

## NATURE & BIODIVERSITY

Ireland is committed to halt biodiversity loss by **2020**

Globally, species are being lost up to **1000** times faster than the natural rate mainly because of human activity

### IRISH RED LIST ENDANGERED SPECIES

**30%**

of Irish bee species are threatened

**15%**

of Irish water beetle, butterfly, dragonfly and damselfly species are threatened

**5%**

of Ireland's total species diversity has been Red Listed to date

### SPECIES

**46%**

of listed species have favourable status

### HABITATS

**9%**

of listed habitats have favourable status

Our biodiversity is under threat from:  
HABITAT LOSS  
POLLUTION  
LAYING OF POISON

Ecologically unsuitable grazing is one of the biggest pressures on habitats

Ireland has a lot of internationally important habitats eg  
LIMESTONE PAVEMENTS  
TURLOUGHS  
PEATLANDS

The Corn Bunting is now extinct in Ireland

Alien invasive species, eg zebra mussel are on the increase

Ireland's marine environment is particularly biodiverse and rich for whales, dolphins & porpoises

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**1**

Be conscious of conserving sensitive habitats when undertaking new developments



**2**

Avoid picking wild plants or flowers and disturbing wildlife



**3**

Keep to permanent pathways when walking in bogs and hillsides



**4**

Throw litter in rubbish bins not the countryside



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