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BIODIVERSITY UNDER THREAT

Our planet's biodiversity is facing a crisis. In Italy, over half of the flora and fauna species are in **poor conservation condition**, as well as 89% of terrestrial and inland water habitats. In addition, 37% of bird species are listed in categories at **risk of extinction**. There are many reasons behind it, **mostly linked to human activities**, including the loss and division of natural habitats, climate change, pollution and the introduction of invasive alien species (IAS).

OBJECTIVES

By executing the strategies outlined in the **Prioritised Action Frameworks** (PAF) for Lombardy, Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna, Veneto, and Trento, the project seeks to aid in fulfilling the goals of the **Habitats and Birds Directives** and to strengthen the **Natura 2000 Network**.



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THE PROJECT

The **LIFE project NatConnect2030**, *Natural connections for Natura2000 in Northern Italy to 2030*, is a project **co-funded by the European Union** under the **LIFE programme**. It will last 9 years (2024-2032) and involves 16 partners, institutional and non-institutional, led by the Region of Lombardy. The project area extends between **Lombardy, Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna, Veneto and Trentino**, covering an area of 100,000 square kilometres, with over 24 million inhabitants and more than 840 Natura 2000 sites, characterised by the presence of the **Alpine Arc** and the **Po River** basin.

STRATEGIC AXES



Restoring habitats and species
of high conservation value



Enhancing ecological connectivity



Improving ecosystems resilience
to support **climate change adaptation**



Reducing the impact of **invasive alien species**



Strengthening **governance** of the Natura
2000 network and ecological corridors

