

What are the Dutch government's priorities in the Netherlands?

- *Ministries will concentrate available knowledge resources and instruments, and coordinate their use in the priority fields identified in the policy programme.*
- *A knowledge agenda will be developed for each substantive priority; this will form the basis for the ministries' research programmes.*
- *The government will investigate how to improve cooperation in managing and disseminating existing prominent Dutch biodiversity collections.*
- *The globally accepted 'DIVERSITAS Science Plan' will be implemented nationally by the ministries of OCW, NWO, LNV and VROM.*
- *There will be a new NWO programme 'Biodiversity Works'.*

What are the Dutch government's priorities in international cooperation?

- *Supporting international knowledge networks (and their development) and capacity building.*
- *Joining with and investing in prominent or promising global research infrastructure and initiatives, such as the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) and its Dutch branch, NLBIF and DIVERSITAS, Encyclopaedia of Life (EoL), and European knowledge networks in the area of marine biodiversity such as the Network of Excellence MarBEF (Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning) and terrestrial biodiversity such as NoE ALTERNET (a long-term biodiversity, ecosystem and awareness research network).*
- *Ensuring that the Netherlands' efforts in the EU and elsewhere match Dutch strengths in the field of research and policy formulation as closely as possible.*
- *Enhancing international cooperation, for example through CMS³⁰ and ESA,³¹ with respect to research on worldwide bird migration.*

On what themes and activities will the Dutch government seek to cooperate with partners in civil society?

- *Review and update of Dutch Clearing House Mechanism.*
- *Permanent cooperation with civil society to identify knowledge needs.*
- *Development of special indicators for the evaluation of biodiversity policy.*
- *Promotion of cooperation and coordination between the CBD-CHM, NLBIF, WOT-Nature, the Data Authority Nature, the Netherlands Species Register, Ecogrid and Private Data Management Organisations.*
- *Advice to the government by the Dutch Biodiversity Platform.*
- *Cooperation with internationally active knowledge partners, including Tropenbos International, ECNC, Wetlands International, Birdlife International and IUCN, and civil society organisations and research institutes in the partner regions, with the aim of promoting effective knowledge development and transfer to stakeholders and other knowledge users effectively.*
- *strengthening the role of private research institutions in the field of biodiversity.*
- *Reinforcing the cooperation and exchange between ministries' research institutes .*
- *Supporting the research plan 'Sea and Coastal Research'.*
- *Actively supporting and guaranteeing the knowledge requirements of the Coordinating Body on Invasive Exotics.*