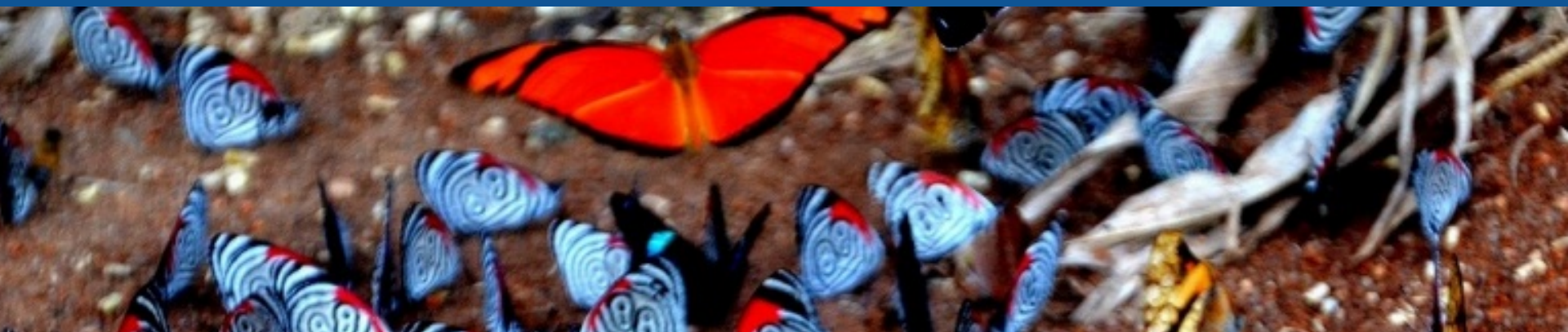


# **The EU BIODIVERSITY FOR LIFE (B4LIFE) flagship initiative & The EU support to African Parks**

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## Key note: The B4LIFE Flagship and its Wildlife Conservation Window

- Dr. Cristiana Pasca-Palmer, European Commission, EuropeAid

## Discussion panel

- Roseline Beudels, Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences
- Peter Fairhead, African Parks Network
- Stephen Peedell, EC Joint Research Centre
- Lee White, Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux of Gabon

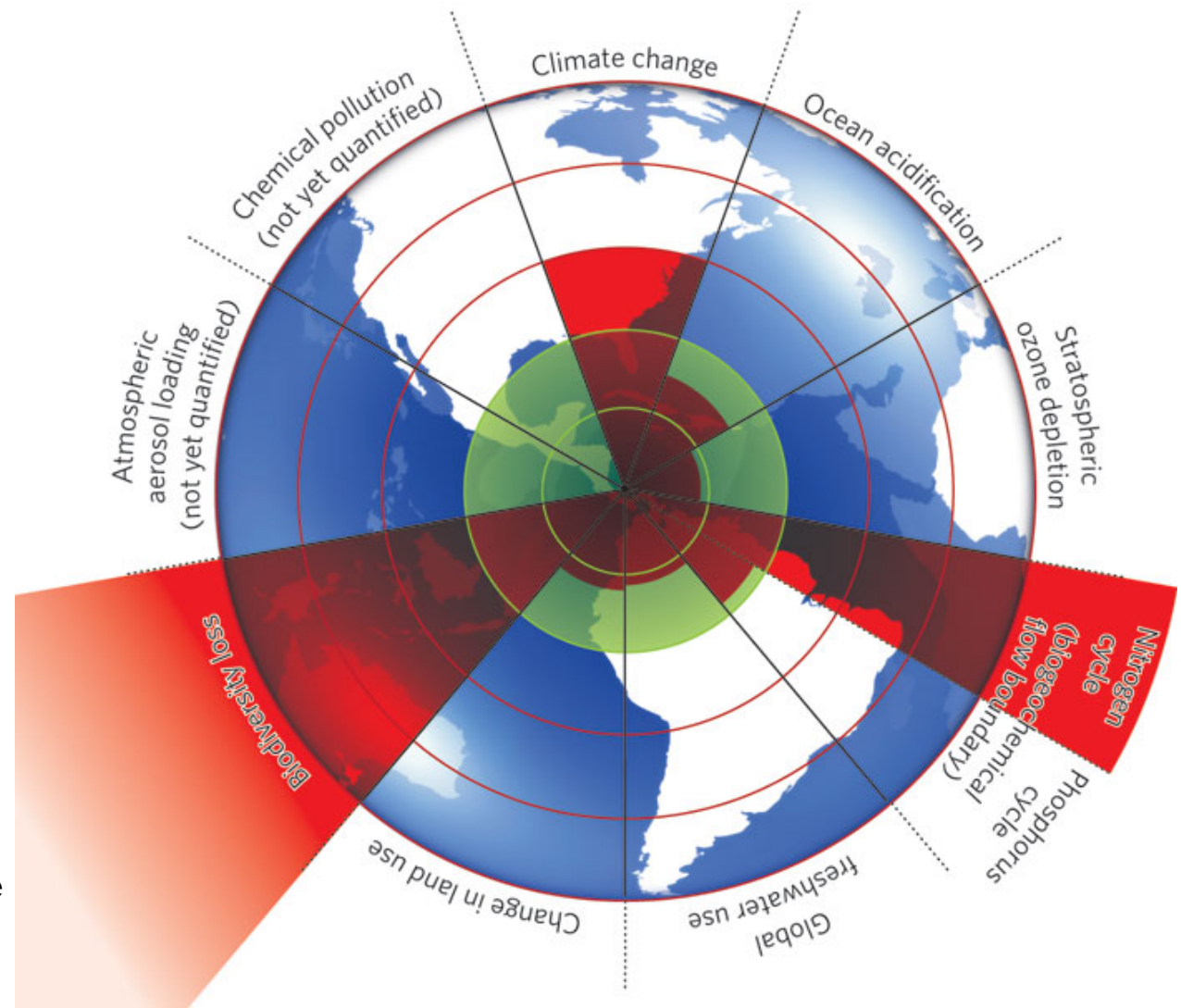
## Themes of discussion

- Parks and security,
- Parks and development,
- Parks and information systems

# The crisis



Beyond the boundary  
*Nature 2009*



Green = safe operating space  
Red = current position

# Causes



- Change in land use
- Unsustainable use of natural resources
- Invasive alien species
- Climate change
- Environmental pollution
- Inadequate governance systems
- Poaching and illegal wildlife trade

**At the root ... Natural capital not accounted for in development models**

- EU development policy – An Agenda for Change
- Capacity building for protected areas management (long experience in Africa)
- Integration of biodiversity in forest management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, rural development and food security, marine resources management
- EC: among the world biggest donors for biodiversity ( € 1.3 billion 2002-2012)
- New strong pressure on biodiversity: poaching, land-use change, demographic growth, globalisation...





# Lessons learned



- Improve efficiency and effectiveness
- Have a coherent strategy
- Better coordination between global, regional and local activities (less scattered activities)
- Strengthen the link Biodiversity – Development - Poverty reduction
- Consolidated approach (different order of magnitude)
- Capitalize on EU's success thus far



## Flagship B4Life



# What B4Life is NOT



- A new fund
- A new programme
- A new project
- A new instrument



# What B4Life IS



- More holistic and coherent approach of the EU interventions on biodiversity and ecosystems
  - clear and coherent strategic framework
  - enhance EU contributions to biodiversity & ecosystems
  - build new alliances with stakeholders
  - test innovative approaches and tools
  - more assertive integration of biodiversity in country policy dialogues
- Give more prominence and an enhanced profile for biodiversity within the development agenda, thus... more resources





# B4LIFE objective

European  
Commission



□ *" Contribute to halting biodiversity loss and reducing poverty by promoting a cross-cutting and innovative approach to fully integrate biodiversity and ecosystem conservation with socio-economic development and poverty eradication"*

## □ THREE PRIORITY AREAS

1. Good governance
2. Food security
3. Green economy

+ a special Wildlife Crisis Window (WCW)

□ **EUR 800M - 1Bln (20014-2020) across all EC external aid instruments**



## **Good governance** - to support sustainable management of natural capital

- Coordination and strengthening of institutions in charge of protected areas management
- Empowerment of environmental civil society
- Law enforcement/Fight against wildlife crimes.
- Design of national biodiversity strategies and natural capital accounting systems → economic valuation





## **Food security** – to promote ecosystems conservation for food security and sustainable rural development

- Promotion of biodiversity-compatible sustainable agricultural practices
- Promotion of high biodiversity value agro-products
- Protection of a genetically diverse pool of seeds
- Promotion of ecosystem restoration of degraded areas
- Develop sustainable land zoning and community-based management plans in buffer zones
- Promote integrated coastal management



## **Green Economy** – to promote nature-based solutions towards a green economy

- Develop nature-based market models involving local communities and private sector
- Develop public-private partnership for long-term investments in natural capital
- Develop Payment-for-Ecosystem-Services schemes integrating farmers' and local dwellers' rights
- Ecosystem-based development in the EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT)





# Wildlife Crisis Window

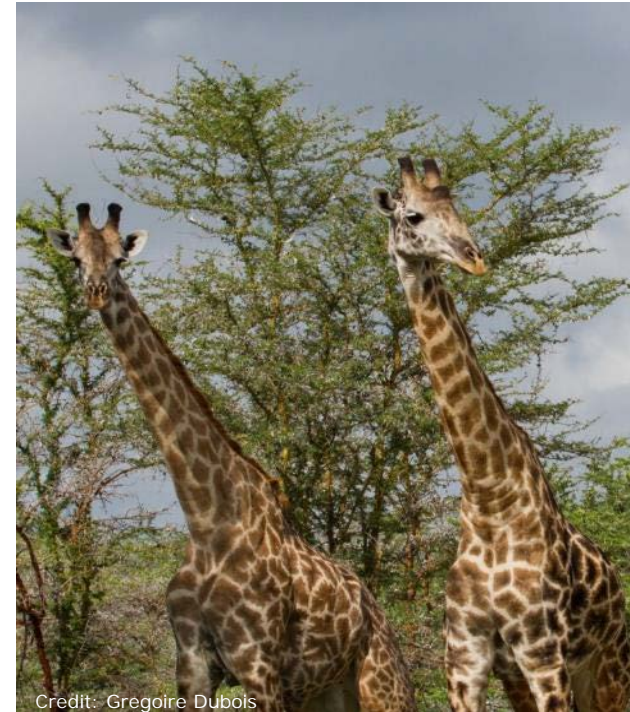


## Wildlife Crisis Window

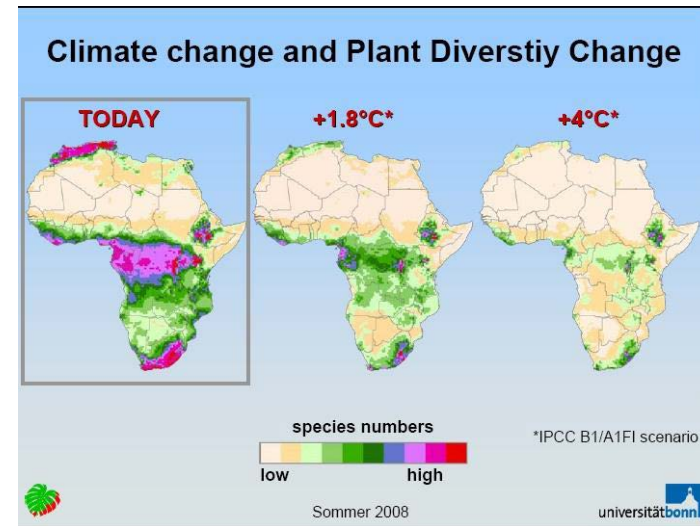
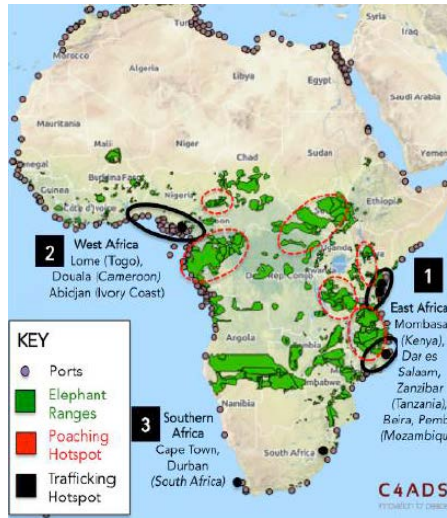
- Specific window embedded in B4Life
- Response to the current wildlife crisis (Africa)
- Actions from in-site protection to international dialogue
- Of the total B4Life estimated envelope of 1 Bln EUR (2014-2020), 400 M will cover WCW actions

## Study for strategic plan for African wildlife

- To identify at the scale of Sub-Saharan Africa the principal threats to wildlife and the most appropriate responses for the next 10 years.
- To inform EU (and other) interventions on comprehensive approaches for wildlife conservation in Africa



# Causes of Biodiversity loss



Poaching

Habitat loss

Pollution

Climate Change

...

Invasive species

# Causes

## Summary by region



Threat	W Africa	C Africa	E Africa	S Africa	Madagascar
Ivory/rhino horn poaching	**	*****	**	****	na
Bushmeat	****	****	**	*	***
Over-grazing	****	*	***	*	**
Agricultural encroachment	****	**	**	**	****
Commercial logging	****	***	*	*	***
Cutting firewood/charcoal	****	**	***	**	****
Pollution/water diversion	**	***	**	**	**
Alien invasive species	**	*	*	**	***
Human animal conflicts	*	**	***	*	
Habitat fragmentation	****	**	**	****	***
Mining/Infrastructure	**	***	***	**	**
Climate change	****	**	**	****	**



# Underlying drivers of biodiversity loss



## Demography

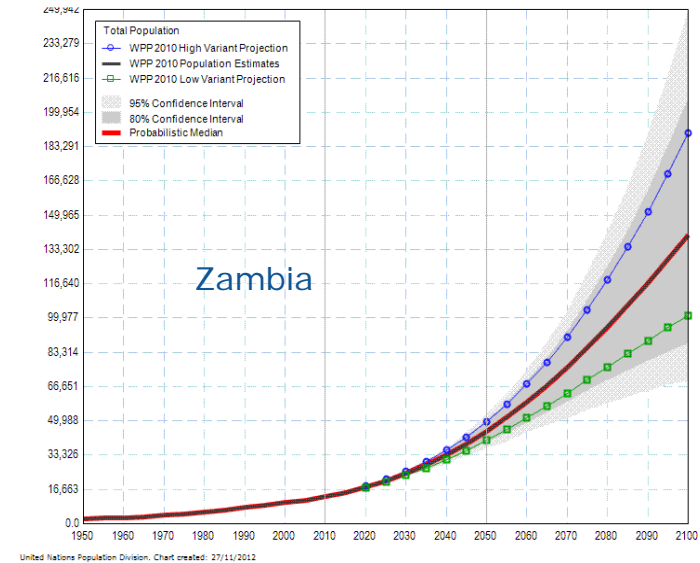
- Overpopulation/growth rate
- Irresistible consumer demand

## Governance & management

- Poor governance/corruption
- Weak legislation
- Civil conflict
- Low management capacity and budget

## Economy / other

- Poverty/few livelihood alternatives
- Breakdown of traditions controlling access to land and hunting areas
- Globalisation
- Land tenure



Current population: 13 million  
2100 population: 130 million





# EU support to African National Parks



Park W  
since 2001



Zakouma  
since 1988



Manovo...  
since 1989



Garamba  
since 2005



Virunga  
since 1988



Kalahari  
1998-2002



Salonga  
since 2002



Odzala  
since 1992



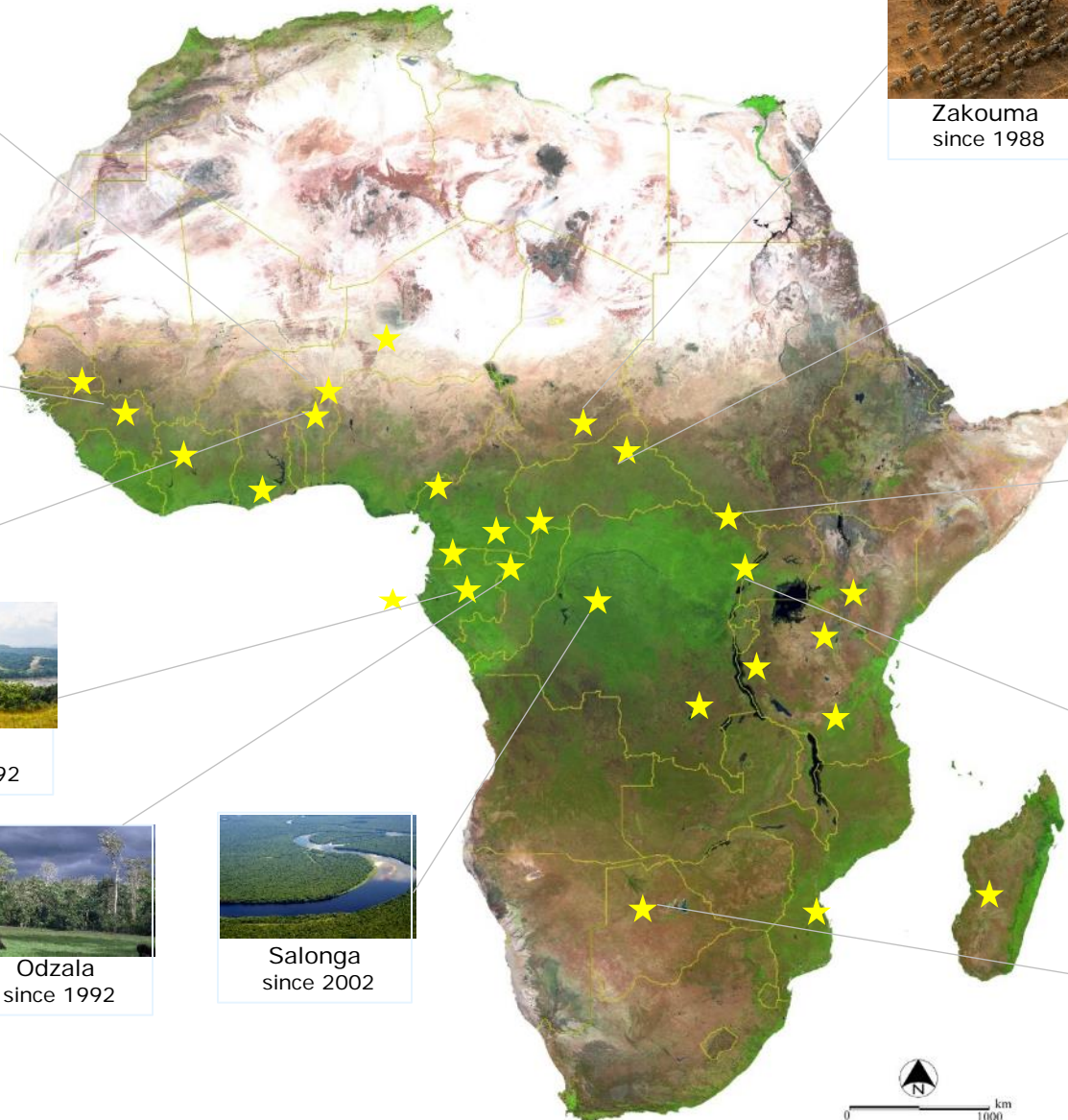
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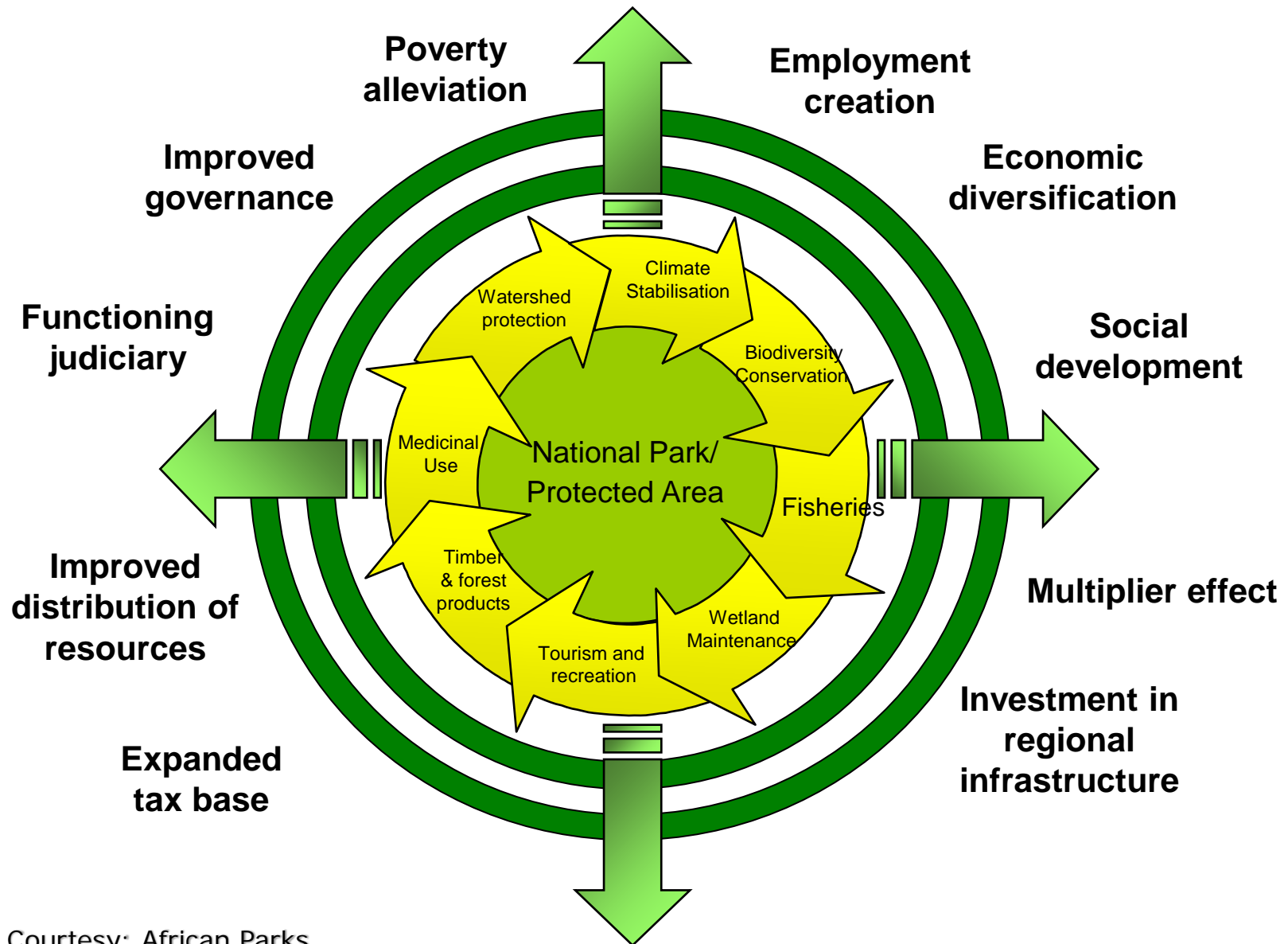
Pendjari  
1985-1989



Niokolo-Badiar  
1995-2005



# PA = basis for governance and development



# Planned activities at local level

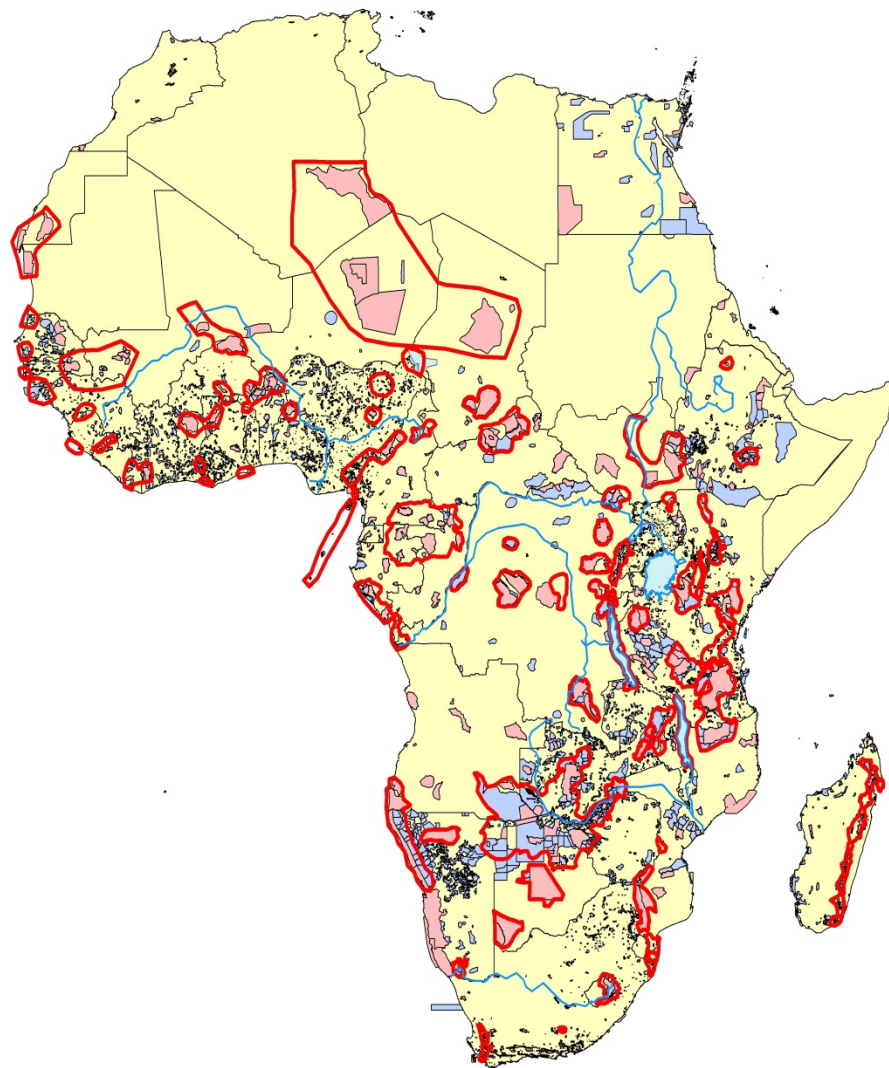


## Activities concentrated in

- 80 Key Landscapes for Conservation covering 350-400 protected areas (IUCN category 1 to 4)
- + specific individual sites

## Activities conducted

- Effective management
- Law enforcement (anti-poaching)
- Ecological monitoring
- Local development (livelihood)
- Capacity-building
- Trans-frontier arrangements
- Technical assistance
- Eco-tourism





## Policy and institutions

- Institutional strengthening
- Land planning and management at the landscape level
- Law revision and enforcement
- Fight against illegal trafficking
- Capacity-building



## Socio-Economy

- Management of bushmeat resources
- A solution to fuelwood crisis
- Reducing the corruption
- Alternative revenues





# Planned activities at international level



- International dialogue at highest level
- Communication in 2014 on Wildlife Trafficking
- Awareness-raising about the demand
- Regional cooperation (lessons learned, observatories...)
- Police and justice (ICCWC, EAGLE...)
- Payment for Ecosystem Services scheme
- Resource mobilisation needed 1.3 MEUR / 10 years



Credit: Gregoire Dubois

# Next steps



November 2014

- Revision of the first report

3-4 February 2015

- Conference with Member States and main stakeholders

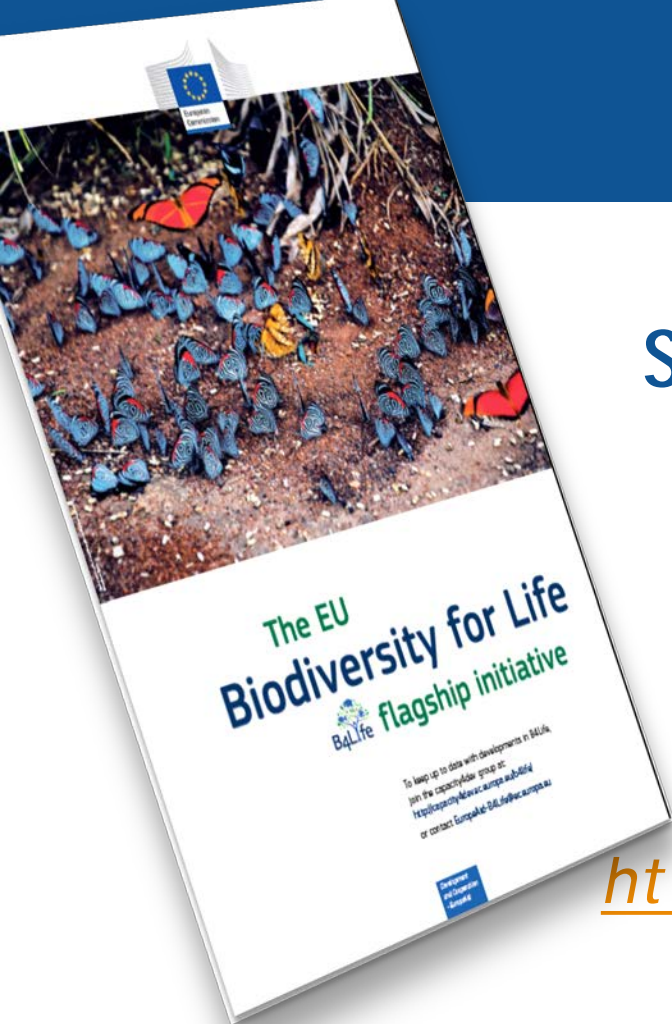
Spring 2015

- EC Communication ?

Mid 2015

- Presentation to the Council for a joint EU strategy





## Stay in touch with B4Life

- *Sign up to EuropeAid's "Capacity for Development" portal*
- *Join the B4Life group:*

<http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/b4life/>

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