

# Political Monitoring

## Biodiversity politics in Belgian parliaments

Questions and Discussions

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### Closing the Gap: Financing the Global Biodiversity Framework

What is the value of biodiversity? How much would it cost to live in harmony with nature? These are not simple questions, and the answer will depend on whom you ask. In economic terms, more than half of the global gross domestic product — some EUR 40 trillion [1] — depends on nature, but nature has many values beyond the monetary one, some of which are intrinsic.

Financial flows into global biodiversity conservation were between EUR 120 and EUR 140 billion in 2019, according to the Paulson Report [2]. A near tri-fold increase in funding since 2012, yet this represents only half to a quarter of the total spent on agricultural, forestry, and fisheries subsidies. This calculation does not include subsidies for fossil fuels.

As the world tries to adopt a post 2020 GBF, there is growing awareness that it is not only the money that is put into environmental protection that matters, but possibly more significant are subsidies that support unsustainable practices, resulting in environmental degradation. According to the OECD [3], governments spend approximately five to six times more per year on activities that are potentially harmful to biodiversity, than the total spent for biodiversity.

To address this environmental sustainability challenge governments, individuals, financial institutions and the private sector will need to work together to ensure a more efficient and biodiversity-conscious deployment of existing and additional funds as well as smarter policies, investment choices, production and consumption methods; to shift the flow of capital away from unsustainable practices, and diversify the approaches and metrics used to measure progress and growth.



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- Projet de loi visant la protection du milieu marin et l'organisation de l'aménagement des espaces marins sous juridiction de la Belgique (2858/1-6) - Discussion générale
- Wetsontwerp ter bescherming van het marien milieu en ter organisatie van de mariene ruimtelijke planning in de Belgische zeegebieden (2858/1-6) - Algemene bespreking

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- Question de M. Senesael à Mme Khattabi sur "La préparation de la COP15"
- Vraag van M. Senesael aan mevr. Khattabi over "De voorbereiding van de COP15"

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- Question jointe de Mme Rohonyi et Mr. Daems à Mme Khattabi sur "Le rapport Planète Vivante et la COP15 sur la biodiversité"
- Samengevoegde vragen van mevr. Rohonyi et m. Daems an mevr. Khattabi over "Het Living Planet Report 2022 van het WWF"

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- Questions jointes de Mr. Daems et Mr. Senesael à Mme Khattabi sur "La nouvelle réglementation européenne relative aux pesticides et la politique belge en la matière"
- Samengevoegde vragen van m. Senesael et m. Daems an mevr. Khattabi over "De nieuwe EU-regulering inzake pesticiden en het pesticidenbeleid in België"



5. 21/11/2022 | Commission de l'énergie, du climat et de la mobilité | [Page 1](#)

- Interpellation de M. Desquesnes à M. Henry sur "l'absence de feuille de route gouvernementale pour atteindre l'objectif climatique wallon de réduction de 55% des gaz à effet de serre à l'Horizon 2030".
- Interpellation de M. Hermant à M. Henry sur "la COP27"
- Interpellation de M. Desquesnes à M. Henry sur "le bilan de la Wallonie et de la Belgique dans le cadre de la COP27"

6. 08/11/2022 | Commission pour l'Environnement | [Page 24](#)

Question de M. Janssen à Mme Tellier sur « les résultats du plan Bee mené par le département de la nature et des forêts (DNF) »



7. 09/11/2022 | plenaire vergadering | [here](#)

vraag van m. Sintobin, m. Rombouts, mevr. Schauvliege an minister Zuhail Demir over "de voorstellen in het kader van het zevende mestactieplan (MAP 7)"

8. 19/10/2022 | plenaire vergadering | [here](#)

vraag van mevr. Schauvliege aan minister Zuhail Demir over "de bescherming van alle natuur in Vlaanderen"



9. 26/10/2022 | Commission Environnement | [Page 7](#)

Demande d'explication de Mme Fremault à M. Marin concernant l'état des lieux de l'accord "burden sharing" post 2020



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A post-2020 Global biodiversity framework and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity COP15

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