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**Water Lives: scientific horizons for biodiversity and water policy**

**2014 SCIENCE POLICY SYMPOSIUM**  
**to support the implementation of the 2020 Biodiversity strategy**  
**and the EU Water Framework Directive**

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**Museum of Natural Sciences (RBINS)**

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Numerous EU biodiversity and water related policies have been designed to protect freshwater ecosystems and ensure their sustainable use. However, **major challenges still persist in the implementation of these policies**. Freshwater ecosystems support 10% of all animal species on Earth and provide a diverse array of functions and services that contribute to human well-being. In recent decades global freshwater biodiversity has declined at a greater rate compared to terrestrial and marine ecosystems.

**Why attend?**

The EU FP7 projects BioFresh and REFRESH organise a Science Policy Symposium for Freshwater Life with the aim of bringing together policy makers and stakeholders from the water, energy and conservation sector, NGOs, the scientific community and selected experts to discuss challenges to implementing the **2020 Biodiversity strategy** and the **EU Water Framework Directive**.

Hope to see you in Brussels!

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