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Biodiversity for food and agriculture



Biodiversity for food and agriculture is the variety of life at genetic, species and ecosystem levels that contributes to agriculture and food production.

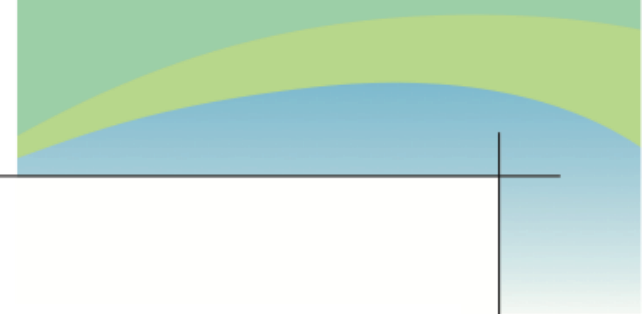


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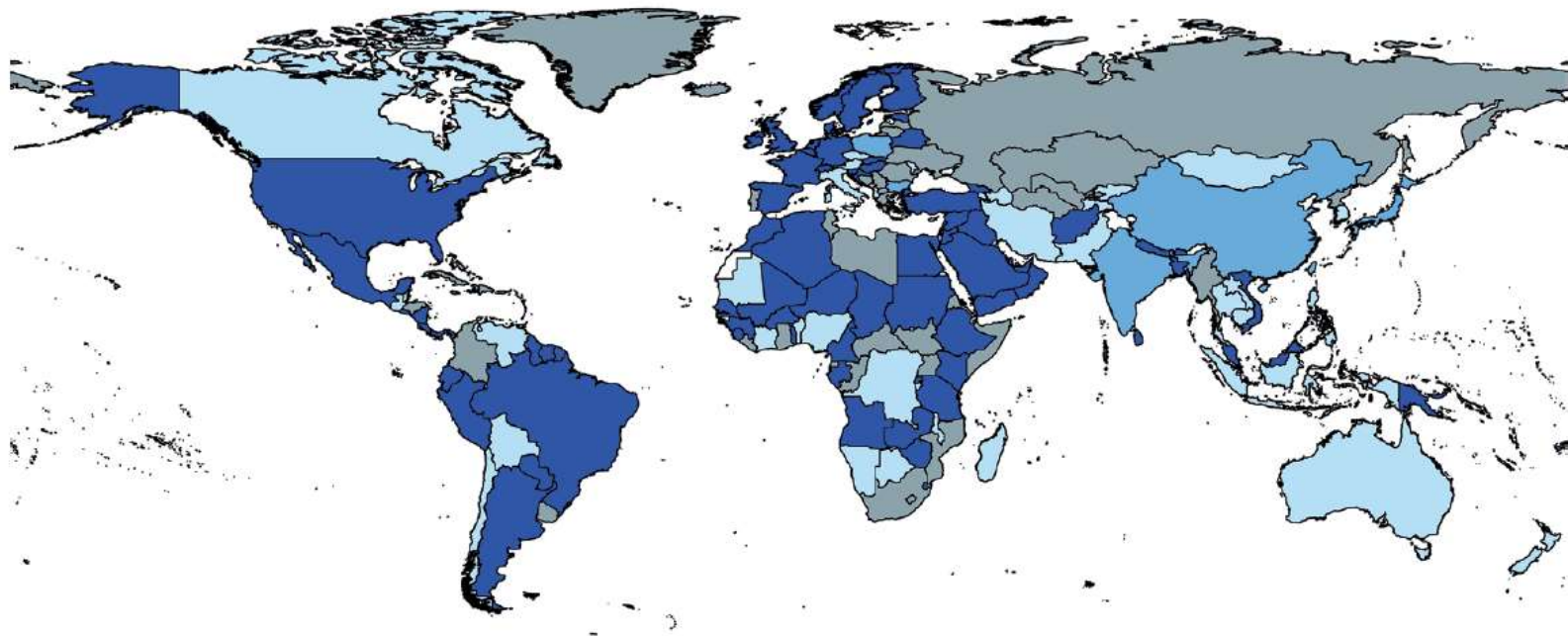
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Participation in the reporting process



■ National Focal Point
nominated and
country report submitted

■ National Focal Point
not nominated and
country report submitted

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Note: Data as of October 2018.

Source: FAO.



Sources of information

91 country reports, prepared
by over 1 300 contributors

27 reports from international
organizations

5 thematic studies

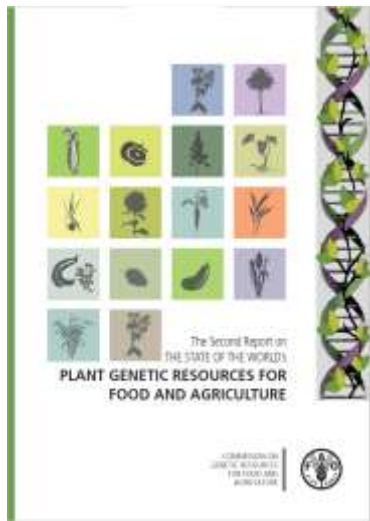
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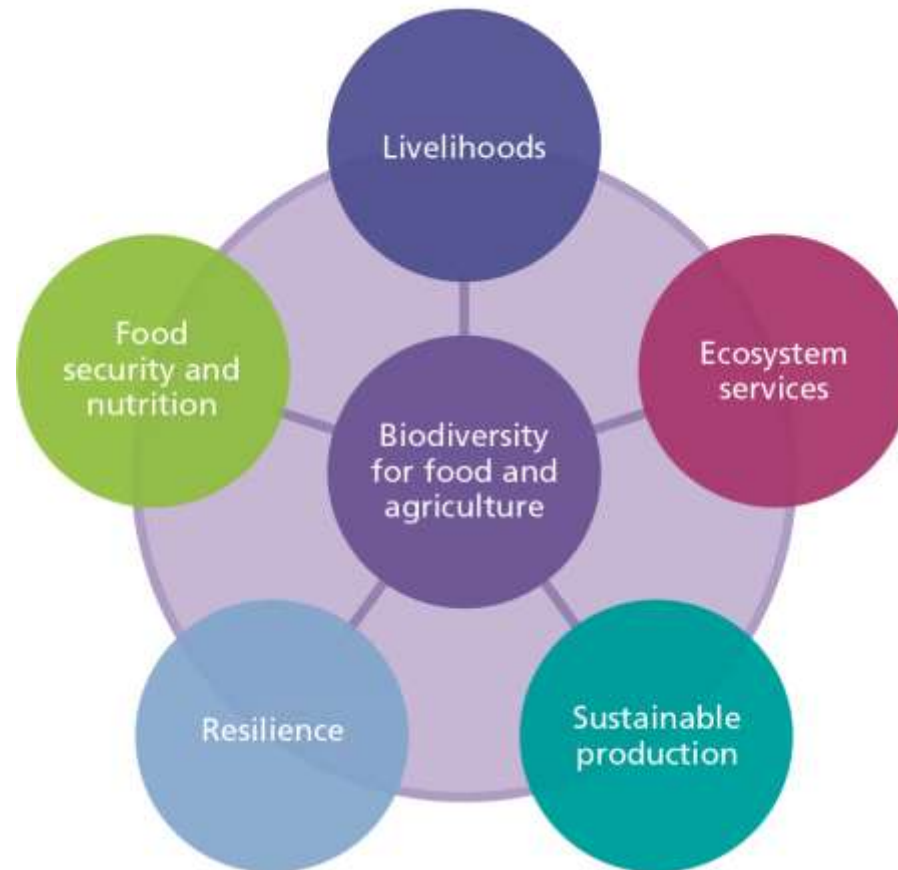
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Key messages



1. Biodiversity is essential to food and agriculture





2. Biodiversity for food and agriculture is declining

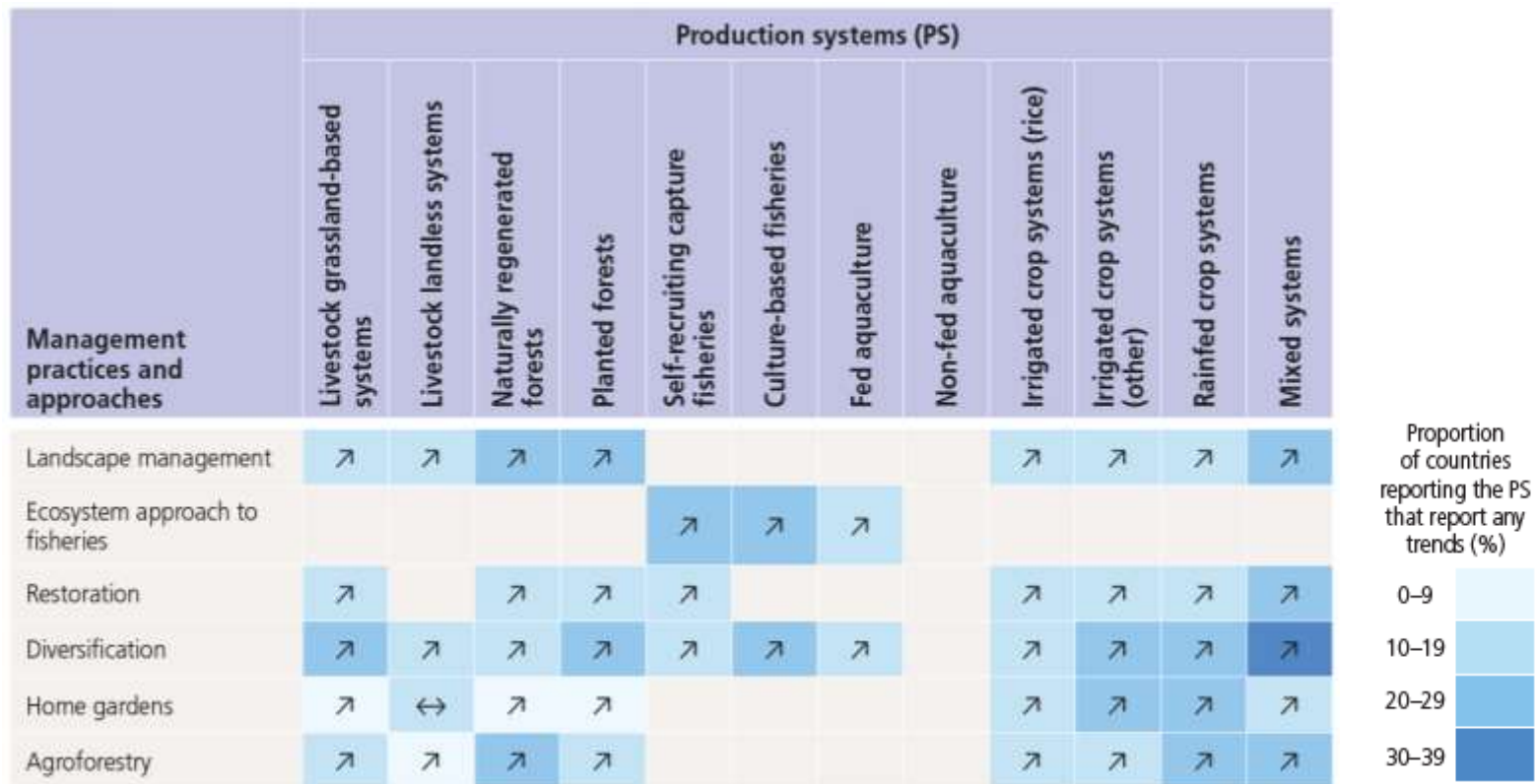




3. Multiple interacting drivers of change are affecting biodiversity for food and agriculture

Drivers of change		Reported effect on biodiversity for food and agriculture
Economic and social	Population growth and urbanization	--
	Markets and trade	-
	Changing economic, sociopolitical and cultural factors	+ / -
Environmental drivers	Climate change	--
	Natural disasters	--
	Pests, diseases, invasive alien species	--
Drivers at production system level	Changes in land and water use and management	--
	Pollution and external inputs	--
	Overexploitation and overharvesting	--
Other	Advances and innovations in science and technology	+
	Policies	++

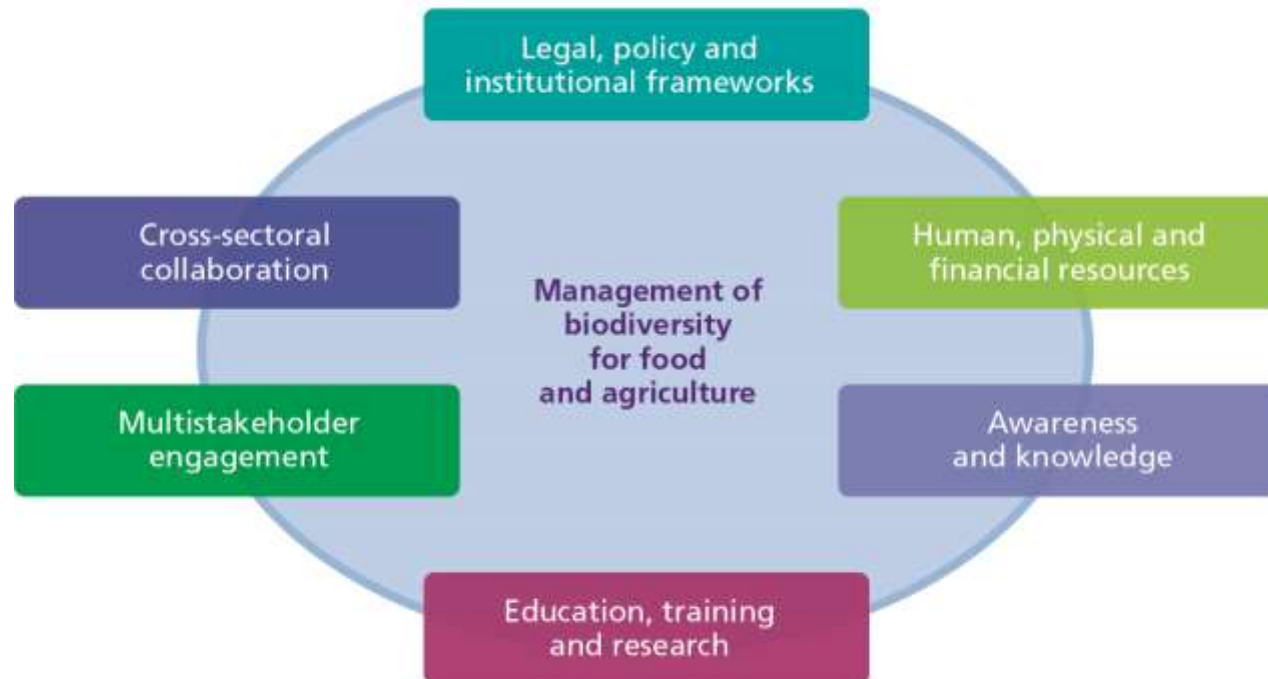
4. The use of many biodiversity-friendly practices is reported to be increasing



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5. Enabling frameworks for the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity for food and agriculture remain insufficient





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What needs to be done?



Address knowledge and data gaps



Support uptake of biodiversity-friendly management practices in all sectors



Tackle constraints to the establishment of effective *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation programmes



Improve cross-sectoral collaboration and multistakeholder engagement and cooperation in the management of BFA



Action at global level

At its 17th Regular Session (18-22 February 2019) the Commission:

- Welcomed the report [...] as an important contribution to the discussions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- Agreed on a process for the finalization of a follow-up to the report
- Called for an open-ended meeting of the Group of National Focal Points for Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture



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Thank you!

Full report at:

<http://www.fao.org/cgrfa/topics/biodiversity/sowbfa/en>