



Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity: National and Regional Initiatives Report

The Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity: National and Regional Initiatives Report will serve as a guide for existing and future initiatives to refer to. It will include information from all initiatives on all the points seen below. The purpose of this report is to have the most essential and pertinent information about GPBB initiatives in one place, for easy access and visibility, as well as the up-to-date information as the annual report in each initiative's webpage. Because the makeup of each national and regional initiative is different, we hope this report highlights the key characteristics that comprise the GPBB initiatives.

1. General Information

Profile
<u>Description:</u> Please include a brief summary of the initiative while mentioning the date of creation, who it represents, and its main purpose.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date of creation: 1 April 2008• Represents: A network of 66 Japanese companies (40 full members and 26 network members) committed to biodiversity conservation and sustainable business practices.• Main purpose: To promote proactive and collaborative corporate action for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. JBIB aims to foster harmony between business and nature through strategic initiatives that contribute to society as a whole.• Overview: JBIB is a multi-company initiative in Japan that facilitates information sharing, joint research, and the dissemination of best practices to encourage business activities that minimize negative impacts on biodiversity. Member companies learn from each other while incorporating international perspectives to accelerate the transition toward a sustainable society.

Vision
<u>Description:</u> Please summarize the initiatives' vision in one sentence.
Together, businesses can reverse nature loss within this decade.

Mission



Description: Please summarize the initiatives' mission in one sentence.

To promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by fostering collaboration among companies and applying scientific knowledge, ultimately contributing to a society in harmony with nature.

Objectives

Description: In point form, please include the main objectives of the initiative.

- Recognize the relationship between business activities and biodiversity, and take effective actions for its conservation and restoration.
- Promote strategic actions that integrate scientific knowledge with practical experience.
- Strengthen initiatives through information sharing and collaboration among member companies.
- Foster dialogue with stakeholders to create broader contributions to society.
- Enhance corporate sustainability by incorporating a global perspective.
- Promote awareness of and support business activities that minimize negative impacts on biodiversity.

Funding, Budget and Resources

Description: Briefly describe the funding aspect of the initiative, including membership fees, external funding, donations, funding through events, etc.

Annual membership fees from member companies serve as the main source of funding.

Services and Activities

Description: In point form, please include the main services and activities that the initiative provides. These can include projects, events, workshops, information sharing, resource mobilization, capacity building, program development and implementation, case studies, policy recommendations, indicators and methodologies, etc.

- **Projects:** Joint research and practical projects to promote the integration of biodiversity considerations into business activities (e.g., development of the Relationship Map, creation of procurement guidelines).
- **Events:** Organizing symposiums, seminars, and briefings to share information with non-member companies and stakeholders, and facilitating dialogue with NGOs and government agencies.
- **Workshops:** Regularly holding the "Introductory Biodiversity Lecture Series" to provide practical learning opportunities for member companies.
- **Information sharing:** Sharing the latest news and case studies among members, and developing and publishing outputs such as handbooks and guidance materials.
- **Program development and implementation:** Conducting working group research and practical activities on topics such as non-financial disclosure for investors, effective use of



company-managed OECM sites, building responsible supply chains, urban biodiversity restoration and utilization, marine plastic issues, analysis of international trends, corporate-driven regional nature restoration, and the evaluation of corporate impacts and dependencies on natural capital.

- **Policy recommendations:** Contributing to policy-making on biodiversity from a corporate perspective by participating in government committees, organizing dialogue sessions, and submitting comments on public consultations.

Membership and Governance

Description: Please describe the membership and governance structures of the initiative, including the executive body, types of membership, levels of engagement and any associated organizations.

Governance structure and executive bodies

- **Board of Directors:** Composed of 10 members selected from regular member companies, mainly senior executives and heads of sustainability divisions. The Board determines JBIB's policies and activity plans. Three of its members serve as Co-Chairs.
- **Steering Committee:** Consists of working group leaders and other practitioners responsible for day-to-day operational decisions and activity management.
- **Secretariat:** Supports JBIB's overall operations and coordination.

Membership types and levels of engagement

- **Regular members:** Core companies that play a central role in JBIB. They actively participate in strategic initiatives and working groups, pay annual membership fees, and hold voting rights at the General Assembly.
- **Network members (Associate Members):** Companies that participate mainly through information sharing and events. They do not have voting rights at the General Assembly.

Associated organizations and collaborations

- **ABINC (Association for Business Innovation in harmony with Nature and Community):** A spin-off organization from JBIB, collaborating closely with JBIB.
- **FANPS (Finance Alliance for Nature Positive Solutions):** Works in close partnership with JBIB to advance finance-driven biodiversity solutions.
- **International networks:** Actively engaged in global frameworks such as the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity (GPBB), Business for Nature (B4N), and the TNFD Forum, bringing an international perspective to JBIB's activities.

2. Annual Updates

Businesses your initiative represents



Description: Please indicate the businesses that your initiative represents. Please provide a **full list** of their names and the total amount of businesses that are represented.

- **Board member companies:** Ajinomoto Co., Ltd., Bridgestone Corporation, Kao Corporation, Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd., MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Ricoh Company, Ltd., Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd., Suntory Holdings Limited, Takenaka Corporation

- **Total number of companies:** 66 (40 full members, 26 network members) as of July 2025. For the latest member list, please refer to: <https://en.jbib.org/members/>

Highlights of Work in 2024

Description: Please highlight outstanding works in 2024.

- **Launch of the "JBIB Nature Positive Declaration"**
At a COP16 side event, JBIB announced the "Nature Positive Declaration," clearly expressing the commitment of member companies to biodiversity conservation and strengthening alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).
- **Start of "JBIB Challenge 2030"**
JBIB launched a new initiative outlining 20 targets to be achieved by 2030. Member companies collaborate to share concrete action plans and measurable indicators to accelerate the transition toward sustainable business practices.
- **Expansion of practical initiatives by member companies**
Many corporate green spaces managed by member companies were officially certified by the Ministry of the Environment as OECM (Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures) sites.
- **Annual symposium on business and biodiversity**
The 17th annual symposium on business and biodiversity, hosted by MS&AD Insurance Holdings and fully supported by JBIB, was successfully held, serving as a platform for cross-industry dialogue and the sharing of best practices.

Reports, Platforms, or Publications Launched in 2024

Description: Please indicate reports, platforms, or publications launched by the initiative in 2024, if any.

Practical Guideline for OECM – Beta version

A practical guide designed for companies seeking certification under Japan's "Nature Symbiosis Site" framework (recognized as OECM), providing application tips, case studies, and key insights. The beta version (Chapters 1–5) was released in September 2024 as a members-only resource.



Planning of Work in 2025
<u>Description:</u> Please indicate the initiative's remarkable work in 2025.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting of the "Corporate Nature Stories" Symposium After being organized for 18 years and 17 editions by MS&AD Insurance Holdings (formerly Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance), the annual symposium on business and biodiversity will, for the first time, be hosted by JBIB, marking a new stage for the initiative. • Implementation of the international declaration JBIB will conduct a baseline survey among member companies to assess their current status in relation to the 20 targets of "Challenge 2030" and promote initiatives that support members in enhancing their efforts. • Delegation to the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC) JBIB will send a delegation to the IUCN WCC to foster knowledge exchange and strengthen collaboration with overseas companies and organizations.

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Other relevant information: JBIB also develops and disseminates practical tools such as the "Biodiversity Relationship Map," the "Guideline for Nature Symbiosis Forest Development," and the "Water Management Assessment Tool" to support companies in integrating biodiversity into their core business strategies.