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Introduction

We are pleased to welcome some new members to our unit. [Catherine Ghyoot](#) will focus on the organisation of the Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation. [Jean-Philippe Palasi](#) has joined us to work on European Development Cooperation and Overseas Territories and Regions, and [Catherine Quick](#) has joined as our intern and will provide support to the whole unit.

European Development Conference

Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation

IUCN is organising a Conference on Biodiversity in European Development Cooperation in partnership with the European Commission with the financial support of the Belgium, Finnish, French and Swedish Governments. The Conference will take place 19th – 21st September 2006 and will aim to identify recommendations for the European Commission and the EU Member States to better integrate biodiversity and related ecosystem services in European Development Cooperation.



IUCN has started the preparatory phase of the Conference by carrying out a review and analysis of how biodiversity is currently addressed in European development cooperation policies and programmes. Directorate Generals of the European Commission and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the EU Member States are currently being interviewed and/or asked to fill in questionnaires to gain a clear picture of the current situation. Based on this information, recommendations will be identified to improve the situation.

For more information, please contact conf2006@iucn.org or visit the website www.iucneurope.org

DG Environment

Green Week June 2006

Moscow and the IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe in Belgrade can disseminate information and strategies. Together as ROfE we strive to meet our goals for a sustainable Europe by utilising local expertise and the strength of the global IUCN network.

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Green Week is a series of events organised annually by DG Environment to profile environmental issues.

The next one will take place in Brussels from 30th May to 2nd June with the theme of 'Biodiversity', organised under the framework of the Countdown 2010 Initiative, 'to halt the loss of biodiversity by 2010'. An open forum has been set up to coordinate the involvement of NGOs in this process, for more information on the forum, please contact: [Wiebke Herding](#).



Click here for more information on [Green Week](#).

2000 – 2006 Reporting under the Habitats Directive

The EU Member States are preparing for the 2007 monitoring, assessment and reporting exercise under the Habitats Directive, which involves assessing the conservation status of all species and habitats listed in the [Directive](#). To assist with this exercise, IUCN and its partners in the European Habitats Forum are undertaking a 'Shadow Monitoring Project' to provide some best practice case studies for a number of species and habitats. A presentation of this project was given to the Habitats Committee Scientific working group members on the 13th February.

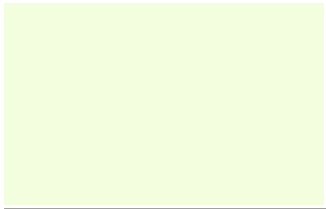
For more information on IUCN's work with DG Environment, please contact: [Janice Weatherley](#)

EU Environment Council

On 9th March, the first Environment Council under the Austrian Presidency took place in Brussels. The European Environment Ministers reached Conclusions on the proposed thematic strategy on air pollution, EU action on climate change, persistent organic pollutants, and the upcoming international conferences on biodiversity and biosafety ([CBD COP8](#)). The Council also debated the review of the EU's Sustainable Development Strategy, the proposed thematic strategy on waste prevention and recycling and GMO policy. For more information see: [Conclusions](#)

The Environment Council has still not reached an agreement on LIFE+ financing. The Belgium Delegation briefed the Council on the limited funds for Natura 2000, in a submission supported by the Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, Latvian, Czech, Cyprus, Greek and Luxembourg delegations, leaving it to the next Environment Council to take decision on the amount of funding for LIFE+ under the Financial Perspectives 2007-2013.

The next Environment Council will take place on 26th June 2006 in Luxembourg.



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