



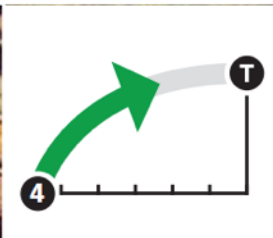
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Reducing Biodiversity Loss: At the Crossroads of Human, Ecosystems and Animal Health

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Current Situation

- Crucial time in the history of mankind for people, nature and indeed the whole planet
- COVID-19 is not only a health crisis
- Long-term vision: transformation of our relationship with the natural world

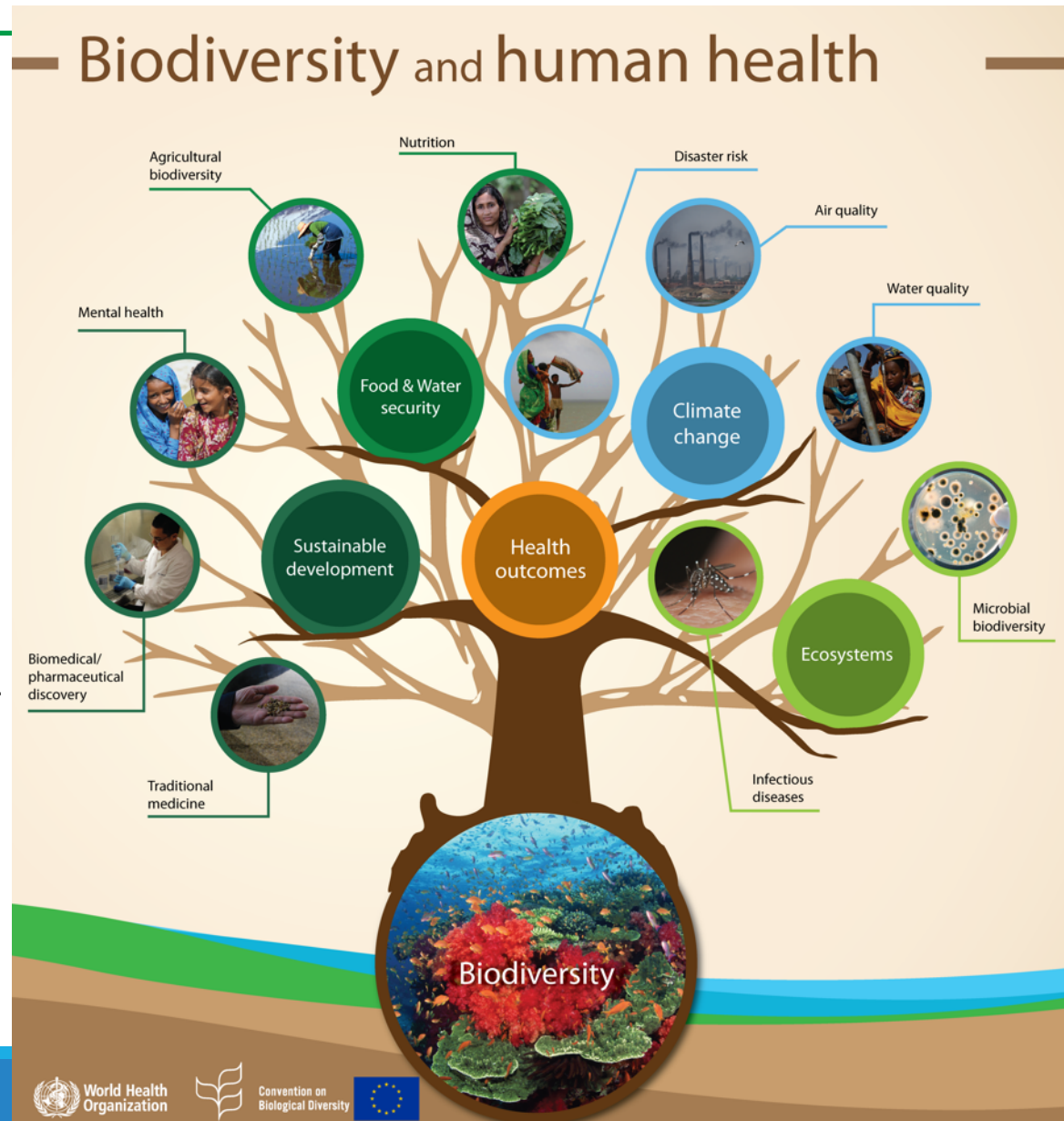


Links Between Biodiversity Loss and Health

Biodiversity:
foundation of
human health

IPBES recent
report: human
activity main
drivers of loss

Human activity +
climate change:
higher risk of
emergence and
spread of
diseases



2/3rds of human
diseases are of
zoonotic origins.
COVID-19 likely,
but not proven.

Biodiversity loss
also limits
discovery of
treatments,
medicines and
antibiotics

Prevention
strategies and
risk assessments
necessary

Environmental Law as Support to Health Law



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Joint
Programme on
Biodiversity
and Health



World Health
Organization

One Health Guidance:

Adopted at COP 14, important tool in the prevention against pandemics but also in the larger implementation of the CBD, UNFCCC and 2030 Agenda

Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework:

- To be adopted at COP 15 in China
- Overarching Framework
- Ambitious and measurable targets
- Will aim to align biodiversity policies across the range of global commitments

CBD and other MEAs and International Organizations:

- improved implementation of policies on veterinary controls of food production systems and markets
- important role of CITES, CMS, OIE, FAO

Going Forward: Need for Global Transformation

1. Global transformation of the development model

2. Whole-of-Government, Whole-of-Society approaches

3. Implementation of commitments under the 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement, and the future Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

4. Need to harness positive forces to achieve the shared and interdependent goals of healthy societies and a healthy planet



Thank you!

If we work together to take care of nature, nature will take better care of us.

