

BiodivERsA Policy Brief #3 - NATURA 2000 AND EUROPE'S FORESTS

Knowledge and methodology used

1. Knowledge, skills and people consulted

The Policy Brief "Natura 2000 and Europe's forests: understanding and tackling implementation challenges" is based on the scientific results of the BeFoFu project funded by the BiodivERsA network. The Brief extracts and summarizes the key results of the project and provides a list of relevant policy recommendations linked to current EU policy processes.

The project results were provided to the policy brief production team by the PI (project leader) Georg Winkel. The policy recommendations were identified following consultations involving the PI and his team and selected experts (names and methodology explained more in detail below). The BiodivERsA Policy Briefs Group, composed by representatives of BiodivERsA partners, checked and commented on the brief before publication.

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2. Methodology used

IUCN European Union Representative Office was contracted by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), in the context of Task 2.2 "Promote dissemination and communication of research results to support policy" of the BiodivERsA 2 work programme. A BiodivERsA Policy Brief Group, including representatives of several BiodivERsA partners, was established to advise on the activity implementation and check Brief content. The BiodivERsA Policy Brief was produced by a team composed of IUCN staff. The process for the elaboration of the policy brief involve several steps – described below, from the extraction of key results of the research project funded by BiodivERsA to the drafting of policy recommendations and finalization of the Brief's text and adaptation to the layout.

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1 • Bi	iodivERsA provides the list of funded BiodivERsA projects to IUCN
2 • 1	UCN reviews projects results and topical policy issues at EU level
3 •11	UCN provides a suggested list of Policy Briefs topics by linking project results to the most relevant ongoing policy processes and priorities
	BiodivERsA comments on the proposals in a two-week timeframe (direct comments by email or conference call as needed) and ultimately elected the themes for developing briefs
5 •0	Once the topic/s are identified, IUCN starts elaborating the Brief
6 •11	UCN gets in contact with the project PI and carries out a more detailed analysis of the project results and scope of the project
7 •A	n internal consultation within IUCN is carried out to better identify the policy connections of the selected projects
8 • 11	UCN drafts the Policy Brief text, summarizing key results and suggesting relevant policy recommendations
9 •10	UCN informs the PI of progress , addresses possible questions for clarification and requests additional information as needed
10 •т	he PI validates the text on the project results
	consultation with relevant science and policy experts identified by IUCN and also suggested by BiodivERsA is carried out, based on the draft ext
12 •Ft	urther elaboration of the Brief text is carried out by IUCN to integrate comments and feedback
	Depening on the nature and quantity of the comments, the text is adjusted and submitted to experts for futher elaboration and/or approval of the changes. The lenght of this process is therefore variable.
14 •TI	he draft text is finalized by IUCN
	he draft Brief is submitted by IUCN to the BiodivERsA Group which comments on the Brief text and can amend it within a timeframe of two weeks
16	UCN intergrates all comments and resends the Brief for final approval and validation by BiodivERsA
17 •Т	he text of the Brief is then finalized
18 •C	Consultation with IUCN communications experts is carried out on the communicability of the Policy Brief
	inal check of the text by PI and experts consulted to ensure possible modifications of the text have not changed the substance of the message nd science information; if modifications are made the BiodivERsA group is informed
20 •Fi	inalization of the Policy Brief: layout and proofreading
21 •0	Online publishing on BiodivERsA website

• Dissemination according to pre-agreed dissemination plan as proposed by IUCN to BiodivERsA