



BIODIVERSITY

G8 Leaders committed to take further actions to reduce biodiversity loss and define a long-term strategy to enhance nature conservation.

THE CHALLENGE

- At the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002, the Leaders of 190 countries adopted a **target to significantly reduce the loss of biodiversity by 2010** (the 2010 Biodiversity Target).
- The 2005 *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment* has shown that around **two thirds of the planet's ecosystems are in decline**, and the IUCN's *Red List* has identified more than **16,000 species at risk of extinction**.

G8 RESPONSE

- The G8 endorsed the "**Carta di Siracusa**" on biodiversity, which constitutes an effective tool to promote nature conservation at the global level for the post-2010 period, having been adopted in a broad format (19 countries).
- G8 Leaders reiterated their commitment to **achieve the 2010 Biodiversity Target**, approved in 2002 at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg.
- Leaders committed to complete negotiations on the international regime for **access and benefit sharing of genetic resources** by 2010.