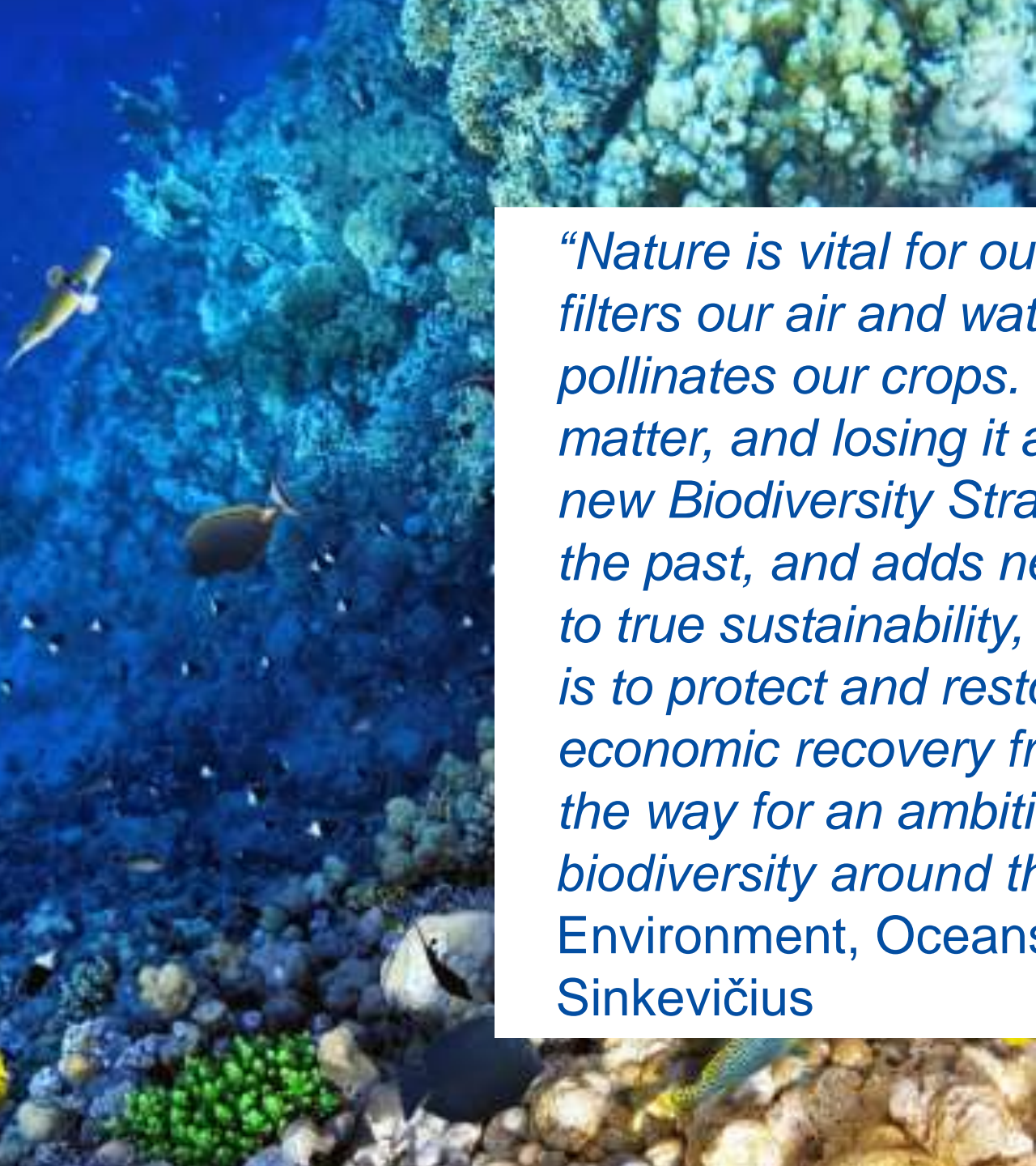




EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

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“Nature is vital for our physical and mental wellbeing, it filters our air and water, it regulates the climate and it pollinates our crops. But we are acting as if it didn't matter, and losing it at an unprecedented rate. This new Biodiversity Strategy builds on what has worked in the past, and adds new tools that will set us on a path to true sustainability, with benefits for all. The EU's aim is to protect and restore nature, to contribute to economic recovery from the current crisis, and to lead the way for an ambitious global framework to protect biodiversity around the planet.” Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius

Why now? - Context



Key element of the European Green Deal



Green recovery from Covid-19 crisis



EU as a global player – international processes (CBD)

The structure of EU Biodiversity Strategy

**PROTECTING
NATURE**



**ENABLE
TRANSFORMAT
IVE CHANGE**

**RESTORING
NATURE**



**INTERNATIONAL
DIMENSION**

Fisheries aspects



Protect 30% of
EU seas

10% of which
strictly protected



Reduction of
damage to
seabed



Reduction of by-
catch of
sensitive
species



Reduction of
fishing pressure
to sustainable
levels (full
implementation
of CFP)

Specific initiatives in BDS – identified by MAC

- Guidance on the selection of species and habitats to ensure that at least 30% of protected species and habitats not currently in favorable status are in that category by 2030, or show a strong positive trend
- New **action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems** by 2021
- Broker an agreement for an ambitious post-2020 biodiversity framework at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15)
- Broker an ambitious agreement on marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction and on three vast MPAs in the Southern Ocean
- Assess the impact of trade agreements on biodiversity, with follow-up where needed

EC action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems

- Areas where further action is needed for the protection of sensitive species and habitats, and in regard of fishing gear that potentially has a negative impact on the marine environment and seabed.
- Linked to the report on the implementation of the new Technical Measures Regulation (Reg 2019/1241), which will assess the progress (or lack thereof) of attaining the targets and objectives of this regulation.
- Member States to come up with joint recommendations through regionalisation under the CFP to address those issues.

Next steps

- Implementation of concrete actions announced in the Strategy
- Link to Farm to Fork and Renewable Offshore Strategies
- European Parliament and Council reactions
- CoR and EESC opinions
- UNGA Biodiversity Summit September 2020
- CBD CoP in China in 2021

THANK YOU!

EU Biodiversity Strategy and all the accompanying documents:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/strategy/index_en.htm