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**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS  
of December 21, 2021 No. 733**

**NATIONAL ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE  
OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
FOR 2021-2025**

For the purpose of the fulfillment by the Republic of Belarus of the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity of June 5, 1992 and the Protocols adopted in its development, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus DECIDES:

1. Approve the National Action Plan for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for 2021-2025 (hereinafter, unless otherwise provided, referred to as “the National Plan” (attached).

2. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection shall:

Bring the National Plan to the notice of responsible persons and other state bodies and organizations concerned;

Coordinate the implementation of the National Plan and monitor its progress;

Annually, by April 20 of the year following the reporting one, submit to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus information on the progress in the implementation of the National Plan.

3. Annually, by April 1 of the year following the reporting one, shall submit to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection information on the progress in its implementation.

4. Introduce to the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus “On Some Issues in the Field of the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity” of November 19, 2010 No. 1707 the amendments as follows:

The title shall be worded as follows:

“On the Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity”;

Paragraph 1:

the word “attached” shall be excluded;

shall be supplemented with the word “(is attached)”;

The Strategy for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity approved by this Resolution:

Chapter 1:

Part 4:

the word “year” shall be replaced with the words “yr No. 2358-XII”;

the words “(Viedamašci Viarchoŭnaha Savieta Respubliki Bielaruś, 1993, No. 27, art. 347)” shall be excluded;

In Part 5, the words “(Collections of Decrees, Edicts of the President and Resolutions of the Government of the Republic of Belarus 1997, No. 17-18, art. 653)” shall be excluded;

Chapter 2:

Part 1 shall be worded as follows:

“Lands under natural complexes and ecological systems of the Republic of Belarus occupy 11,839.7 thousand hectares, or 57% of the country's territory (20,760.9 thousand hectares), and are forest lands — 8,882.7 thousand hectares (42.7%), lands under tree and shrub vegetation — 957.3 thousand hectares (4.6%), meadows — 753.5 thousand hectares (3.6%), bogs — 783.1 thousand hectares (3.8%) and water bodies — 463.3 thousand hectares (2.2%).”;

Sentence 3 of Part 6 shall be worded as follows: “From 2015 to 2020, the share of forests increased from 39.3% to 40.1% of the country's area.”;

Sentence 1 of Part 7 shall be worded as follows:

“Due to the drainage of bogs over the past 50 years, their area has significantly decreased and constitutes 863 thousand hectares.”;

Sentence 2 of Part 8 shall be worded as follows: “For the purpose of its preservation in the Republic of Belarus, 11 free-living micropopulations of more than 2248 individuals have been created.”;

Chapter 3:

Part 1 shall be worded as follows:

“In order to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, the Laws of the Republic of Belarus “On Environmental Protection” of November 26, 1992 No. 1982-XII; “On the Plant Kingdom” of June 14, 2003 No. 205-3; “On Safety in Genetic Engineering Activity” of January 9, 2006 No. 96-3; “On the Animal Kingdom” of July 10, 2007 No. 257-3; “On Specially Protected Natural Areas” of November 15, 2018 No. 150-3; “On the Protection and Use of Peatlands” of December 18, 2019 No. 272-3 and other normative legal acts were adopted.

Part 2:

Paragraph 2:

the words “1993 year” shall be replaced with the words “yr 1993 No. 2358-XII”;

the words “On the ratification of the Convention on Biological Diversity” (Viedamaści Viarchoŭnaha Savieta Respubliki Bielaruś, 1993, No. 27, art. 347)” shall be excluded;

Paragraph 3:

the word “year” shall be replaced with the words “yr No. 97-3”;

the words “(National Register of Legal Acts of the Republic of Belarus, 2002, No. 53-54, 2/846)” shall be excluded;

In Paragraph 4 the words “(National Legal Internet Portal of the Republic of Belarus, May 27, 2014 1/15028)” shall be excluded;

Paragraph 5:

the word “year” shall be replaced with the words “yr No. 3462-XII”;

the words “(Viedamaści Viarchoŭnaha Savieta Respubliki Bielaruś, 1995, No. 24-25, art. 339)” shall be excluded;

In Paragraph 6, the words “(National Register of Legal Acts of the Republic of Belarus, 1999, No. 41, 1/377)” shall be excluded;

In Paragraph 7, the words “(National Register of Legal Acts of the Republic of Belarus, 2003, No. 32, 1/4443)” shall be excluded;

In Paragraph 8, the words “(National Legal Internet Portal of the Republic of Belarus, February 9, 2013, 1/14069)” shall be excluded;

In Part 3, the words “(National Legal Internet Portal of the Republic of Belarus, July 24, 2015 1/15946)” shall be excluded;

Part 4 shall be worded as follows:

The Strategy for the implementation of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat approved by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of February 10, 2009 No. 177; and the National Strategy for the Development of the System of Specially Protected Natural Areas until January 1, 2030 approved by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of July 2, 2014 No. 649; and the National Action Plan for the Prevention of Land (Soil) Degradation for 2021-2025 of June 15, 2021 No. 341 are executed.

In Part 5, the words “(National Legal Internet Portal of the Republic of Belarus, November 6, 2014 5/39652)” and “(National Legal Internet Portal of the Republic of Belarus, June 6, 2015 5/40616)” shall be excluded;

Paragraph 1, Part 2, Chapter 5 shall be supplemented with the words “, and 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which was held on 11-15 October 2021, Kunming (the People’s Republic of China)”.

5. The Resolution shall come into force after its official publication.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus

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Activity	Executive Agents	Time Frame, Years	Planned Outcomes
<b>Improving legal regulation and methodological support in the field of biological diversity, public participation in the adoption of environmentally significant solutions.</b>			
1. Preparing of proposals for the improvement of legal regulation of public relations in the field of conservation and use of the Animal Kingdom.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (NAS of Belarus)	2021 - 2022	Introducing amendments to the Law “On the Animal Kingdom” of the Republic of Belarus of July 10, 2007 No. 257-3.
2. Preparing of proposals for the legal regulation of public relations associated with genetic resources management.		2021 - 2023	Development of the draft Law “On Genetic Resources Management” of the Republic of Belarus.
3. Preparing of proposals for improving the legal regulation of public relations in the field of biological diversity.	"	2022 - 2025	Introducing amendments regulating public relations in the field of biosafety, including on the detection and identification of the products of biotechnology, a risk assessment when making decisions on biosafety issues.

4. Improving of methodological approaches to a cost estimate of ecosystem services based on the analysis of international experience in carrying out of such an estimate.	"	2023 - 2025	Carrying out of analysis of international experience in the assessment of ecosystem services to improve an assessment methodology.
5. Including the issues of conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, its cost estimation in draft concepts, forecasts, state programs related to the use of natural resources and having impacts on natural complexes and ecological systems, as well as in land management schemes and projects, schemes for the integrated territorial organization of areas.	State authorities and other organizations involved in the development of documents specified in Paragraph 5 of the National Plan	2021 - 2025	Including the issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, its value in draft concepts, forecasts, state programs related to the use of natural resources and having effects on natural complexes and ecological systems, as well as in land management schemes and projects, schemes for the integrated territorial organization of areas.
6. Ensuring the operation of an Inter-Agency Board on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity a composition of which is subject to approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	2021 - 2025	Holding, during the period of the implementation of the National Plan, of at least 3 meetings of the Inter-Agency Board on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

7. Ensuring the operation of an Expert Board on Safety of Genetically Engineered Organisms a composition of which is subject to approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.		2021 - 2025	Holding of meetings of an Expert Board on Safety of Genetically Engineered Organisms of the Ministry of Natural Resources, as and when applications are received.
<b>Enhancing of a tracking system in the field of biological diversity.</b>			
8. Maintaining the Animal Kingdom Cadastre.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Organization of work of state authorities and other organizations on maintaining of the Animal Kingdom Cadastre.
9. Mapping, restoration of existing and identification of new spawning grounds for valuable fish species.	NAS of Belarus, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, tenants and users of fishing grounds	2021 - 2025	Formation of a database of spawning grounds of valuable fish species and ensuring its maintenance.

10. Maintaining the Plant Kingdom Cadastre.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Maintaining the Plant Kingdom Cadastre.
11. Maintaining the State Land Cadastre.	State Property Committee, Regional Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Maintaining the State Land Cadastre.
12. Maintaining the State Water Cadastre.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	2021 - 2025	Maintaining the State Water Cadastre.
13. Maintaining the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory.	"	2021 - 2025	Maintaining the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory.
14. Maintaining the Cadastre of Specially Protected Natural Areas of the Republic of Belarus.	"	2021 - 2025	Maintaining the Cadastre of Specially Protected Natural Areas of the Republic of Belarus.



15. Updating of data on the natural areas of international importance.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus	2023 - 2025	Introducing of amendments and additions to the database on the natural areas of international importance.
16. Formation of the Peatlands Register and ensuring its maintenance.	NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Systematization of data on peatlands in the Peatlands Register and ensuring its functioning.
17. Establishing the boundaries of peatlands, hydrological buffer zones of natural bogs.	Regional Executive Committees, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Establishing, applying on planimetric and cartographic documents and approving the boundaries of peatlands, hydrological buffer zones of natural bogs.
18. Updating the genetic resources database of wild plant species listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus.	NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Replenishing the database on genetic resources of wild species listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus with no less than 75 species of wild plants.

19. Ensuring the maintenance of the Databank of a Human, Animals, Plants, and Microorganisms of the Republic of Belarus.	"	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the operation of the Databank of a Human, Animals, Plants and Microorganisms of the Republic of Belarus.
20. Ensuring the maintenance of a database of passport (certificate) and descriptive data of the samples of the gene pool of economically valuable plants and animals.	"	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the operation of a database of passport (certificate) and descriptive data of the samples of the gene pool of economically valuable plants and animals.
21. Carrying out of Animal and Plant Kingdom monitoring, integrated monitoring of ecological systems in specially protected natural areas (hereinafter, unless otherwise specified, referred to as SPNAs), and integrated monitoring of peatlands.	NAS of Belarus, State Environmental Institutions involved in SPNAs management	2021 - 2024	Collection and analysis of monitoring data on Plant and Animal Kingdoms, integrated monitoring of ecological systems in SPNAs, integrated monitoring of peatlands.
<b>Development of the system of specially protected natural areas (SPNAs); conservation and sustainable use of natural ecological systems; development of ecological tourism in SPNAs; restoration of disturbed ecological systems.</b>			
22. Implementation of the scheme for the rational allocation of specially protected	Ministry of Natural Resources and	2021 - 2023	Preparing draft regulatory legal acts aimed at the implementation of

<p>natural areas of republican significance until January 1, 2025 approved by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of July 2, 2014 No. 649 and regional schemes for the rational allocation of specially protected natural areas of local significance for the period until January 1, 2024 approved by Decisions of local Councils of Deputies.</p>	<p>Environmental Protection and its territorial bodies, Regional Executive Committees, NAS of Belarus</p>		<p>measures planned by the scheme for the rational allocation of specially protected natural areas of republican significance until January 1, 2025 and regional schemes for the rational allocation of specially protected natural areas of local significance for the period until January 1, 2024. The area of SPNAs will be no less than 9.1% of the country's territory.</p>
<p>23. Development of a draft scheme for the rational allocation of SPNAs of republican significance until January 1, 2035, including the inventory of natural monuments of republican significance.</p>	<p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus</p>	<p>2022 - 2023</p>	<p>Preparing and approving of a scheme for the rational allocation of SPNAs of republican significance until January 1, 2035; undertaking an inventory of the natural monuments of republican significance.</p>
<p>24. Development of draft regional schemes for the rational allocation of SPNAs of local significance until 2034, including the inventory of natural monuments of local significance.</p>	<p>Regional Executive Committees, NAS of Belarus</p>	<p>2022 - 2023</p>	<p>Preparing and approving of regional schemes for the rational allocation of SPNAs of local significance until 2034; undertaking an inventory of natural monuments of local significance.</p>

25. Implementation of the National Ecological Network scheme approved by Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus of March 13, 2018 No. 108.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus, Regional Executive Committees	2021 - 2025	Implementing measures of the National Ecological Network scheme.
26. Transfer of typical and/or rare natural landscapes and biotopes to the users of land lots and/or water bodies under protection, as well as examination of typical and/or rare natural landscapes and biotopes transferred to the users of land lots and/or water bodies under protection.	Regional Executive Committees, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Implementing of measures for identifying and transferring of typical and/or rare natural landscapes and biotopes with an area of at least 9 thousand hectares to the users of land lots and/or water bodies under protection.
27. Ensuring the conservation of wetland ecological systems important for biodiversity conservation and carbon sequestration.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Regional Executive Committees	2022 - 2025	Conservation of wetland ecological systems by declaring them as SPNAs or natural areas subject to special protection.
28. Updating the Management Plan for the National Park “Belovezhskaya”	Administration of the Affairs of the	2022	Introducing amendments to the Management Plan of the National

Pushcha”, including with account taken of its status as the transboundary UNESCO World Heritage Site.	President of the Republic of Belarus		Park “Belovezhskaya Pushcha”, including with account taken of its status as the transboundary UNESCO World Heritage Site.
29. Updating the Management Plan for the National Park “Braslavskie Ozyora”.		2022	Introducing amendments to the Management Plan of the National Park “Braslavskie Ozyora”.
30. Development of Management Plans for the reserves (zakazniks) of republican significance.	Vitebsk and Gomel Regional Executive Committees	2021 - 2024	Preparing and approving of Management Plans for the reserves (zakazniks) of republican significance “Boloto Mokh”, “Vydritsa”, “Dniepra-Sožski”, and “Smychok”.
31. Implementation of SPNA Management Plans.	Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Regional Executive Committees, Environmental Institutions involved in SPNAs	2021 - 2025	Implementation of SPNA Management Plans.

	management		
32. Development and approval of Management Plans for Wetlands.	Regional Executive Committees, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Preparing and approving of Management Plans for Wetlands important for the conservation of biodiversity and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions on an area of up to 3.5 thousand hectares.
33. Development and implementation of projects for the ecological rehabilitation of disturbed peatlands.	Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Regional Executive Committees	2021 - 2025	Implementing of projects for the ecological rehabilitation of disturbed peatlands on an area of at least 4.8 thousand hectares.
34. Elaboration of development strategies for the ecological tourism in SPNAs included in the list of specially protected natural areas promising for the development of ecological tourism in accordance with Annex 2 to the National Strategy for the Development of the System of Specially Protected Natural Areas until January 1, 2030 approved by	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Regional Executive	2022 - 2024	Preparing of development strategies for ecological tourism in SPNAs promising for the development of ecological tourism.

the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of July 2, 2014 No. 649 (hereinafter referred to as “the SPNA list”).	Committees, NAS of Belarus		
35. Implementation of measures for building of infrastructure for the development of ecological tourism in SPNAs.	Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Ministry of Forestry, Regional Executive Committees	2021 - 2025	Implementing measures for building of infrastructure for the development of ecological tourism in SPNAs included in the list of SPNAs.
36. Development of the “Single Style” concept for SPNAs and an Action Plan for its integration into pilot SPNAs.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	2022 - 2023	Preparing the “Single Style” concept for SPNAs and an Action Plan for its integration into the reserves (zakazniks) of republican significance “Osveisky”, “Naliboksky”, “Ozyory”, and “Krasny Bor”.
37. Development of guidelines for the creation of ecotourism clusters and an ecotourism product in SPNAs.	"	2022	Preparing of guidelines for the creation of ecotourism clusters and an ecotourism product in SPNAs.

38. Development of a system of voluntary environmental certification of an ecotourism product in SPNAs.		2022 - 2023	Preparing of a system of voluntary environmental certification of an ecotourism product in SPNAs and carrying out of certification of the reserves (zakazniks) of republican significance “Osveisky”, “Naliboksky”, “Ozyory” and “Krasny Bor”.
39. Creation of brands, development and registration of SPNAs trademarks.		2023	Formation of brands, development and registration of trademarks for the reserves (zakazniks) of republican significance “Osveisky”, “Naliboksky”, “Ozyory” and “Krasny Bor”.
40. Creation of ecotourism clusters on the base of individual SPNAs included in the SPNAs list.		2023	Formation of ecotourism clusters on the base of the reserves (zakazniks) of republican significance “Osveisky”, “Naliboksky”, “Ozyory” and “Krasny Bor”.



<b>Conservation and sustainable use of animal and plant kingdom objects; establishing of terms and conditions for preventing of harmful effects on biological diversity as a result of economic and another activity.</b>			
41. Preparing the layout of the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus (wild plants and wild animals) and its fifth edition.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus	2023 - 2024	Designing the layout of the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus (wild plants and wild animals) and its fifth edition in Russian and Belarusian.
42. Identifying and transferring the habitats of wild animals and the habitats of wild plants belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus to the users of land lots and/or water bodies under protection, as well as examining the habitats of wild animals and the habitats of wild plants, belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus, transferred to the users of land lots and/or water objects under protection.		2021 - 2025	Transferring of at least 700 habitats of wild animals and wild plants belonging to the species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus to the users of land lots and/or water objects under protection.
43. Updating the Management Plan for the Belarusian Population of the European Bison, its resettlement scheme,	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental	2022 - 2024	Preparing of the Management Plan for the Belarusian Population of the European Bison, its resettlement

as well as developing (updating) of Action Plans for European Bison Micropopulations.	Protection, NAS of Belarus, holders of European bison micropopulations		scheme, as well as the development of Action Plans for Individual European Bison Micropopulations.
44. Development of biological justifications for the creation of new micropopulations of the European bison.	NAS of Belarus	2022 - 2025	Developing biological justifications for the creation of at least two micropopulations of the European bison.
45. Implementation of measures for the conservation and sustainable use of the European bison.	Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Ministry for Emergency Situations, Regional Executive Committees, holders of European bison micropopulations	2021 - 2025	Implementing measures for the conservation and sustainable use of the European bison, including the establishment of the Scientific and Breeding Centre "Nikor", building of enclosures, maintaining the network of feeding stations etc.
46. Assessing the current state of bear,	Ministry of Natural	2021 - 2024	Assessing the current state of bear,

lynx and badger populations and the development/update of Management Plans for the populations of these species of wild animals.	Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus		lynx and badger populations with the development/update of Management Plans for the populations of these species of wild animals.
47. Building and installing of artificial nests for birds and bats belonging to the species of wild animals listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus.	Regional Executive Committees, Ministry of Forestry, State Environmental Institutions involved in SPNAs management	2021 - 2025	Installing of at least 90 artificial nests for birds and bats belonging to the species of wild animals listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus.
48. Ensuring the operation of the Belarusian Bird Ringing Centre and Bird Ringing Stations (Turov & Yaselda).	NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Bird Ringing Centres and Stations with annual ringing of at least 10 thousand birds (upon availability of rings) are operational.
49. Development of Action Plans for the conservation of wild animals belonging to the species listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus	2022 - 2023	Preparing of at least 10 Action Plans for the conservation of wild animals belonging to the species listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus (the Eurasian curlew, the broad-fingered crayfish, the thick shelled river mussel, the

			depressed river mussel, the great capricorn beetle, the hermit beetle etc.)
50. Development of the Management Plan for the Przewalski's Horse Population.	"	2022 - 2023	Preparing of the Management Plan for the Przewalski's Horse Population.
51. Reintroduction of the Tarpan horse.	Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, NAS of Belarus, Ministry of Forestry	2022 - 2025	Carrying out of the Tarpan reintroduction to restore the biological diversity and the structure of natural ecosystems (at least 2 populations).
52. Implementation of measures for the resettlement and reintroduction of the species of wild animals listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus	2022 - 2025	Restoring of at least 10 populations of wild animal species listed in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus (the broad-fingered crayfish, the aquatic warbler, the thick shelled river mussel etc.)
53. Reintroduction and resettlement of sturgeon and other fish species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus and/or subject to the	"	2022 - 2025	Reintroduction and resettlement into new habitats of sturgeon and other fish species included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus

International Treaties of the Republic of Belarus into new habitats.			and/or subject to the International Treaties of the Republic of Belarus.
54. Prevention of the death of wild animals in places of their mass migration during the construction/reconstruction of auto roads.	Regional Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, NAS of Belarus, Ministry of Transport and Communications	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the implementation of measures for the prevention of death of wild animals in sections of auto roads at their construction and reconstruction.
55. Prevention of an electric shock to birds on overhead electric power lines.	Ministry of Energy, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the development and implementation of measures aimed at the prevention of an electric shock to birds on overhead electric power lines.
56. Generating a forecast of potential environmental and economic threats arising as a result of the penetration of new invasive alien species of wild animals and invasive plants into the aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems of the Republic of Belarus and	NAS of Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	2022 - 2023	Preventing the penetration and dissemination of new invasive alien species of wild animals and invasive plants into aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems of the Republic of Belarus.

recommendations for preventing the penetration and spread of new invasive alien species of wild animals and invasive plants into the aquatic and terrestrial ecological systems of the Republic of Belarus.			
57. Implementation of measures for regulating the dissemination and abundance of Sosnowsky's hogweed and other invasive alien species of wild animals and invasive plants.	Regional Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Ensuring a reduction in the dissemination of the most aggressive alien species — Sosnowsky's hogweed, <i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i> on the area of at least 30% to the level of 2020.
58. Ensuring the operation of a nursery for the reproduction of birds of the grouse family ( <i>Tetraonidae</i> ).	Ministry of Forestry, State Environmental Institution involved in the administration of the Republican Landscape Reserve "Naliboksky"	2021 - 2025	An increase in the number of the western capercaillie in the reserve (zakaznik) by 5% as a result of the functioning of a nursery for the reproduction of birds of the grouse family on the basis of the Republican Landscape Reserve "Naliboksky".
59. Stocking of fishing grounds with native fish species, formation of	Regional Executive Committees,	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the stocking of fishing grounds with native fish species in

replacement and brood stocks of native fish species.	Ministry of Agriculture and Food		accordance with fish-breeding and biological justifications for fishery management and biological justifications for stocking that have a positive conclusion of the state ecological expertise.
60. Carrying out of fish stock replenishment measures aimed at improving of conditions for the natural reproduction of fish.	Ministry of Agriculture and Food, NAS of Belarus, tenants of fishing grounds	2021 - 2025	Improving conditions for the natural reproduction of fish. Carrying out of fish breeding and reclamation activities, including the restoration of spawning grounds in the floodplains of Pripyat, Dnieper, and Neman Rivers.
61. Improving of biotechnical standards for stocking of fishing grounds with native fish species.	Ministry of Agriculture and Food, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the enhancement of biotechnical standards for stocking of fishing grounds with native fish species.
62. Conducting a phased transfer to the Forest Fund of marginal agricultural and disturbed lands suitable for the formation and cultivation of forests and plantation forest crops.	Regional Executive Committees, Ministry of Forestry, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Transfer of marginal agricultural and disturbed lands to the Forest Fund; afforestation of unforested lands as part of the Forest Fund; an increase in the forest area up to 40.3% of the country's territory.

63. Carrying out of reconstruction of subsidiary forest plantations.	Ministry of Forestry, Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Ministry for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Education, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the reconstruction of subsidiary forest plantations using silvicultural techniques.
64. Implementation of forest management and forest exploitation, taking into account of international criteria for sustainable forest management.	Ministry of Forestry, Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Implementation of forest management and forest exploitation, taking into account of international criteria for sustainable forest management.
65. Development of forest nursery management and technologies for growing of the planting material of the main forest forming tree species with a root-balled system.	NAS of Belarus, Belarusian State Technological University, Ministry of Forestry	2021 - 2025	Growing of at least 20 million seedlings with a root-balled system annually.



66. Increasing the area of forests with an introduced forest certification system.	Ministry of Forestry, Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Maintaining the share (percentage) of Forestry Institutions in the territory of which forest certification has been carried out, taking into account requirements of the international scheme of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and within the framework of the Forest Certification System of the National Compliance Assessment System of the Republic of Belarus recognized by the Pan European Forest Certification Council (PEFC), and their areas in relation to all forests of Belarus.
67. Ensuring sustainable agriculture, taking into account the conservation of biological diversity.	Regional Executive Committees, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Ensuring sustainable agriculture, taking into account the conservation of biological diversity on an area of at least 1 million hectares.
68. Development of management plans for the river basin of the Neman and Zapadnaya Dvina Rivers, taking into	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental	2022 - 2025	Improving the ecological state (status) of surface water bodies (their parts) to provide favorable

account the conservation of biological diversity.	Protection, Regional Executive Committees		conditions for the reproduction of aquatic biological resources.
69. Implementation of Management Plan measures for Dnieper, Western Bug, and Pripyat basins.	Regional Executive Committees	2021 - 2025	Ensure the implementation of Management Plans for Dnieper, Western Bug, and Pripyat basins.
70. Ensuring the fulfillment of voluntary commitments assumed by the Republic of Belarus in accordance with the Paris Agreement to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of December 12, 2015.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	2021 - 2025	A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 33% by 2025 (to the level of 1990).
71. Development of schemes for the green areas of common use in cities.	Regional Executive Committees	2021 - 2025	Ensuring the development and implementation of schemes for the green areas of common use of regional and district centers.
<b>Development of an information support system for activities on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; increasing the level of awareness-raising of the public, local residents, representatives of state bodies and other organizations on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.</b>			
72. Preparation, publication and	Ministry of Natural	2021 - 2025	Annual edition and distribution of

distribution of guidebooks, maps, memos, booklets and other promotional and information materials on activities for the conservation of biological diversity in Belarusian, Russian and English languages.	Resources and Environmental Protection, Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Regional Executive Committees		at least 50 types of information materials on biological diversity and activities for its conservation.
73. Holding of conferences, round tables, exhibitions, and festivals.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Regional Executive Committees, NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	Holding of at least 20 conferences, 25 workshops and round tables on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as well as festivals “Sporovskiye Senokosy” (Sporovskiye Haymakers), “Secrets of Pribuzhsky Polesye”, “Cranes & Cranberries”, “Makovei” etc.
74. Ensuring the operation of the “Green Schools” Network.	Regional Executive Committees, Minsk City Executive Committee, Ministry of Education	2021 - 2025	At least 150 “Green Schools” are operational.

<p>75. Development of an institution of volunteering, support of public initiatives in addressing the issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.</p>	<p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus, Regional Executive Committees, State Environmental Institutions involved in SPNAs management</p>	<p>2021 - 2025</p>	<p>Development of an institution of volunteering, support of public initiatives in addressing the issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.</p>
<p>76. Organizing and holding of press conferences, thematic briefings, exhibitions on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity</p>	<p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education, Regional Executive Committees,</p>	<p>2021 - 2025</p>	<p>Holding of at least 10 press conferences, thematic briefings, exhibitions on the issues of the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.</p>

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77. Ensuring the operation of National Clearing-Houses for the issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (including monitoring the use of genetic resources) and biosafety.	NAS of Belarus	2021 - 2025	National Clearing-Houses (websites) for the issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (including monitoring the use of genetic resources) and biosafety are operational.
78. Preparation and publication of the compilations “Specially Protected Natural Areas of Belarus” and “Belovezhskaya Pushcha”.	Administration of the Affairs of the President of the Republic of Belarus	2022 - 2025	Annual editions of compilations “Specially Protected Natural Areas of Belarus” and “Belovezhskaya Pushcha”.
79. Advanced training of heads and employees of institutions that exercise SPNAs management; employees of the territorial bodies of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection organizing nature conservation and tourist activities in SPNAs.	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection	2022, 2024	Advanced training of at least 50 heads and employees of institutions that exercise SPNAs management; employees of the territorial bodies of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection organizing nature conservation and tourist activities in SPNAs.

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<p>80. Ensuring the participation of the representatives of the Republic of Belarus in the activities held in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity of June 5, 1992, and its Protocols and other International Treaties related to the conservation of biological and landscape diversity.</p>	<p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, other Republican Bodies of State Administration, NAS of Belarus, other organizations, including NGOs</p>	<p>2021 - 2025</p>	<p>Ensuring the participation of the representatives of the Republic of Belarus in the activities held in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity of June 5, 1992, and its Protocols and other International Treaties related to the conservation of biological and landscape diversity.</p>
<p>81. Preparing of proposals for attracting International Technical Assistance for the implementation of projects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, access to genetic resources and biosafety.</p>	<p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, NAS of Belarus, Regional Executive Committees</p>	<p>2021 - 2025</p>	<p>Attracting International Technical Assistance for the implementation of projects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, access to genetic resources and biosafety.</p>
<p>82. Development of a draft National Action Plan for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for 2026-2030.</p>	<p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection</p>	<p>2025</p>	<p>Development of a draft National Action Plan for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for 2026-2030.</p>

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