





# UNEA5:

**Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals** 

Bruno Pozzi Director, Europe Office





#### • The centrality of nature for achieving the SDGs

At the commencement of the United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), parallel with the Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals, never has there been a greater need or a greater opportunity to Act #ForNature.

The consequences of COVID-19 and the need to build forward better

As leaders design and implement recovery plans, it is important for them to remember that nature, in all its diversity and complexity, underpins our economies and our societies.

#### • Four transformative action areas for nature

To put the world on a path to a more sustainable future.





- 1. Building back better and using nature to **eradication poverty**, create **jobs** and drive long-term **economic prosperity**;
- 2. Recalibrating humanity's relationship with **nature to improve public health** and slow the tide of zoonotic diseases, like COVID-19;
- 3. Leveraging **nature to combat** the biggest threat facing the planet **climate change**; and
- 4. Fighting hunger and malnutrition by creating **sustainable food systems** that work with nature.





## Nature for Poverty Eradication, Jobs and Economic Prosperity

- Building back better from the pandemic by investing directly in nature,
- Green and blue stimulus packages and investments,
- Launching the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030.





#### Nature for Human and Ecosystems Health

- Protecting nature can limit the impact and emergence of zoonotic diseases,
- Addressing marine pollution, including marine litter and microplastics,
- Identifying a new global chemicals and waste management framework,
- Deepening the Implementation Plan "Towards a Pollution-Free Planet".
  6 CLEAN WATER B DECENT WORK AND B DECENT WORK AND B DECENT WORK AND 12 RESPONSIBLE 14 LEE 15 LIFE 15 LIFE 17 PARTIMERSHIPS 17 PA



#### **Nature for Climate**

- Scaling up the direct use of nature to build climate resilience,
- Highlighting the linkages between Nationally Determined Contributions and Nature,
- Launching the 1 Green Gigaton Challenge with public and private partners to increase the flow of finance for nature-based-solutions for climate change,
- Promote innovative pathways to sustainable consumption and production





### Nature for Sustainable Food Systems

- Reducing biodiversity loss to benefit agricultural and foods systems,
- End illegal wildlife trade.







- Reversing the degradation of natural landscapes
- An economy that works with, rather than against, nature
- Building a prosperous and resilient future for all







Unsustainable Production and Consumption

1. Tackle 3 planetary crises through: Climate Action, Nature Action and Chemicals and Pollution Action

environmen

programme

- 2. Achieving 3 strategic objectives: Climate stability, Living in harmony with nature, and a pollution-free planet
- 3. Utilize it core competencies on Science-Policy and Environmental Governance, as well as accelerate the shifts through Finance and Economic, and Digital Transformations

MTS is steppingstone toward **DECADE OF** ACTION to strengthen collective response to **3 planetary** crises and achieve 2050 vision for Planetary Sustainability and Net Zero carbon emissions.



## Thank you

Bruno Pozzi Director, Europe Office