


# Influencing Policy and Achieving Results

- Vision for 2050
- Halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010
- What action is needed?
- Political commitments
- Challenges for Butterfly Conservation Europe
- Influencing policy at European level
- Achieving results

# Vision

Europe,  
rich in wildlife,  
with resilient, well functioning ecosystems,  
valued and respected as fundamental  
to economic and social wellbeing  
and contributing to people's  
enjoyment



# What Is Needed

- Protection and sustainable management of the best areas for nature (habitats and species)
- More connectivity at a landscape scale
- Functioning ecosystems
- Recovery of butterfly and moth populations and their habitats

# Actions Required

- Implementation of Nature and Environmental legislation
- Respect of environmental limits and goals by all economic sectors
- Funding and investment
- Reductions in pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- Understanding, support and action by the public
- More sustainable lifestyles

# Political Commitments

**“To halt the loss of biodiversity across Europe by 2010”**

(EU Heads of Government)

**“To reduce the rate of biodiversity loss across the globe by 2010”**

(Heads of State at Johannesburg)

# EU Biodiversity Action Plan 2006 for Delivery



- EU Biodiversity Communication and Action Plan:

10 Objectives

45 targets

150 actions

- Delivery by EU Commission and Member States
- Indicators to measure progress

# Challenges for BCE

- Challenges for BCE, as a partnership organisation aimed at halting and reversing the decline of butterflies, moths and their habitats throughout Europe
- Capacity building and working together
  - Funding action
  - Engaging the public
  - Influencing policy and practice

# Priorities for Policy Influencing

- Natura 2000 Designation, positive management and funding across Europe
- Biodiversity Policy
- CAP Reform and agriculture spending
- Butterfly Indicator Development and funding collection and coordination of data
- Funding of BCE and Butterfly Projects

# How to Influence Policy at EU Level

- Demonstrate BCE credibility by active conservation work, monitoring and engaging with the public and decision makers
- Collaborate with other non-governmental organisations and lobby EU Commission and Parliamentarians in Brussels for policy reform and implementation
- Collect and coordinate information about the state of butterflies and moths to ensure the EU Butterfly Indicator becomes a reality and a force for change

# Next Steps at National Level

- Implementation of the EU Biodiversity Action Plan and the global commitment
- Lobby governments to promote implementation of legislation and policy commitments and “blow the whistle” on bad practice
- Network, share information and coordinate action

# Conclusions

- Halting the loss of butterflies and moths and securing their recovery is a big challenge
- Influencing policy reform and implementation is a key part of the way forward
- Our meeting in Laufen has shown how we can work together to help achieve this ambitious goal