

EUROPARC Federation



People
Passion
Protected Areas
40 Years Working for Nature



Snowdonia Wales



Skaftafell Iceland



Jostedalsbreen Norway



Kemeris, Latvia

Variety of landscapes, embedded in cultural identity. Often sculpted by nature and shaped by people. Influenced course of history, inspired artists and thinkers and enriched lives. They are our natural life support system.



Fertőhanság Hungary



Cévennes, France

These protected areas represent the land that is our inheritance, - we hold it in trust for those who come after us.



Göreme Turkey



La Albufera Spain



Triglav Slovenia



Piatra Ciului Romania



EUROPARC is the leading European organisation for protected areas bringing together dedicated professionals, agencies, academics and decision makers.

Our mission is.....to increase effectiveness in conserving and enhancing natural and cultural heritage, for the well-being and benefit of future generations

Nature knows no boundaries.....so

EUROPARC

is founded on the principle that the future
protection and conservation of nature is
achieved through

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

International cooperation works best through
PERSONAL CONTACT.

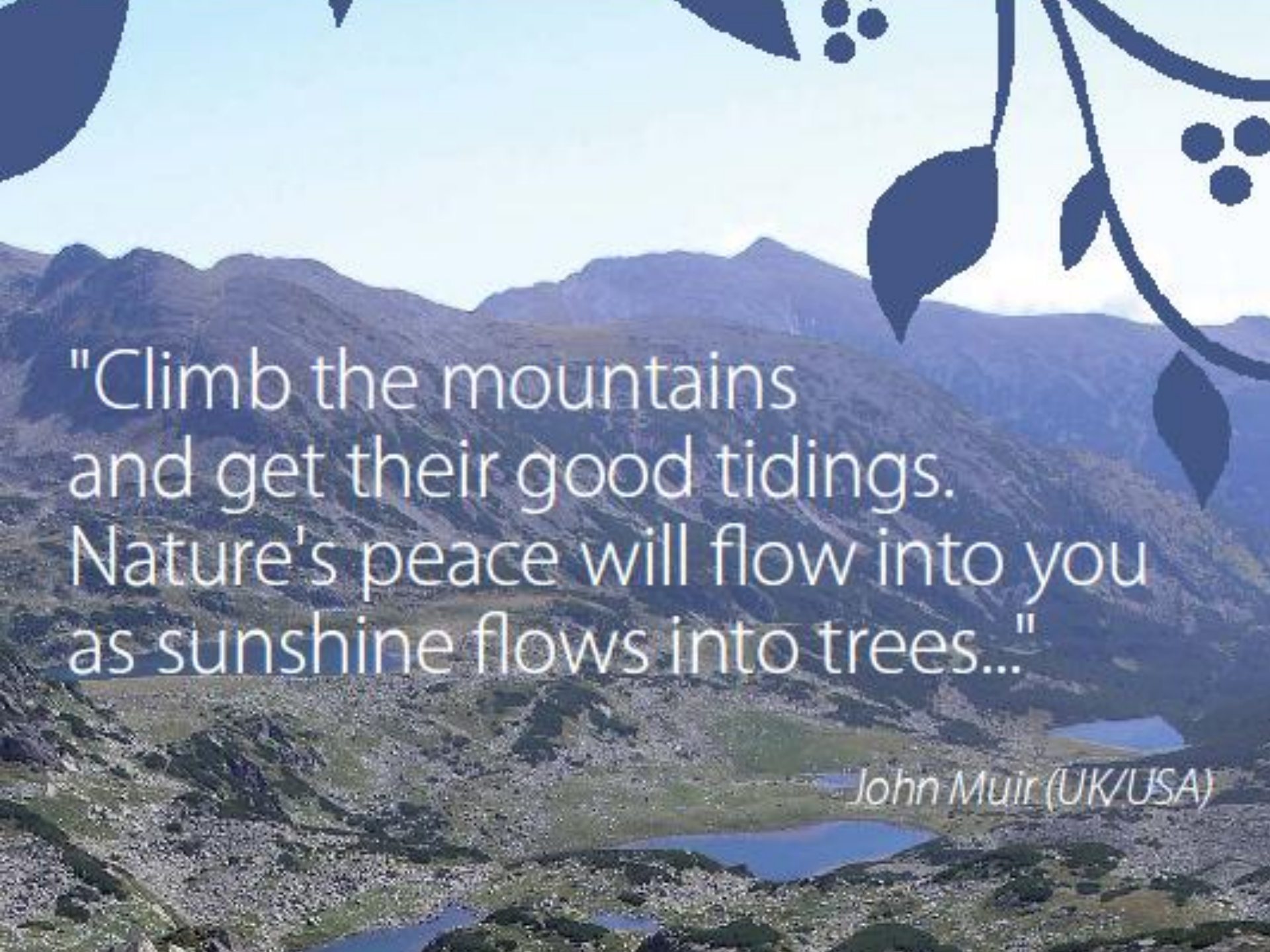
That through personal contact comes

**MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, SHARED
EXPERIENCES , KNOWLEDGE AND
INNOVATION.**

This delivers better support and management
of protected areas which ensures the

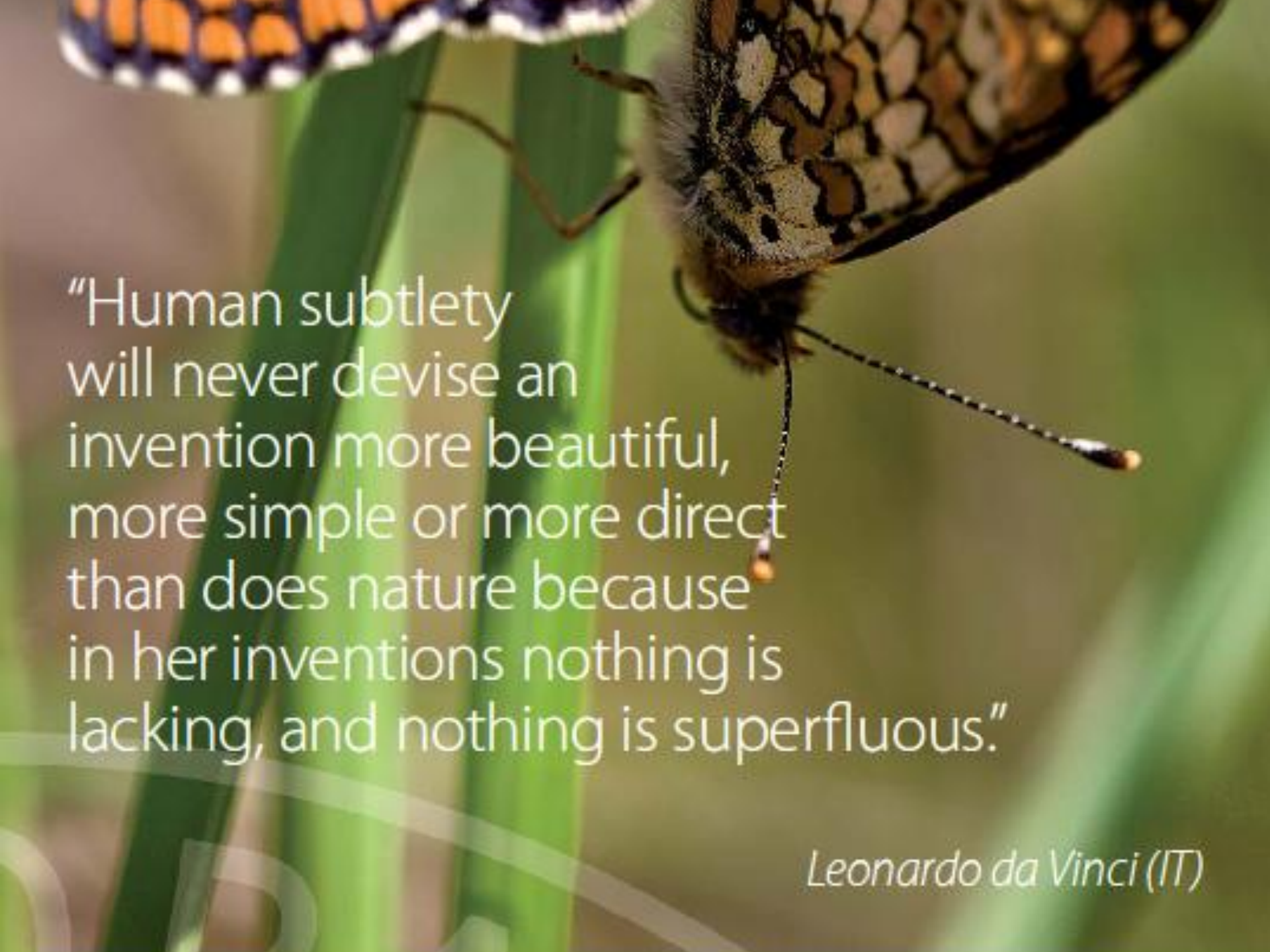
**FUTURE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF
NATURE . . .**

because Nature knows no boundaries.....

A scenic view of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a river flows through a rocky, green landscape. In the middle ground, there are several small lakes. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains under a clear blue sky. The image is overlaid with a quote by John Muir. In the top right corner, there is a decorative graphic of a branch with leaves and berries.

"Climb the mountains
and get their good tidings.
Nature's peace will flow into you
as sunshine flows into trees..."

John Muir (UK/USA)



"Human subtlety
will never devise an
invention more beautiful,
more simple or more direct
than does nature because
in her inventions nothing is
lacking, and nothing is superfluous."

Leonardo da Vinci (IT)

A close-up, low-angle shot of a mountain bike's front and rear wheels on a snowy trail. The bike has a red frame and knobby tires. The ground is covered in snow with patches of dry grass visible. The background shows a snowy slope with more dry grass.

"You are a guest
of nature. Behave."

Friedensreich Hundertwasser (AT)



The warnings about global warming have been extremely clear from some time. We are facing a global climate crisis [...] We are entering a period of consequences.








Al Gore (USA)

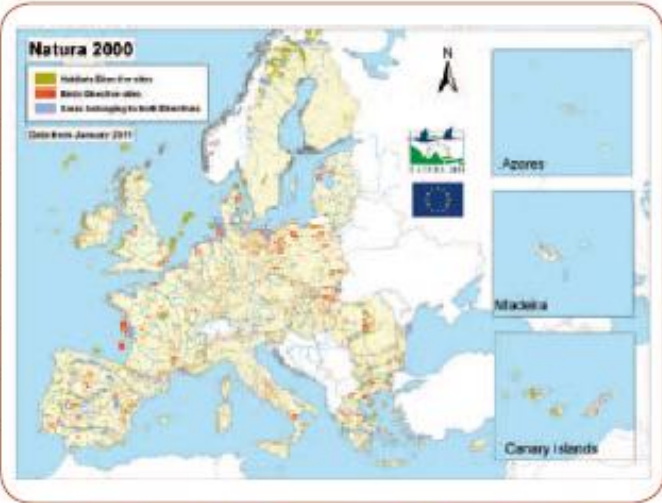
The State of Europe's Biodiversity in 2010

In 2010 the European Environment Agency (EEA), in collaboration with the European Commission, produced an EU Biodiversity Baseline which summarises the latest information on the status and trends of biodiversity and ecosystem components in Europe. This baseline, which is based on a series of indicators, provides a reference point for measuring changes in the state of Europe's biodiversity over the next ten years.

By 2020, a set of biodiversity indicators should help determine whether there has been an overall improvement in the state of Europe's biodiversity, in particular whether the following has been achieved:

- A reduction in the number of species threatened with extinction. Currently almost 25% of European animal species face the risk of extinction.
- An increase in the number of species and habitat types protected under EU nature legislation that are in favourable conservation status. At present only 17% of assessed habitats and species are in a favourable conservation status.
- An improvement in the state of ecosystems and the services they provide. Most of Europe's ecosystems are now assessed to be degraded.
- A strengthening of Europe's green infrastructure. Today, nearly 30% of the EU-27 territory is considered to be highly to moderately fragmented.
- A decline in the over-exploitation of natural resources. Europeans currently consume more than twice what the EU's land and sea can deliver in terms of natural resources.

Group/IUCN category	Species (%) within the EU-27 threatened with extinction
 Mammals – marine	25%
 Mammals – terrestrial	15%
 Birds	12%
 Amphibians	22%
 Reptiles	21%
 Dragonflies	16%
 Butterflies	7%



Neat Nature Facts

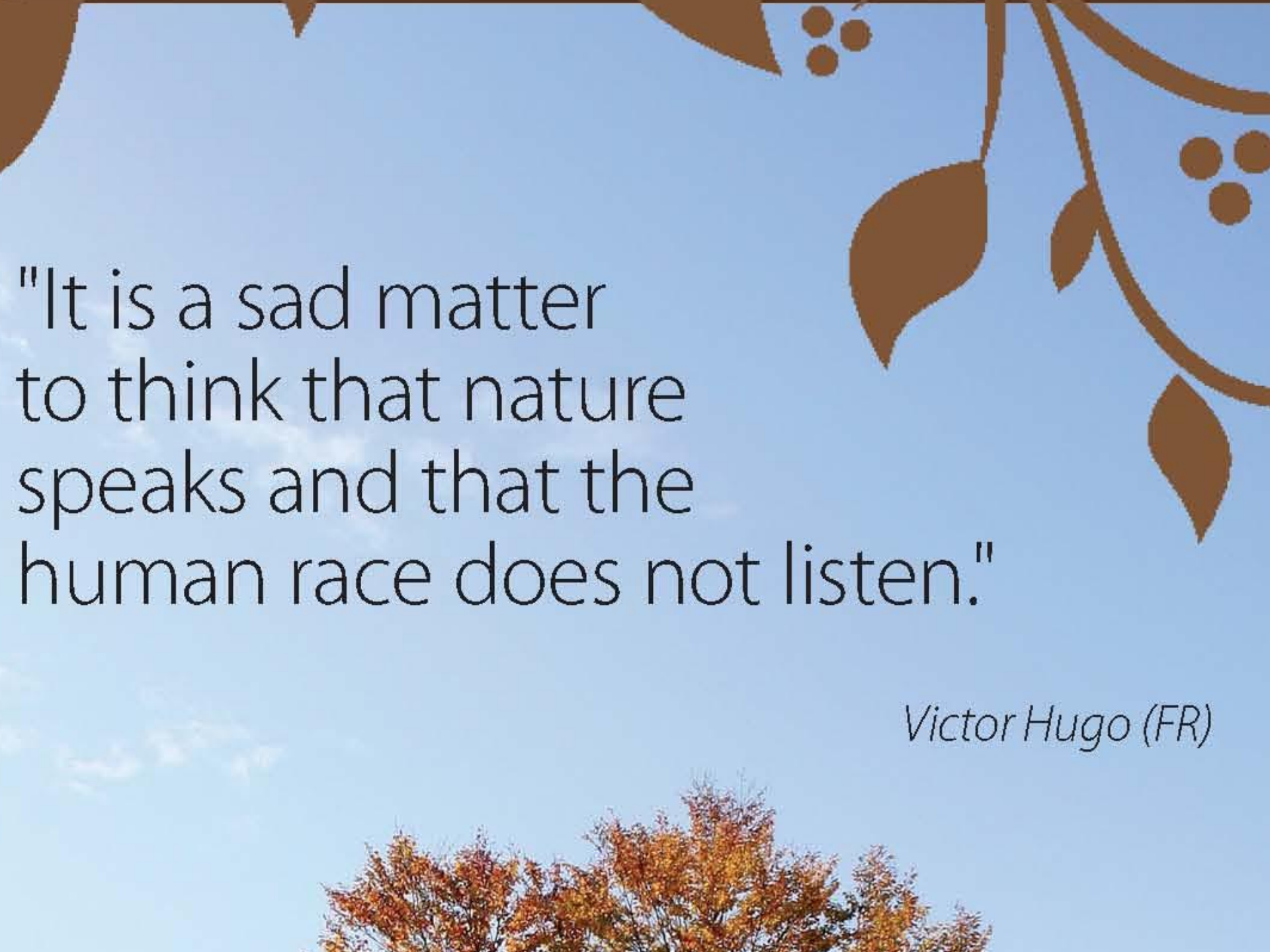
Imagine if we took every elephant in the world and laid them end to end into space...



Did you know
that all the elephants
would die?



Partnership



"It is a sad matter
to think that nature
speaks and that the
human race does not listen."

Victor Hugo (FR)