



Federal Agency for  
Nature Conservation

# Economic Incentives that affect Biodiversity

13.–16. June 2023  
International Academy for Nature  
Conservation Isle of Vilm

**CONFERENCE**



## Background and objectives

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Global target 18 of the recently adopted Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework aims to identify by 2025, and eliminate, phase out or reform incentives, including subsidies, harmful for biodiversity, in a proportionate, just, fair, effective and equitable way, while substantially and progressively reducing them by at least 500 billion United States dollars per year by 2030, starting with the most harmful incentives, and scale up positive incentives for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The EU's 2030 Biodiversity Strategy also articulates the ambition to promote tax systems and pricing that reflect environmental costs, including biodiversity loss.

With these developments in mind, the conference will look at existing economic incentives such as taxes, subsidies, and market-based approaches that affect biodiversity. It will also critically examine the variety of economic instruments that offer potential to promote biodiversity conservation.

The international conference "Economic incentives that affect biodiversity" will take place from June 13-16, 2023 at the International Academy for Nature Conservation (INA) on the Isle of Vilm, Germany and will be hosted by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN).

## Target group

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The event will provide a platform for exchange between experts from science, administration and civil society on subsidies, tax systems and market-based approaches both harmful and beneficial for nature conservation.

Scientists, representatives of interest groups, experts from NGOs, nature and environment-related authorities and politics with an interest in a thematic exchange of knowledge are invited to participate in the conference.

## Organizer

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German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

Division I 2.1 - Legal and Economic Issues in Nature Conservation

Vera Taborski and Edgar Schütte

## Costs

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Accommodation in single room: 70 € PPPD,

Accommodation in double room: 55 € PPPD,

Full board 28 €/day, plus 4 € for coffee/tea and biscuits.

Payment by EC card or credit card please. Bank transfer is only possible in exceptional cases.

## Travel information

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**By train** via Stralsund – Bergen auf Rügen – Lauterbach Mole

**By car** via Stralsund or Glewitzer Fähre, Garz, Putbus to Lauterbach

The ferry transfer from Lauterbach to the Isle of Vilm takes 10 minutes. The ferry is run by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation.

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### Organizational issues

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## Programme

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### Tuesday, 13.06.2023

Arrival	Ferry crossings from port Lauterbach/Mole at 16:10, 17:10 and 18:10 (last possibility at 20:10)
18:00	<i>Dinner</i>
19:30	<b>Welcoming and introduction</b> Vera Taborski and Edgar Schütte, BfN

### Wednesday, 14.06.2023

*From 07:30 Breakfast*

#### I International targets on economic incentives and how to reach them

09:00	<b>Implementation of the Kunming-Montréal GBF's target 18 - An overview of the situation in European countries</b> Friedrich Wulf, Friends of the Earth Europe and Swiss IUCN Committee
10:00	<b>Integrating ecosystem services into decision making</b> Virginija Kalesinskiene, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:30	<b>Biodiversity and liability in the EU: A law and economics perspective on remedies</b> Francesca Leucci, Bologna, Rotterdam and Hamburg Universities (European Doctorate in Law and Economics)
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30	<b>Guided walk through the nature reserve Isle of Vilm</b> Meeting Point: Entrance Conference Centre BfN
15:00	<b>How corporate sustainability reporting can help redirecting monetary flows</b> Max Kolb, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) Germany
16:00	<i>Break</i>

## II Economic incentive settings within Europe

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- 16:30      **Case study Germany: A big turn needs inspiration - perverse subsidies vs. what we could gain when public money will promote biodiversity**  
t.b.d., Friends of the Earth (BUND) Germany
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- 17:30      **Environmentally harmful subsidies in Germany: Focus on biodiversity**  
Florian Zerzawy, Forum Ökologisch-Soziale Marktwirtschaft e.V.
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- 18:30      *Dinner*
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- 19:30      **Biodiversity damaging subsidies in Switzerland – overview, reform options and status of current efforts**  
Lena Gubler, Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL
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**Thursday, 15.06.2023**

## III Economic incentive settings – international perspectives

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*From 07:30 Breakfast*

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- 09:00      **A holistic perspective on economic incentives and biodiversity in Africa**  
Anthony Banyouko Ndah, Plymouth Marine Laboratory & IOC-UNESCO ECOP Africa
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- 10:00      **Perspectives on the foreign economic interest and complex drivers of biodiversity loss in rural Africa: Focus on pangolins and related species**  
Olusola Adeoya, Nature Cares Resource Centre & IOC- UNESCO ECOP Africa
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- 11:00      *Break*
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- 11:30      **Implications of fiscal policies for biodiversity conservation in India**  
Amarendra Das, National Institute of Science, Education and Research (NISER)
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- 12:30      *Lunch*
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- 13:30      **Decree 690 of 2021: A new opportunity to conserve Colombian forests**  
Felipe García-Cardona, Center for Biodiversity Economics and Finance, Humboldt Institute
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## IV Sector insights: Agriculture and biodiversity within Europe

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14:30	<b>Promises and pitfalls of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy</b> Mikael Skou Andersen, Aarhus University
15:30	<b>A systematic analysis of options for agri-environmental policy mixes for multifunctionality</b> Bartosz Bartkowski, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ, Department of Economics
16:30	<i>Break</i>
17:00	<b>Institutional analysis of innovative contracts for agri-environmental and climate schemes in Europe</b> Claudia Sattler, Leibniz-Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF)
18:00	<i>Dinner</i>
19:00	<b>Added tax as an instrument for agricultural transformation</b> Lennart Stein, Faculty for Business Administration, Nuremberg Institute of Technology
20:00	<b>Discussion and closing remarks</b> Edgar Schütte & Vera Taborski, BfN
20:30	<b>Evening programme</b> to be determined

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### Friday, 16.06.2023

*From 07:30 Breakfast*

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07:25	<b>Departure boat 1 (from Vilm)</b> <i>Packed breakfast will be provided</i> Departure of train at 08:00 from Lauterbach Mole to Bergen. Onward travel at 08:42 with ICE to Berlin (arrival 12:17) or at 08.55 with ICE to Hamburg (arrival Hamburg Hbf at 12:19).
08:25	<b>Departure boat 2</b> Departure 09:00 from Lauterbach Mole to Bergen. From there various connections to Berlin and Hamburg.
09:20	<b>Departure boat 3</b> Departure 11:00 from Lauterbach Mole to Bergen. From there various connections to Berlin and Hamburg. Or taxi from Lauterbach to Bergen for earlier connecting trains (from approx. 10:15 from Bergen).

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## **International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm**

### **A platform for dialogue**

The INA is a centre for capacity building and dialogue on issues with relevance to nature conservation on national and international level. The unique natural setting of the academy and the transdisciplinary, international orientation of various workshops have attracted around 50,000 people from 150 countries to Vilm since the establishment of the INA in 1990.

In cooperation with other organisations, the INA provides about 60 workshops, retreats, conferences and training events each year on national and international nature conservation topics.

More information:

[www.bfn.de/en/ina](http://www.bfn.de/en/ina)

