

NaturAfrica initiative

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About NaturAfrica initiative:

- The NaturAfrica initiative is a **European Union (EU)** program aimed at supporting **biodiversity conservation** in Africa **through a people-centred approach**.
- It identifies key landscapes for conservation and development, focusing on creating jobs, improving security, and sustainable livelihoods while preserving ecosystems and wildlife.
- The initiative is structured around **two pillars**: short-term **actions in key landscapes** and medium-term support **to address the root causes of biodiversity loss** and environmental degradation by integrating these concerns into other sectors.

About European Commission:

- The European Commission is the **executive body of the European Union (EU)**, responsible for proposing new laws and policies, monitoring their implementation, managing the EU budget, and ensuring the correct application of EU policies and laws across member states.
- It is composed of **27 members**, known as Commissioners, each representing a different member state.

The Commission is led by the President, who is **elected by the European Parliament** and proposed by the European Council.

Q1. What is the European Union?

The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of 27 countries primarily located in Europe. It promotes democratic values and is a powerful trade bloc. The EU was formed to strengthen economic and political cooperation among its member states, which have a combined GDP of over \$16.6 trillion and a population of over 448 million.

Source: Fortress Conservation: Tanzania now ineligible for European Union conservation grant over Maasai evictions

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