



## WCS EU - MANIFESTO

European Parliament Election 2019 - 2024

### Dear Candidate for the European Parliament,

In the next 5 years, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) will have a say on the direction the EU takes in protecting the environment and fighting climate change. Not only will MEPs shape new legislation, they will also scrutinise other EU institutions such as the European Commission.

### The world is changing rapidly.

Wildlife and wild places around the world have never been under greater threat from human-caused pressures, including habitat conversion for intensive agriculture, climate change, and escalations in the exploitation of species, including for the illegal wildlife trade. According to the 2019 IUCN's Red List of Threatened Species, globally 40% of species of amphibians, 31% of sharks and rays, 25% of mammals and 14% of bird species are threatened with extinction.

### It is not too late and it is still possible to reverse the trend.

It's the moment to take a stand, make your voice heard, and let EU citizens know that you care about biodiversity.

**WCS EU calls on the new MEPs to fully support policies that:**

- Halt biodiversity loss
- Halt deforestation
- Stop illegal trade in timber and wildlife
- Tackle climate change
- Protect the oceans



**Join the EP cross-party interest group  
MEPs for Wildlife**





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### As Member of the next European Parliament you can pledge to:

1. Ensure the EU meets its responsibility towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
2. Champion a strong EU Biodiversity Strategy post-2020
3. Support a comprehensive EU initiative on deforestation and forest degradation
4. Support a follow up to the 2016 EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking, and advocate for a full ban on the sale of ivory to, from, and within the EU
5. Champion substantial increase of environment and climate related foreign aid, including advocating for the funding of the European Commission's "Larger than Elephants" and "Larger than Tigers" strategies
6. Ensure a leading EU role in international and multilateral fora, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

We would be pleased to meet with you and provide any additional information or respond to your questions. Don't hesitate to contact us.

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### WCS EU

The mission of WCS EU, based in Brussels, is to save wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature. To achieve our mission, we draw upon the Wildlife Conservation Society's global field expertise and experience to identify, formulate, and articulate policy positions on issues such as wildlife trade and wildlife trafficking, integrating the conservation of wildlife and wild places into the European Union's development aid programmes, and sharing this information with decision-makers.

