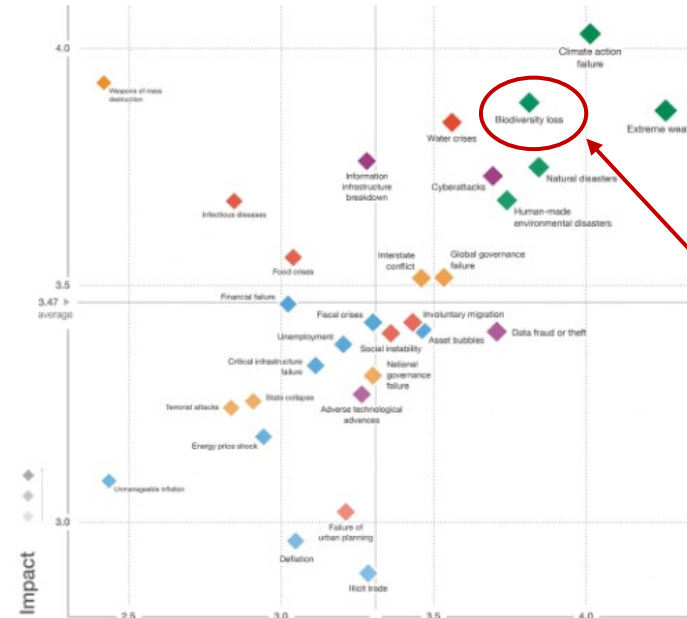


Global Trend: Biodiversity



Biodiversity refers to the variety of living species on Earth, including plants, animals, bacteria, and fungi.

Many species are being threatened with extinction due to human activities, putting the Earth's magnificent biodiversity at risk.

The World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report ranks biodiversity loss as one of the top five threats facing humanity in the next decade.

[Global Risk Report 2020 | World Economic Forum | World Economic Forum \(weforum.org\)](#)

- Pollution, climate change, and population growth are all threats to biodiversity. These threats have caused an unprecedented rise in the rate of species extinction.
- Scientists estimate that half of all species on Earth will be wiped out within the next century.* Preserving biodiversity and protecting endangered species and their habitats is quickly growing as a top sustainability priority.

* [Biodiversity \(nationalgeographic.org\)](#)

Source: World Economic Forum Global Risks Perception Survey 2019-2023

Note: Survey respondents were asked to assess the likelihood of the individual global risk on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 representing a risk that is very unlikely to happen and 5 a risk that is very likely to occur. They also assessed the impact of each global risk on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 representing a minimal impact and 5 a catastrophic impact. To ensure legibility, the names of the global risks are abbreviated; see Appendix A for the full name and description.

Expect an increasing emphasis on the protection of biodiversity