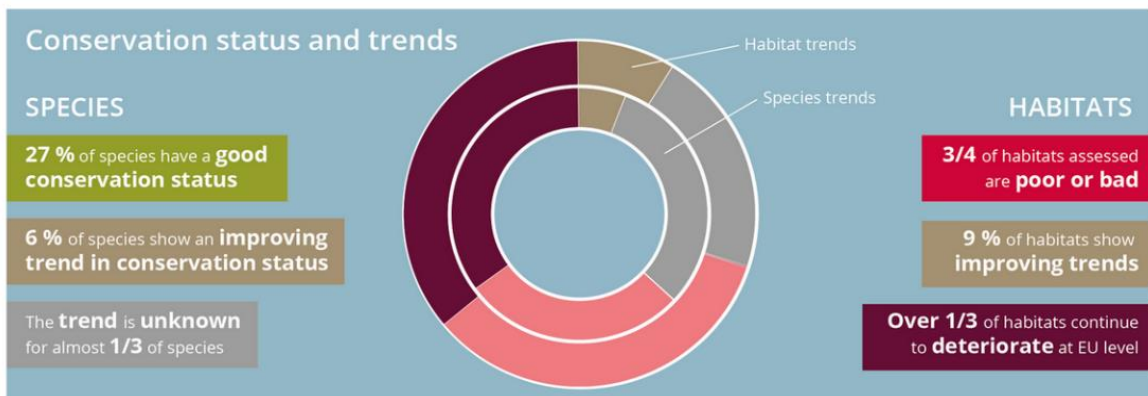


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What is the need?

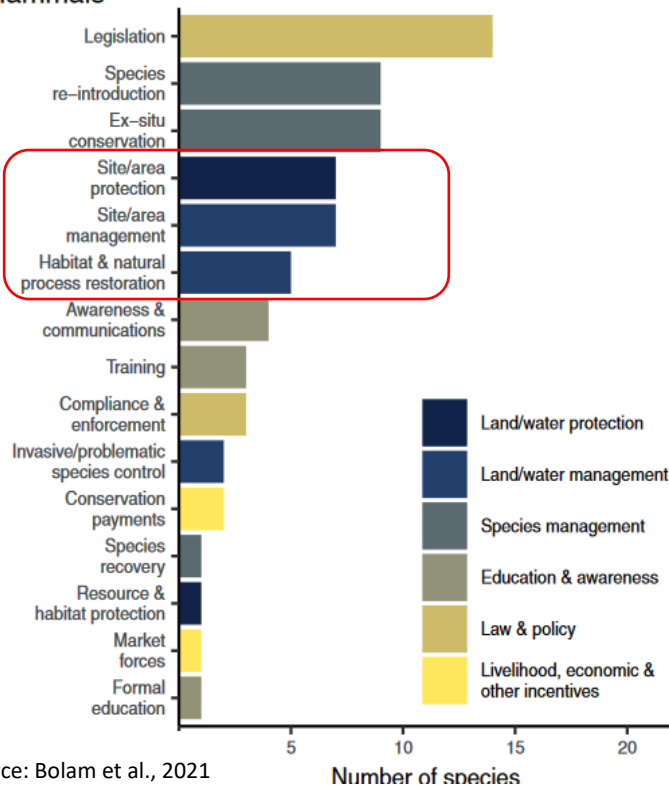
- Habitat loss and degradation are the most important causes of species loss
- In the EU, 81% of protected habitats (of various types) and 63% of species are in a poor or bad conservation state (EEA, 2023)



Source: EEA, 2023. State of Nature in the EU.

An earlier study (Mappin et al., 2019) showed that at least 1.9 million km² of land, spanning 190 (27%) terrestrial ecoregions and 114 countries, needs restoration to achieve the 17% global protected area target (Aichi Target 11).

Mammals



Source: Bolam et al., 2021

Restoring 15% of converted lands in priority areas has the potential to prevent 60% of anticipated extinctions (Strassburg et al., 2020).

Only 10% of terrestrial protected areas are structurally connected (Ward et al., 2020)

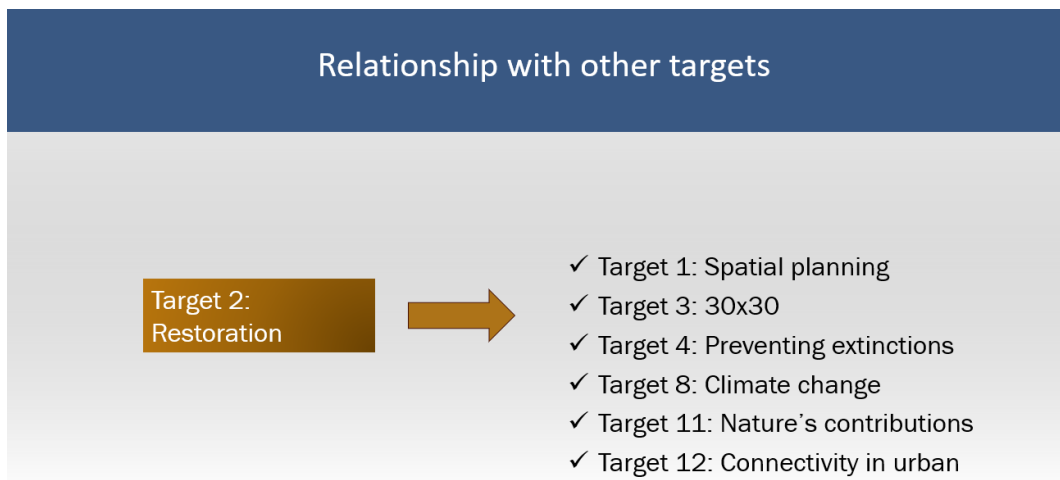
Around 9% of the world's estimated 5.9 million terrestrial species have insufficient habitat for long-term survival, and will go extinct unless their habitats are restored (IPBES, 2019).

Restoration was in the top 6 methods to prevent mammal extinctions (Bolam et al., 2021)

Seizing opportunities

- **Revision** of the NBSAPs → including both PCAs and restoration (and restoration priorities within and around PCAs)
- Setting **spatial priorities** for restoration in the context of networks of PCAs
- Facilitating **cross-sectoral** spatial planning
- Tackling common **drivers** of degradation
- Reducing/sharing **costs**
- Setting common **objectives**
- Informing and contributing to protected area **management plans**
- Common focus on **quality** (within PCAs, and through restoration)
- **Harmonising planning and monitoring** approaches to PCAs and restoration
- **Quantifying benefits to people** from both PCAs and restoration
- Jointly prioritizing climate change **responses**
- **Increasing species resilience**
- Also linkages to other **targets** (e.g., Target 8, 11..)

Linkage with other CBD targets



Generating significant value for people and biodiversity

- ✓ Re-connecting protected areas
- ✓ Strengthening the value of protected areas
- ✓ Protecting water courses
- ✓ Building the resilience of people and their ecosystems
- ✓ Improving habitats for wildlife migration
- ✓ Re-connecting isolated populations of rare or endangered species
- ✓ Reducing edge effect
- ✓ Buffering protected areas

Restoration Task Force - Responding to the need and seizing the opportunity

Introducing the new WCPA Restoration Task Force

Aim: To strengthen knowledge and develop guidance to improve restoration implementation in the framework of the KM-GBF Targets 1-3

