

## Status of Biodiversity Research in Belgium: sectoral integration

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### Summary

Biodiversity offers an enormous range of daily life products such as clothes, food, shelter and heating, all of them the result of human technology and research. Biodiversity also offers three fundamental sources of inspiration to the modern scientist: chemicals, genes and designs. Fields of application include:

- drug development, agro-chemistry and cosmetics (chemicals);
- development of recombinant pharmaceutical proteins, enzymes and agricultural biotechnology (genes);
- architecture, mechanical engineering and sensor technology (designs).

In the oral presentation 'Status of Biodiversity Research in Belgium: sectoral integration', the authors give an overview of biodiversity-related research in different sectors: agriculture, pharmacy, biotechnology, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry and tourism.

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