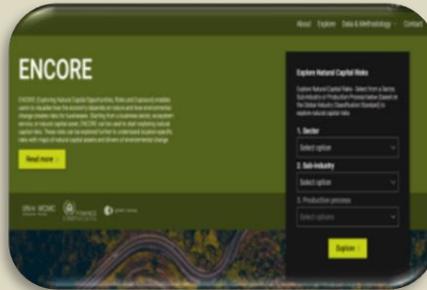




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The Natural Capital Finance Alliance Launches New ENCORE Tool At Natural Capital Week

To assist financial institutions carrying-out natural capital assessments, the Natural Capital Finance Alliance, in partnership with UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre, has developed ENCORE, a web-based tool that enables financial institutions to assess risks arising from and dependencies on natural capital.

ENCORE (Exploring Natural Capital Opportunities, Risks and Exposure) enables users to visualise how the economy depends on nature and how environmental change creates risks for businesses. Starting from a business sector, ecosystem service, or natural capital asset, ENCORE can be used to start exploring natural capital risks. These risks can be explored further to understand location-specific risks with maps of natural capital assets and drivers of environmental change.



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Technical Workshop on Biodiversity Accounting Approaches for Business

The UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the EU B@B Platform organized a two day workshop dedicated to explore methodologies behind a number of biodiversity accounting approaches for business and defining common ground principles for biodiversity accounting approaches for business.

The workshop took place on March 26th & 27th in Brussels and is the first activity under:

- **The Aligning biodiversity measures for business Initiative**, led by UNEP-WCMC with support from the Boticario Group Foundation, which aims to form a common view among key stakeholders on the measurement, monitoring and disclosure of corporate biodiversity impact/dependence for business decision-making and government policy; and the 2019 work program of the Natural Capital Accounting Workstream of the EU B@B Platform.

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TEEBAgriFood Global Symposium 2019

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) for Agriculture and Food (AgriFood) convened from 25-27 February 2019 at the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The event was convened by UNEP, with support from the European Union, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the Global Alliance for the Future of Food.

The meeting provided an opportunity for project partners, experts and other stakeholders to discuss characteristics of diverse “eco-agri-food systems” and explore insights for policy interventions at various levels. Participants convened in plenary and breakout sessions and engaged in hands-on workshops to test different components of the TEEBAgriFood Evaluation Framework.



TEEB for Agriculture & Food

An initiative of 'The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity' (TEEB)

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Mainstreaming Biodiversity Into Spice Sector

The India Business and Biodiversity Initiative organized a two-day training program on 'Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Spice Sector' on 11th and 12th March 2019 in Kerala.

The objective of the training program was to identifying mechanisms that promote biodiversity-friendly production and commercialization, use of management tool for integration of biodiversity at farm level and sensitizing Spice Sector on importance of biodiversity and management tools suitable for their business model. The training program provided demonstration of application of the Ecosystem Service Matrix (ESM) tool developed in-house under CII-IBBI.

The topics covered under the training program were the identification of critical ecosystem services; mapping impacts and dependency on ecosystems and ecosystem services; mapping impacts and dependencies; and identifying risks associated to business operations.

Best practice case study examples were showcased and the 20 Industrial participants representing Spice Sector companies were engaged in group exercises using the ESM tool.

The key takeaway of the training program was that businesses need a Biodiversity Action Plan for integrate biodiversity into their existing process of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Sustainable Initiatives and Responsible sourcing code for achieving Biodiversity Conservation and sustainable use of resources.

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Dialogforum 2019

A multiformat conference being held yearly, the Dialogforum 2019 of “Unternehmen Biologische Vielfalt 2020” (“Enterprise Biological Diversity 2020”, short UBi 2020) was organized in Berlin (Germany), on March 20th.

This year’s edition included the chances and perspectives after 2020, biodiversity and climate, biological diversity in supply chains, insect protection and the format allowed for best practices presentations and open discussions.

Around 200 representatives of small, medium and large-sized companies, NGOs, environmental organizations, universities and research institutes attended the UBi 2020 Dialogforum 2019.

UBi 2020 is a platform of business federations, environmental organizations and public authorities such as the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). The aim of the Dialogforum is exchanging experience and supporting the dialogue on the integration of biodiversity in business strategies.



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Award ceremony for the competition: The supply chain is alive - Shaping supply chains and saving biological diversity

In August 2018 the competition “**The supply chain is alive - Shaping supply chains and saving biological diversity**” was launched by the Federal Ministry for the German Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and (NABU) and the Biodiversity in Good Company Initiative in order to put a spotlight on biodiversity strategies in supply chain management.

The competition attracted cross-sectorial applications of small, medium and large-sized enterprises from across Germany. Best practice presentations from food production and wholesale, logistics and deliveries, trainings and communications and the funeral and burial sectors evidenced how entrepreneurial commitment can work tangibly against the dramatic loss of biological diversity.

The competition also aims to inspire a wider range of stakeholders in the private sector to adopt measurable and reliable tools to protect and sustainably use biological diversity in their long term strategies.

A jury of nine experts selected six finalists. The award ceremony shall be held on **May 22nd** in the NABU headquarters in Berlin (Germany), during which the winner will be announced and awarded with, among others, a one year free membership for the ‘Biodiversity in Good Company’ Initiative.



[Registration for award ceremony \(German\)](#)

[Details on the competition \(German\)](#)



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Private Sector Consultations On Greening The Belt And Road Initiative

Biodiversity Sri Lanka (BSL) recently hosted a private sector consultation for a delegation from the China Council for International Co-operation on Environment and Development (CCICED) visiting Sri Lanka to gain insights on local needs, for a Special Policy Study (SPS) on greening the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The meeting was held at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and was attended by BSL members, representatives from international and local banking institutions, construction and infrastructure development companies, the UNGC and IUCN.

The Special Policy Study led by the CCICED, aims to identify the interaction between a green BRI and the implementation of key environmental goals of the UN SDGs, in order to lay the research ground for decision-making and contribute towards the promotion of green development on the BRI. It will propose concrete policy suggestions for the construction of the green BRI and in this process, will carry out a series of case studies in China and partner countries along the Belt and Road, based on which it will identify the local need for green development under the BRI. The results of these studies will feed into the UN SDGs and the BRI summit in 2019.



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Biodiversity Sri Lanka Moves Towards Supporting SMEs In Environmental Conservation

In a bid to strengthen knowledge and compliances of SMEs in environmental and biodiversity conservation measures in their operations, Biodiversity Sri Lanka (BSL) recently hosted a sensitization programme for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons and Co-operative Development, the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and the BSL Membership. The event was attended by a large number of SMEs representing various industry sectors from around the island.

This initial learning event organized as the first of a series of events BSL intends hosting, saw the enthusiastic participation of diverse SMEs in addition to other members of the private sector, and some interested parties. The objective of the event was to bring SMEs on to a common platform in terms of their understanding of sustainability and why and how they should direct their attention to greening their operations as a means of contributing towards the national biodiversity and environmental agenda, aligning their work with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).



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SAVE THE DATE

European Business and Nature Summit 7 – 8 November, Madrid

The European Business and Biodiversity Platform, Ecoacsa and Fundación Empresa y Clima are joining forces to organise the European Business and Nature Summit on 7-8 November 2019. This two-day conference on business, biodiversity and natural capital will be hosted by CaixaForum in the very centre of Madrid, Spain.

At the United Nations (UN) Biodiversity Conference in 2018 an Action Agenda for Nature and People was launched. This agenda aims to catalyse a groundswell of (voluntary) action from all sectors and stakeholders in support of biodiversity and support the adoption of an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference in China in 2020. This new global framework will, in its turn, be a basis for the post-2020 EU biodiversity strategy.

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LAUNCH OF PUBLICATION

Investing in Nature: Financing Conservation and Nature-Based Solutions

The European Investment Bank recently launched a publication aimed at boosting investment for biodiversity, conservation and nature-based adaptation to climate and includes a seven-step guide to financing conservation and nature-based solutions projects. The focus of the publication is the European market but the contents are relevant and may be applicable for a much broader audience.

[Publication](#)

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ASSESSMENT REPORT PUBLISHED

Biodiversity Account Approaches for Business and Financial Institutions

The EU Business and Biodiversity Platform released the Assessment of Biodiversity Account Approaches for Business and Financial Institutions.

The publication is the first of a series of Update Reports which will be prepared on behalf of the EU B@B Platform and aims at providing an overview of different methodological approaches and their key features as well as identifying main obstacles faced by these approaches and the gaps that need to be filled.

Considering the business demand for such methodologies, findings are likely to inform the future activities of the EU B@B Platform and potential partners (including developers and users of these metrics). This work shall also feed into the initiative to prepare a Biodiversity Supplement to the Natural Capital Protocol.

[Full Report](#)

SAVE THE DATE #2

9th Biodiversity National Conference 19 – 21 June, Massy Palaiseau (Greater Paris)

The French platform for B&B will be organizing a national round-table discussion on 20th June morning.

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POST 2020 FRAMEWORK

Preparations underway

In 2020 the Convention on Biological Diversity will adopt a post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a stepping stone towards the 2050 Vision of "Living in harmony with nature".

The process adopted by Parties to develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contains a set of principles to guide its implementation, an organization of work and sets out a comprehensive consultation process, including provisions for global, regional and thematic consultation meetings. Updates on the implementation of this process will be made available online over the next months leading up to COP15.

The online platform includes reference and background information, an indicative chronology of activities and milestones and submissions made by Parties and Observers.

As a first step in developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework a discussion document (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish) summarizing and analyzing the initial views of Parties and observers has been made available.

An information document synthesizing all of the submissions has also been made available. Parties and observers are encouraged to provide their views on this discussion document as well as any other views on the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework **by 15 April 2019 to secretariat@cbd.int**.

[Post 2020 Framework online platform](#)



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ACTION AGENDA

Launch of online platform for Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People

The Action Agenda platform provides a repository to showcase actions taken for Nature by all sectors of society, ultimately to ensure the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is initiated with the full commitment and engagement of the global community. The platform will highlight biodiversity efforts from around the world drawing attention to success stories and best practices at different levels, and through different means, including public-private partnerships, community level engagement and inter-agency collaboration.

Complementary to the process for Voluntary National Commitments, the Action Agenda is meant to broaden the call to action to 2020 - to include the contributions, commitments and initiatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders including civil society, women's groups, business leaders and the private sector, sub-national and local governments, inter-governmental organizations, research and academia, and youth groups.

Supporting this important initiative can come in different ways, not only through your own commitment, but also by working to amplify the reach of this message within your network of partners.

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Upcoming Events

International Day for Biological Diversity

22 May 2019, Worldwide

Nature Champions Summit

April 24 – 25, Montreal

Awards Ceremony - The supply chain is alive. Shaping supply chains and saving biological diversity

May 22, Berlin

Post 2020 Milestones

Central and East Europe Group Regional Consultation

16 – 18 April, Belgrade

Latin America and the Caribbean Group Regional Consultation

14 – 17 May, Montevideo

Contributions and comments on initial views and post 2020 framework

Until 15 April

Discussion paper made available for comments

15 May – 15 August, worldwide

* For further information and extended calendar of post 2020 related events and milestones, please refer to the website:

[Post 2020 Framework – Indicative Chronology](#)



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