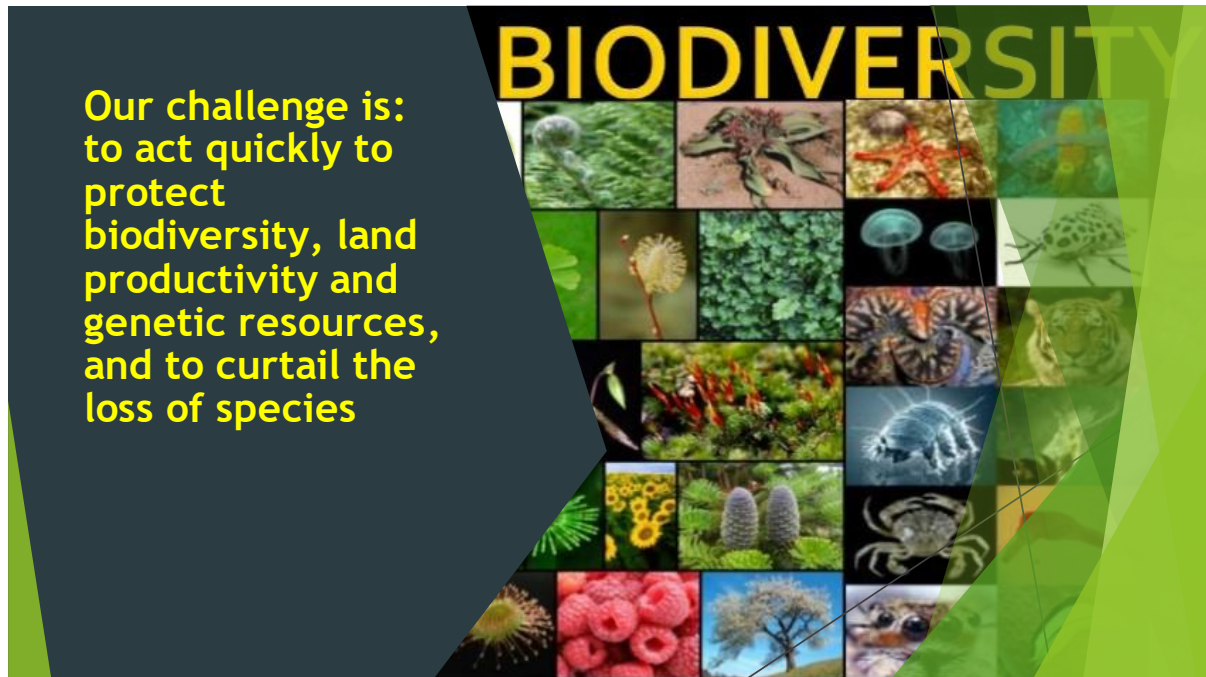


Action Card - August 2022.

Bio – Diversity



Today there is a very worrying decline in animals, birds, amphibians, corals and cycads. The reasons include de-forestation and unsustainable farming which lead to loss of habitats. One example is that 97% of UK wildflower meadows have disappeared since World War Two. There is degradation of the drylands of the world, and forest areas continue to shrink. The soils of the world have not always been cared for and are often poor.

The productivity of the whole earth is reducing. This includes the loss of cropland, grassland, grazing land and forests.

David Attenborough has said that – *'It is the whole range of bio-diversity that we must care for, the whole thing.'*

A good example of an effort to save our bio-diversity comes from the United Nations. The Lion's Share is a UN initiative aiming to improve the lives of the world's animals. Advertisers who use animals are asked to give 5% of their costs for each advertisement using an animal to the fund. The money will go to wildlife conservation and animal welfare.

Possible Actions

**Read about the world's bio-diversity loss and what we can do
'Working with Nature,' Jeremy Purseglove, published by Profile Books, 2020.**

Join or create groups to care for our bio-diversity.

Do practical things: plant trees at home or in a forest, avoid putting damaging products on the earth, including your garden. Encourage wildlife in your garden.

Make harvest festival time a special focus in your church.

'God's Good Gifts' is a Christians Aware resource for harvest time.

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