

Symposium programme

Ten years after Rio. What future for biodiversity in Belgium?

22 May 2002

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels

09:00 Opening

Welcome by Mr Daniel Cahen, Director of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

Introduction by Mr Yvan Ylieff, Government Commissioner for Scientific Research

Part 1. Biodiversity in theory: institutional context

09:10 Implementing the Biodiversity Convention in the European Union: a challenge for policy integration (*C. Martin-Novella, European Commission*)

09:30 Recent developments in CBD implementation in Belgium (*J. Van Goethem, RBINS*)

09:40 Local and regional nature development plans
- Flanders (*K. De Smet & E. Martens, AMINAL*)
- Wallonia (*J. Stein, DGRNE*)
- Brussels (*M. Gryseels, BIM / IBGE*)

10:10 Sustainable management of the North Sea: what measures can legally be taken by Belgium in favour of marine biological diversity? (*F. Maes, UGent*)

10:30 Coffee break

Part 2. Biodiversity in practice: status of biodiversity and case-studies

10:50 Strategies for a patrimonial management of biodiversity (*H. Ollagnon, INAPG, France*)

11:20 Status of biodiversity in Belgium
- Flanders (*L. De Bruyn, IN*)
- Wallonia (*C. Hallet, DGRNE*)
- Brussels (*M. Gryseels, BIM / IBGE*)

12:00 Status of biodiversity research in Belgium. Sectoral involvement (*J. Tack & E. Branquart, Biodiversity Platform*)

12:20 Historical impact of former land-use on biodiversity. Example of forested areas (*M. Hermy, KUL*)

12:40 Integrating economic development and biodiversity conservation in the Hautes Fagnes - Eifel Nature Park (*A. Langer, Hautes Fagnes - Eifel Nature Park*)

13:00 Lunch and poster session

14:00 Business and biodiversity. The UK approach (*J. Robbins, DEFRA, C. Spray, Northumbrian Water, UK*)

14:30 Responsibility abroad. How export credit agencies impact on biodiversity? (*Ch. Marijnissen & B. Muraille, FERN*)

14:50 Biodiversity management in the military domains (*P.-J. Henrottin, Ministry of Defence*)

15:10 Spatial planning, maritime transport and biodiversity integration. Case of the Port of Antwerp (*P. Meire & D. Nijssen, UIA*)

15:30 Restoring biodiversity. Example of the migratory fishes of the Meuse river (*J.-Cl. Philippart, ULg*)

15:50 The integration of different sectors is a key factor for conservation, evaluation and utilisation of our Belgian fruit tree biodiversity (*M. Lateur, CRAGx*)

16:10 Questions and answers. What solutions for biodiversity? Role of a national strategy?

16:50 Youth and biodiversity (*L. Verstraeten, JNM*)

17:00 Closure by Mrs Magda Aelvoet, Federal Minister for the Environment

Reception

