

# THE MEDITERRANEAN LEADING THE WAY

A cooperative framework to strengthen  
area-based nature conservation actions

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# TOWARDS A NATURE POSITIVE FUTURE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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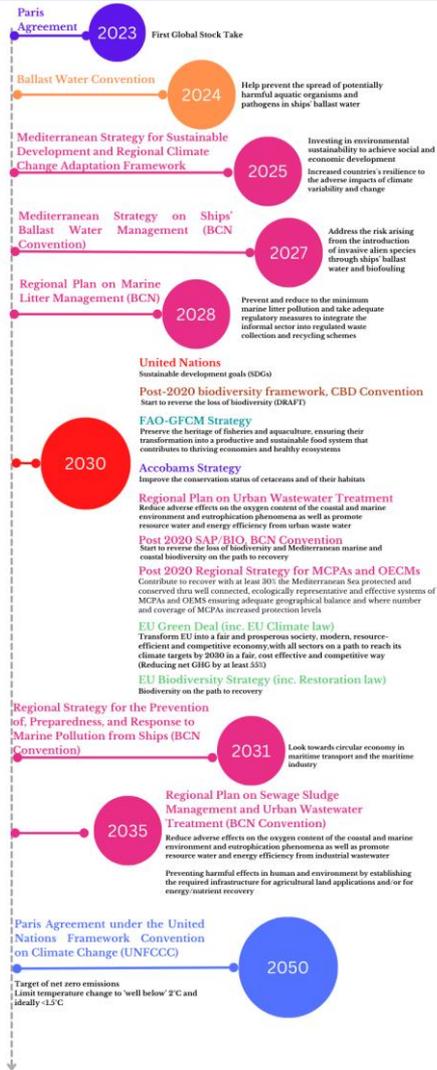
# TOWARDS A NATURE POSITIVE MEDITERRANEAN

*Accelerating the transition for the conservation, restoration and wise use of biodiversity in the Mediterranean*

Policy paper, November 2022

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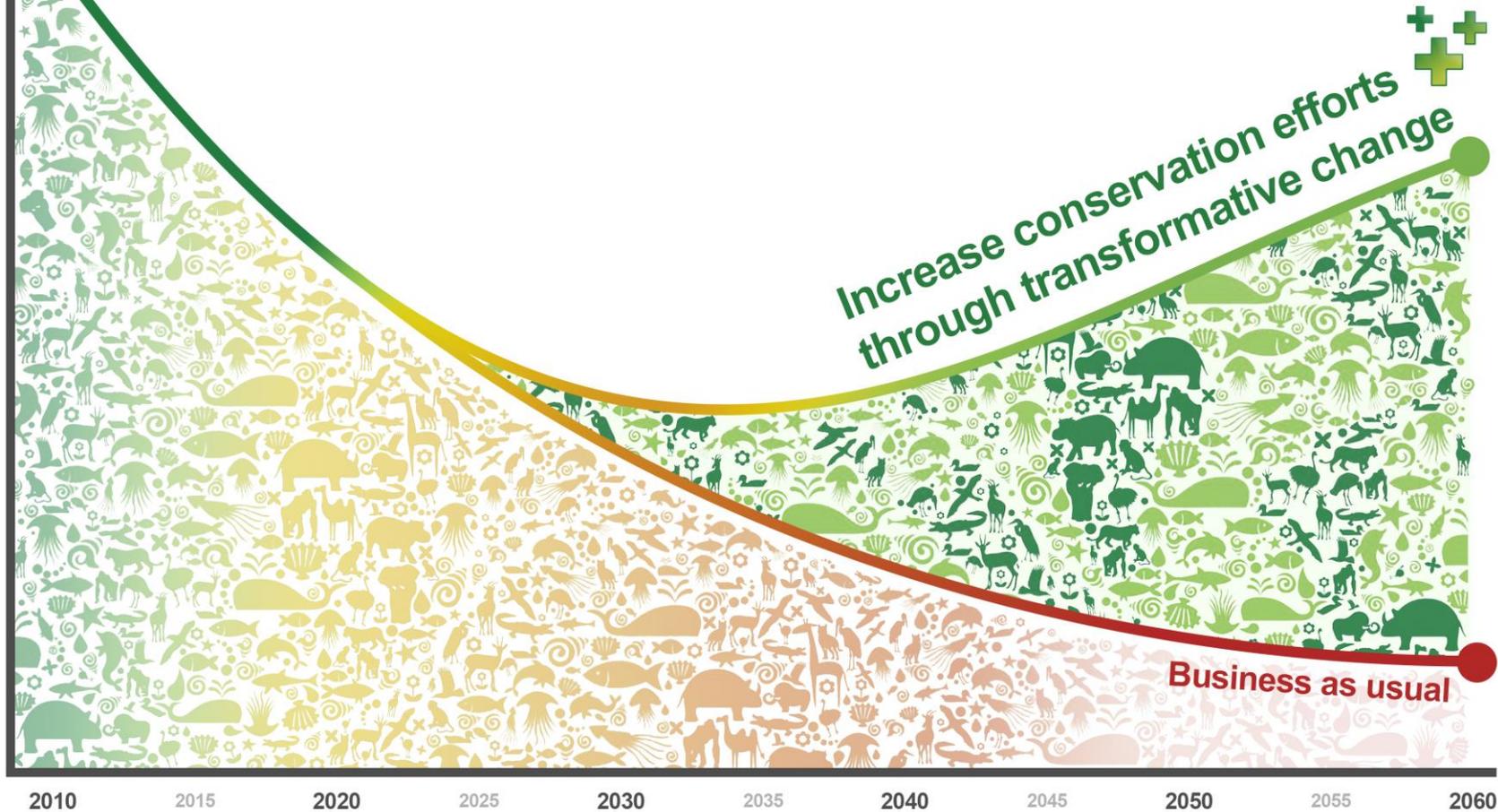
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Main intergovernmental goals, targets for nature and sustainability in the Mediterranean and their climate change adaptation and mitigation potential

# Nature positive by 2030 Slowing warming to 1.5°C

Number of species and naturalness



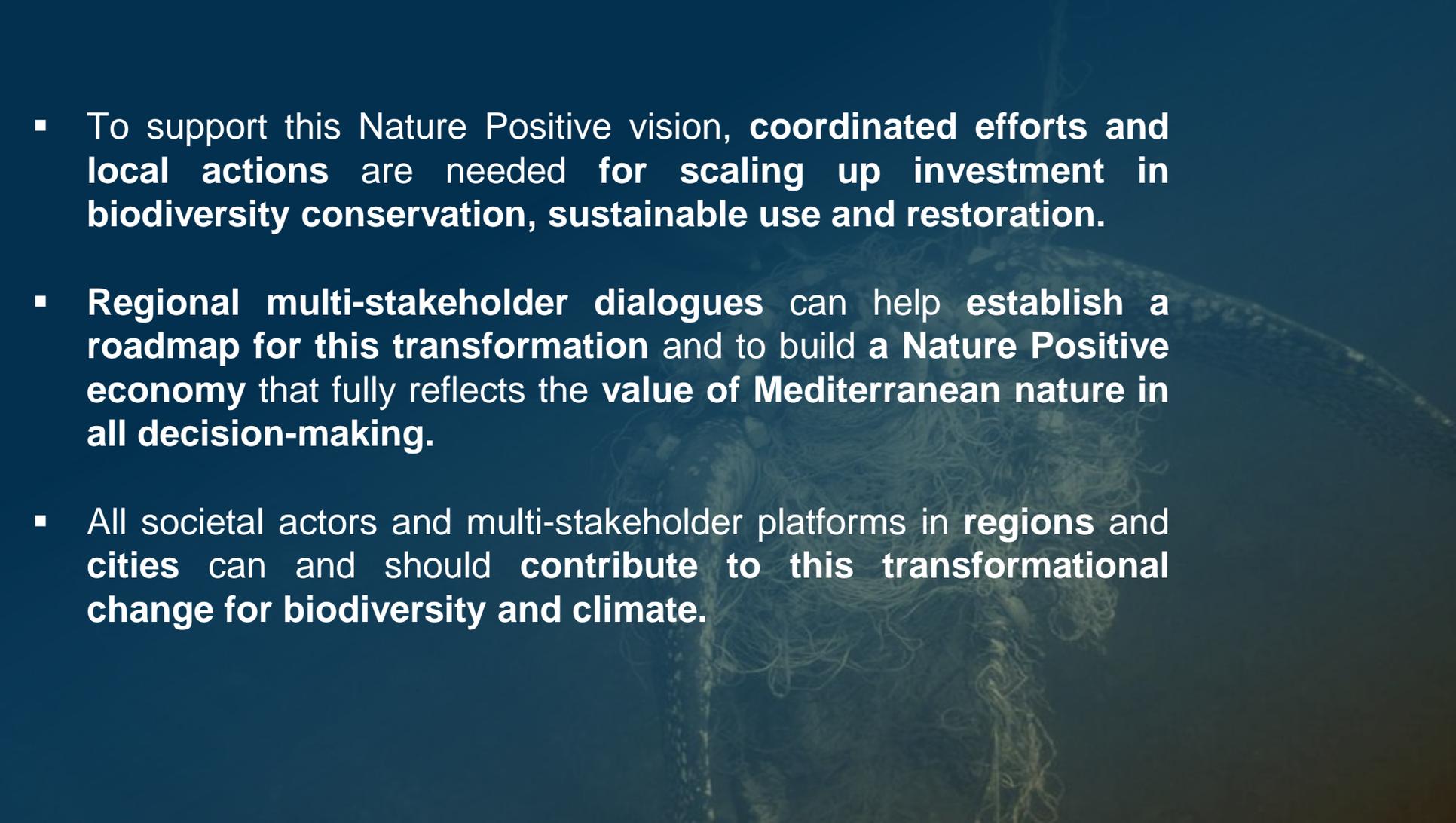
Increase conservation efforts  
through transformative change

Business as usual

# It is time for decisive action

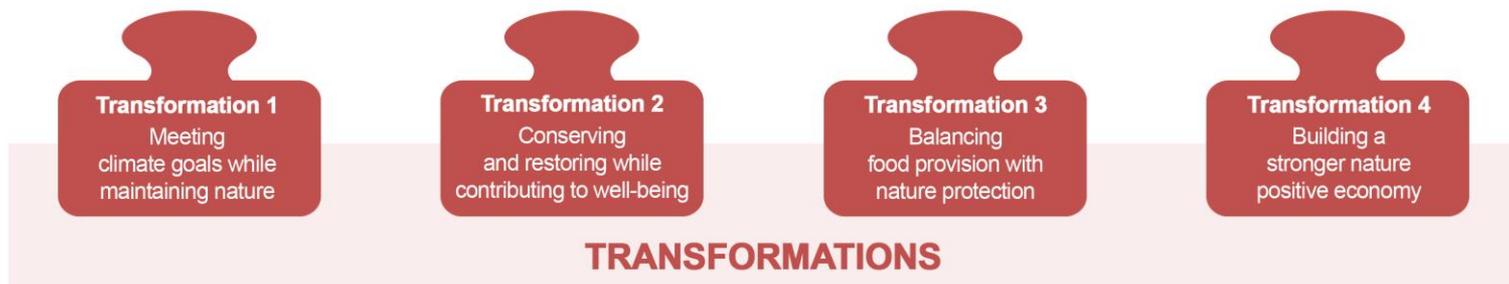
*The Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community*

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- **Climate change and biodiversity are inherently connected** and through their **better integration in policies and management**, the full potential of nature to support climate action could be leveraged at the same time as reversing the decline of biodiversity.
  - Call for **greater ambitions and actions to bend the curve** of biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Time for **urgent and far-reaching actions, leadership and cooperation** to build the agenda of transformative change towards a Nature Positive future in the Mediterranean.

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- To support this Nature Positive vision, **coordinated efforts and local actions** are needed for **scaling up investment in biodiversity conservation, sustainable use and restoration.**
  - **Regional multi-stakeholder dialogues** can help **establish a roadmap for this transformation** and to build a **Nature Positive economy** that fully reflects the **value of Mediterranean nature in all decision-making.**
  - All societal actors and multi-stakeholder platforms in **regions and cities** can and should **contribute to this transformational change for biodiversity and climate.**

# Options and pathways forward in the Mediterranean

## Transformational pathways



Each of the pathways has several levers and overarching priority actions necessary to bring this critical change across the region

## KEY LEVERS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Leadership



Management and cooperation



Action orientated steps



Adaptation, resilience and transformation



Incentives and compensation



Capacity building



Policies and laws



## ***TRANSFORMATION 1***

MEETING CLIMATE GOALS WHILE  
MAINTAINING NATURE AND NATURE'S  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEOPLE

Key recommended response actions

- **Scale up and implement climate ambition to help steer a more sustainable recovery**
- Invest and develop a more coordinated and integrated approach to Mediterranean nature-based solutions
- **Close key knowledge gaps on blue carbon ecosystems for conservation**



## ***TRANSFORMATION 2***

CONSERVING AND RESTORING NATURE  
WHILE CONTRIBUTING POSITIVELY TO  
HUMAN WELL-BEING

Key recommended response actions

- **Design and implement a stronger set of policies to end nature loss**
- Support coastal and marine initiatives which promote restoration, recovery, enhancement or resilience
- **Rebuild marine megafauna**



### ***TRANSFORMATION 3***

BALANCING FOOD PROVISION FROM THE SEA AND THE LAND WITH NATURE PROTECTION IN A CHANGING CLIMATE POSITIVELY TO HUMAN WELL-BEING

Key recommended response actions

- **Set up comprehensive plans for the management of small-scale fishing within and around MPAs**
- Transform agriculture and aquaculture production and food demand



## ***TRANSFORMATION 4***

### **BUILDING A STRONGER NATURE POSITIVE ECONOMY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

Key recommended response actions

- **Incorporate climate-smart and land-sea integrated management in local plans**
- Increase private sector commitments to climate action and directly investing in nature conservation



***Cross-cutting key recommended response actions for initiating transformation***

- **Promote the Mediterranean value of nature**
- Mainstream the use of available tools and scale-up local successful initiatives and best practices
- **Support increased cooperation between north/south and south/south and between governmental and non-governmental actors at different levels on ecosystem conservation**



# Ensuring success

- Shift towards transformation pathways is an urgent priority for sustainable development in every country across the Mediterranean,
- **Transformation strategies to meet time-bound, quantitative targets**
- Complementary and integrated set of actions from different levels of government, civil society, science and business.
- **collective actions, political leadership, cooperation and financing, will help moving a little closer towards these transformations.**

# THANK YOU.

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