



SDG 15 LIFE ON LAND TARGETS

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FACTS AND FIGURES



About **33%** of world soils are moderately to highly degraded. **40%** these degraded soils are in Africa and other areas that are afflicted by poverty and food insecurity.

Video-There is now a legal framework to fight Biopiracy. (The exploitation of indigenous people's traditional resources and knowledge for commercial gain and patenting).



Every year, **13 million hectares of forests are lost**. The persistent degradation of drylands has also led to the desertification of **3.6 billion hectares**, disproportionately affecting poor communities

Wildlife populations have declined by on average **69%** in the past **50 years**.



Mountains provide **60-80%** of all freshwater resources for our planet. At least half of the world's population depends on mountain ecosystem services to survive – for water, food and clean energy. At least **600** mountain glaciers have disappeared completely over the past few decades alone.





SDG 15 LIFE ON LAND IRELAND



In Ireland, one in every third species of bee is threatened with extinction.

Data availability means monitoring of SDG 15 is somewhat limited, but is ranked in 13th place by Social Justice Ireland

The Atlantic salmon, European eel and angel shark have suffered catastrophic population declines, and the freshwater pearl mussel, Ireland's longest living animal, is facing extinction

The government primarily funds the planting of non-native conifer monocultures which cause soil acidification, create excess sediment in rivers, and are often devoid of wildlife. These plantations also price small farmers off the land.



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**A Human History of Forests and
Woodlands**

PODCAST:

**Vandana Shiva on
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REGENERATION

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SDG 15 RESOURCES

CLIMATE JUSTICE
EDUCATION IN PRACTICE-
CITY OF DUBLIN ETB

ALL IRELAND
POLLINATOR PLAN
RESOURCES

BIODIVERSITY ACTION
PLANS IRELAND





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