

Progress in 2006 since signing the Declaration

1. **Enhancing** the network of designated sites:
 - 8 new protected areas (a total of 3,256 ha);
 - 2 new forest reserve sites (a total of 784 ha);
 - 3 areas in the process of being designated (altogether 10,911 ha);
 - Land purchase in protected areas and taking state-owned, protected land managed by other sectors (e.g. defence) under the management of conservational bodies (supposed to reach 1000 hectares by the end of 2007).

2. **Complying** with EU legislation and international conventions signed by Hungary in the field of nature conservation:
 - World Wetlands Day (02/02/2007): Integration of two separated Ramsar sites (Slovakia, Hungary) along the River Ipoly as cross-border Ramsar site, this way to co-operate in the field of management, conservational and educational measures.

3. **Strengthening** financial and legislative capacities for nature conservation:
 - Development of the financial system for nature conservation from the EU's European Rural Development Funds (Environment and Energy Operational Programme, Wise management of natural assets), focusing on protected sites and species, and species and habitats of Community importance;
 - Lobbying for the integration of conservational approaches into financial systems of other sectors.

4. **Raising** public awareness of the 2010 biodiversity target:
 - 109 Green Kindergartens since the launch of the "Green Kindergarten" programme (September 2006);
 - 64 new "Eco-school" awards;
 - Launching the Network of Eco-conscious Training Institutions with 62 partners;
 - Website: www.termesztvedelem.hu

5. **Management** of sites and species:
 - Species Action Plan for 4 species;
 - Transition Facility project for the monitoring and management of Natura 2000 species and habitats;
 - Management plans of 3 protected areas;
 - Management plans of the 8 new protected areas;
 - Management plans of 2 protected areas are under elaboration.