

A photograph of four brown bears of varying sizes sitting in a field of tall green grass and purple flowers. The bears are looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus landscape with more vegetation and a hint of a blue sky.

Wildlife and the EU Biodiversity Strategy: strengths and weaknesses

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2020: The 'super-year for biodiversity'



- UN CBD meeting
- EU Green Deal
- EU Biodiversity Strategy

A close-up photograph of a dog's face, likely a golden retriever, with its tongue sticking out. The dog's eyes are partially closed, and its fur is a mix of light and dark brown. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

EU Biodiversity Strategy: positive elements

- Focus on better implementation and enforcement of the **Birds and Habitats Directives**
- **Ambitious goals** for the conservation of protected European species
- **Legally binding targets** to restore crucial large-scale ecosystems
- Bring nature **back to agricultural land**, working in tandem with the new **Farm-to-Fork Strategy** and the revised CAP

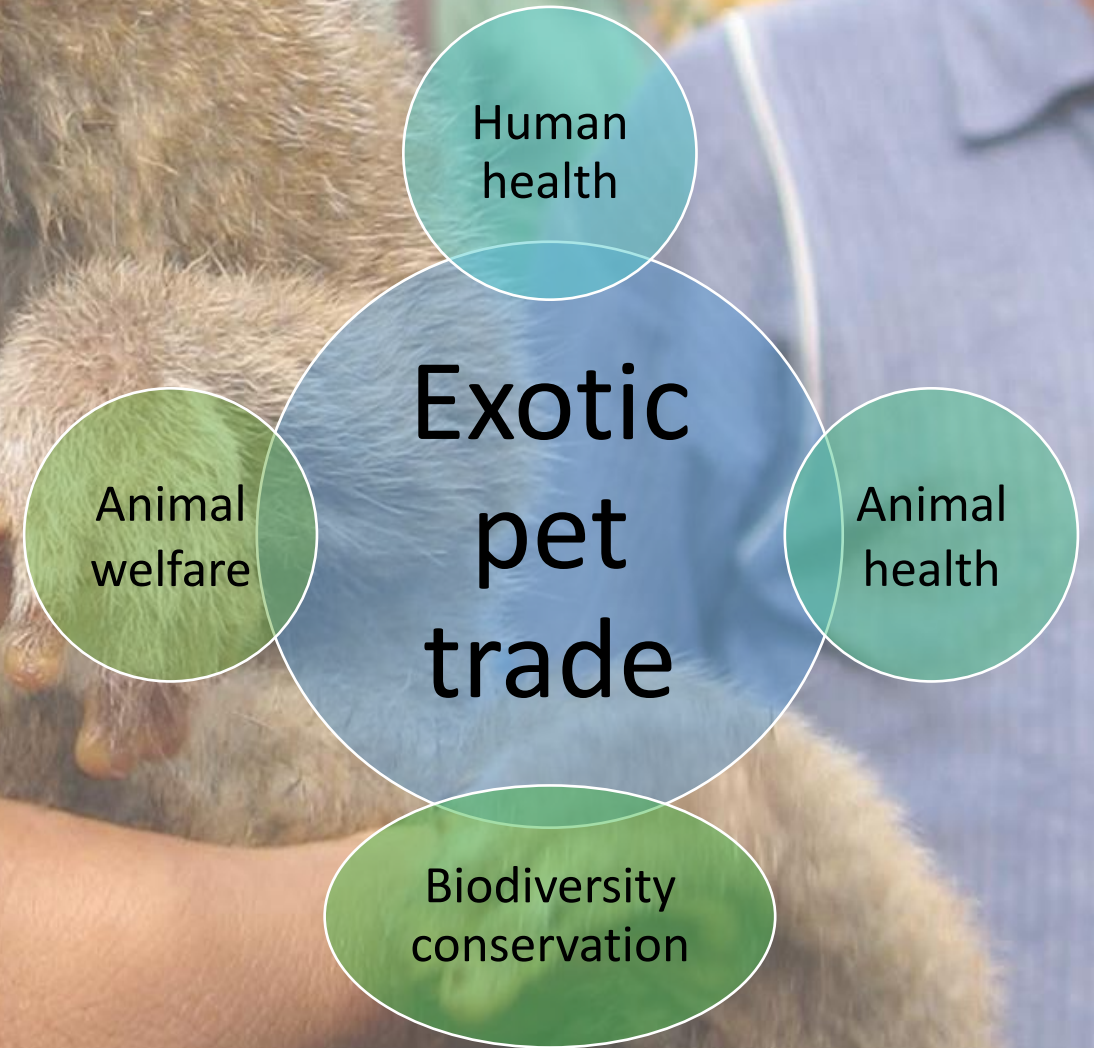
A herd of elephants is wading through a river. The elephants are of various sizes, and their trunks are partially submerged in the water. The background is a sandy bank with some sparse vegetation.

EU Biodiversity Strategy: less positive elements

- Revision of the EU Action Plan against **Wildlife Trafficking...and then?**
- One more proposal for further tightening of the rules on **EU ivory trade**

EU Biodiversity Strategy: what is missing

- Better, more comprehensive and stricter regulation of the legal trade in wild animals



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THE TRADE OF EXOTIC PETS



Millions of exotic animals are currently being kept as pets in European homes, causing serious animal welfare problems and posing a threat to our public health and biodiversity.

87% of respondents agree that **exotic animals should not be kept as pets.**

88% agree that **the EU should have a greater role in this as part of Common Market rules.**

92% agree that **trade in exotic pets should be better regulated.**



The risks of the **global wildlife trade** have become painfully clear in recent weeks with the **worldwide outbreak** of the **coronavirus.**



of respondents agree that **capturing animals from the wild to be kept as pets is wrong.**



Research was carried out by Savanta ComRes on behalf of AAP Animal Advocacy Protection and Eurogroup for Animals between 11 February 2020 and 17 February 2020 using an online quantitative survey. 6,137 adults across Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Spain were interviewed. Data were weighted to be representative of adults 18+ by age, gender and region in each of the 6 countries. Data tables can be viewed at www.comresglobal.com.

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THE SOLUTION? AN EU POSITIVE LIST OF ALLOWED PET SPECIES!



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Endorsement of the Biodiversity Strategy
- Clear commitment for a post-2020 EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking
- Prompt adoption of an EU ban on the import, (re)export), and internal trade in ivory
- Regulation of the exotic pet trade through an EU Positive List of allowed species

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- EP Initiative Report on the EU Biodiversity Strategy
- Implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy
- Process of evaluation of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking
- EU4Health Programme



THANK YOU!