

## **SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss**

Syngenta

*Syngenta's commitment to improving "Life on Land"*

Under SDG 2030 #15 – Life on the Land the UN seeks “to conserve and restore the use of terrestrial ecosystems such as forests, wetlands, drylands, and mountains.” The goal is supported by the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) that has set the Zero Net Degradation goal, as part of SDG 15.

**Our commitment:** As part of The Good Growth Plan Syngenta has commitment to:

- Improve the fertility of 10 million hectares of farmland – this will help to halt and reverse land degradation, and combat desertification; and
- Enhance biodiversity on 5 million hectares of farmland – and thus support the halt of biodiversity loss.

**How:** Syngenta is promoting conservation practices based on minimum soil disturbance, crop rotation, permanent ground cover, and biodiversity enhancing landscape management through e.g. multifunctional field margins. These are aimed at preventing, halting, and reversing land degradation by contributing to organic carbon storage, water retention and soil biological activity, and on planting rich habitats on marginal and less productive farmland alongside fields and waterways to create interconnected habitat infrastructures.

**Specific Action:** Our concrete action is to embed soil and biodiversity enhancing protocols in our commercial offer, use demonstration farms in partnership with universities and local stakeholders, and to engage decision makers and other stakeholders in our partnership with the UNCCD Soil Leadership Academy for policy and decision makers and with commercial partners.

**Progress:** Two years into our Good Growth Plan, we have a fully transparent and audited system of measuring and reporting on progress. The progress made today is 4 million hectares, about 25% of our 2020 target of 15 million hectares. We have projects in over 30 countries in Europe, Latin America, North America and Asia. These encompass a variety of local partnerships and environmental and cultural approaches to soil conservation, create multifunctional field margins, managed forests, and biodiversity-friendly farming, directly contributing to the objective of SDG 15, to halt biodiversity loss and zero net land degradation.