



# The tipping point for biodixersity

Companies, consumers and the growing importance of ethical sourcing

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Business driven association committed to respect people and biodiversity.



Created in 2007 with support UNCTAD to promote business engagement in Ethical BioTrade.



Challenge: How to engage companies?













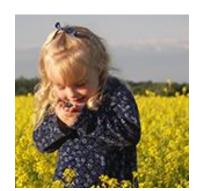
#### Trends: business and biodiversity

- 1. Recognition of biodiversity as key sustainability issue for business
- 2. Biodiversity as a source of business innovation
- 3. Growing biodiversity awareness among consumers





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#### Biodiversity as key sustainability issue

What are companies saying about biodiversity?	Beauty		Food and beverages	
	Top 100		Top 100	
	2016	change since 2009	2016	change since 2012
Companies reporting on sustainable development	65	+21	87	-5
Companies reporting on biodiversity	38	+25	63	+10
Companies reporting on biodiversity in the supply chain	33	+24	36	+5
Companies reporting on Access and Benefit Sharing	12	+11	4	+2

Basis: Research conducted by UEBT in April 2016 based on the Beauty's Top 100 of Women's Wear Daily, and the 2015 Food and Beverage Top 100 of the Food Engineering Mag.











#### Biodiversity as source of innovation

## Naturals trend Clean labels Innovation











- Rapidly evolving regulatory framework on biodiversity based innovation
  - Nagoya Protocol on ABS
  - ABS regulation in key markets (India, Brazil, South Africa, China)
  - Monitoring of ABS compliance in the EU









#### Consumer awareness of biodiversity

54,000 consumers 16 countries

interviewed Rising awareness

Biodiversity is a global concept

**Emerging markets** 

UEBT Biodiversity Barometer













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### What does the biodiversity aware consumer want?



- 1. Personally contribute to biodiversity conservation, but doesn't know how.
- 2. Expects companies to respect biodiversity, but has little confidence that they currently do.
- 3. Transparency: wants to know whether sourcing practices respect people and biodiversity. Would like more information, externally validated.
- 4. Is convinced by brand reputation, authentic stories and images in brands' communication convince consumers.

5. Millennial: has the highest awareness of biodiversity and can identify brands

that respect biodiversity.















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