

# Political Monitoring

## Biodiversity politics in Belgian parliaments Questions and Discussions

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**2020 UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE**  
**COP 15 - C/P/MOP 10 - N/P/MOP 4**  
Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth  
KUNMING, CHINA

The first phase of the **Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15)** was held in Kunming, China from 11 to 15 October and included a High-Level Segment, from 12 to 13 October. The second phase will be an in-person meeting, foreseen from 25 April to 8 May 2022 in Kunming. A series of roundtables were organised during this High-Level Segment (HLS), where two of our ministers made a statement, along with EU Commissioner for Environment. Please find below a summary of these statements.

**Minister Zakia Khattabi** (Minister of the Climate, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Green Deal):

- She presented on national conservation efforts at the federal and regional levels, including the establishment of a federal sustainable finance strategy.
- "Je peux vous annoncer l'élaboration d'une stratégie fédérale de financement durable qui reposera sur deux piliers: le rôle d'investisseur de l'état fédéral et la durabilité du secteur financier"

**Minister Céline Tellier** (Walloon Ministry of Environment, Nature, Animal Welfare and Rural Renovation):

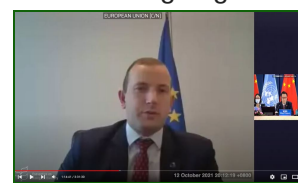
- "Mon gouvernement, celui de la Belgique, s'inscrit pleinement dans l'objectif de préservation et de restauration des écosystèmes et soutient la restauration d'un réseau écologique permettant de préserver 30% des écosystèmes terrestres."



*Listen to the full intervention of Minister Tellier [here](#) (starts at 1:03:35).*

**Virginijus Sinkevičius**, EU Commissioner for Environment:

- "The EU and its Member States strongly support ambitious goals, milestones and targets, which should be measurable, where feasible. This includes a global target to protect and conserve at least 30% of the land and of the ocean globally by 2030."
- "We want to flag the urgent need for strong actions to protect marine and coastal biodiversity, including the open ocean and the deep-sea, taking account of the oceans and climate nexus."
- "This must go together with eliminating or redirecting incentives and subsidies harmful for biodiversity and scaling up positive ones as well as aligning all financial flows in support of biodiversity."
- "We stand ready to contribute to building a common understanding on the issue of digital sequence information and its linkages to ABS as a basis for identifying an innovative and constructive solution, which also guarantees that science, research and innovation can continue to bring full benefits that also support the implementation of the other objectives of the CBD."



*Listen to the full intervention of Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius [here](#) (starts at 1:15:09).*

Please visit the CBD [website](#) for more information on the HLS.



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### 1. 19/10/2021 | Environnement Committee | [Question on page 1](#)

Question de Daniel Senesaël à Vincent Van Quickenborne sur "La première partie de la COP 15"

Vraag van Daniel Senesaël aan Vincent Van Quickenborne over "Het eerste gedeelte van de COP 15"

### 2. 19/10/2021 | Environnement Committee | [Question on page 3](#)

Question jointe de Daniel Senesaël et Greet Daems à Vincent Van Quickenborne sur "Le non-respect de la convention d'Aarhus en ce qui concerne l'exploitation minière des fonds marins"

Samengevoegde vragen van Daniel Senesaël en Greet Daems aan Vincent Van Quickenborne over "Het nietrespecteren van de conventie van Aarhus inzake diepzeemijnbouw"

### 3. 19/10/2021 | Environnement Committee | [Question on page 9](#)

Question de Kris Verduyck à Vincent Van Quickenborne sur "Natura 2000"

Vraag van Kris Verduyck aan Vincent Van Quickenborne over "Natura 2000"



### 4. 20/10/2021 | Plenary session | [Question on page 6](#)

Question d'actualité de M. Florent à M. Borsus sur « la filière bois wallonne face aux exportations massives de bois vers la Chine »

### 5. 20/10/2021 | Plenary session | [Question on page 17](#)

Question d'actualité de Mme Ryckmans à Mme Tellier sur « la déclaration de Kunming à la COP15 de la Convention sur la diversité biologique »

### 6. 20/10/2021 | Plenary session | [Question on page 18](#)

Question d'actualité de M. Evrard à Mme Tellier sur « l'avenir de la forêt wallonne »

### 7. 20/10/2021 | Commission chargée de questions européennes | [Full document](#)

La stratégie de l'Union européenne pour les forêts à l'horizon 2030  
Audition de Mme Farcy, Experte au Département des politiques européennes et des accords internationaux de la Direction générale de l'agriculture, des ressources naturelles et de l'environnement (SPW)



### 8. 20/10/2021 | Commissie voor Landbouw, Visserij en Plattelandsbeleid | [Report here](#)

Vraag van Cathy Coudyser aan minister Hilde Crevits over de politieke Europese verklaring in de nasleep van de voorbije Europese ministerraad rond visserij en de onderhandelingen dienaangaande met het Verenigd Koninkrijk

### 9. 19/10/2021 | Commissie voor Leefmilieu, Natuur, Ruimtelijke Ordening en Energie | [Question on page 7](#)

Vraag om uitleg van Jo Brouns aan Zuhail Demir over de gesprekken met het internationale expertenpanel over de aanpak van de wolvenproblematiek



### 10. 22/10/2021 | Plenary session | [Question on page 10](#)

Question de Ingrid Parmentier à Alain Maron concernant "la mise à jour de la carte d'évaluation biologique de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale"

Vraag van Ingrid Parmentier aan Alain Maron betreffende "de actualisering van de biologische waarderingskaart van het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest"

### 11. 20/10/2021 | Commission Environnement | [Question on page 2](#)

Question orale de Mme Aurélie Czekalski à Alain Maron concernant "la sécurité environnementale en Région bruxelloise"

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