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Welcome to the October 2018 issue of the National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN) newsletter

To distribute any biodiversity and business relevant information to the network in the next newsletter, please forward the information to Megan Murison (meganm@ewt.org.za) by 16 November 2018.



ONGOING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2017 NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY & BUSINESS INDABA

DAY 2: Biodiversity for better business – case studies. Kevin McCann, Conservation Outcomes.

Business enterprise makes up approximately 80% of the South African economy. Most of the priority sectors identified in the National Development Plan: Vision 2030 have clear dependencies on biodiversity (natural resource use, water usage, supply chains, climate change impacts, etc.). The current investment from corporates can generally be placed into a few groupings, including:

- Corporate Social Investment;
- Legislative – e.g. alien plant control, pollution and waste control;
- Environmental Impact Assessments - conditions of Authorisation;
- Certification schemes (FSC, Global G.A.P.) – access to markets, competitive edge, market separation;
- Sustainable management;
- Broad-based BEE investment - Social Economic Development and Enterprise Development;
- Fiscal incentives and penalties (taxes) – invest in green economy to unlock fiscal tax benefits;
- Trading commodities (water, carbon, natural resources).



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National Biodiversity and Business Network 2018 Indaba.

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 National Biodiversity and Business Indaba will be taking place in Johannesburg from 30 - 31 October. Centered on the theme of *Biodiversity Offsetting for the Benefit of Biodiversity and Business*, the Indaba will focus on case studies, as well as biodiversity offset design and implementation. Next week is the final week to book your seat at this event. Please see attached the programme.

South Africa: Moving the Global Mining Industry Towards Biodiversity Awareness.

UN Environment and partners are working with businesses to highlight the benefits of biodiversity-sensitive best practices in the mining sector. To read more [click here](#).

Biodiversity Tax Incentives For South Africa's Protected Area Network.

The Fiscal Benefits Project was launched to test biodiversity tax incentives as a financial benefit for landowners declaring protected areas. This began with the introduction of a new tax incentive into



legislation. The impact of the incentive was tested at pilot sites across the country, resulting in the successful inclusion of the tax break in a tax return. To read more [click here](#).

Vacancy: Business Development / Key Accounts Specialist.

The Green Building Council South Africa is looking for a Business Development / Key Accounts Specialist. They are specifically seeking candidates with Public Sector experience (either from working within or servicing the sector). Please see attached job specification. Applications must be submitted via e-mail to jaci.harrison@gbcsa.org.za.

Woolworths to trial plastic bag free store.

From November, Woolworths, which also has operations in Australia and New Zealand, will not offer any plastic bags at its Steenberg store in Cape Town, with customers having the choice of either bringing their own sacks or paying R5.50 (\$0.37) for a reusable bag. To read more [click here](#).



The inaugural African Conference for Linear Infrastructure and Ecology (ACLIE).

ACLIE will be held in 2019 in the iconic Kruger National Park, co-hosted by the Endangered Wildlife Trust and Eskom. Centered around the theme: Building Partnerships and Investing in nature: the Linear Way in Africa. The conference will focus on the intersection of people and linear infrastructure, specifically how both people and nature are connected along, across and between different types of infrastructure. To find out more [click here](#).

International events, publications & news

B@B Annual Conference in Paris on the 29th of November: register now!

The 2018 Annual Conference of the EU B@B Platform, 'Business & biodiversity: roadmaps to positive impact', will take place in Paris on 29 November 2018. This year, the Platform is partnering with the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme (BBOP) and CDC Biodiversité to organise this international conference. To register [click here](#).



2018 COP 14 Business and Biodiversity Forum.

The 2018 COP 14 Business and Biodiversity Forum will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on the 14th and 15th of November, 2018. Right after it, the Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 14) will take place, from the 17th until the 29th of November. To register [click here](#).



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No One Wants To Put A Price On Nature, But We Do Need A Better Understanding Of Its Value.

The date has been creeping forward since 1970, when the Global Footprint Network estimated that, for the first time, we used more ecological resources and services than Nature was able to restore. Natural processes – from water filtration to crop pollination – underpin all human activities: they are the life support systems upon which our growth, wellbeing and prosperity depend. If we don't get our consumption in check our days as a species will be numbered. To read more [click here](#).



Clear Biodiversity Commitments Made by Nearly a Third of the World's Biggest Companies.

Some of the world's biggest private sector companies are committing to address their environmental impacts and factoring biodiversity into their sustainability reports, according to new Oxford University research. To read more [click here](#).



**IUCN WCPA Best Practice Guidelines No. 28:
Tools for measuring, modelling, and valuing
ecosystem services.**

Increasing interest in measuring, modelling and valuing ecosystem services (ES), the benefits that ecosystems provide to people, has resulted in the development of an array of ES assessment tools in recent years. Selecting an appropriate tool for measuring and modelling ES can be challenging.

[Click here](#) to download this publication.



Biodiversity Assessment Initiatives.

While the Recommendations to Improve Biodiversity Protection should have a positive effect on existing agricultural land, IUCN, ETH Zurich, Nestlé and others are working on taking biodiversity into account in the Life Cycle Analysis (LCA). To access the document [click here](#).

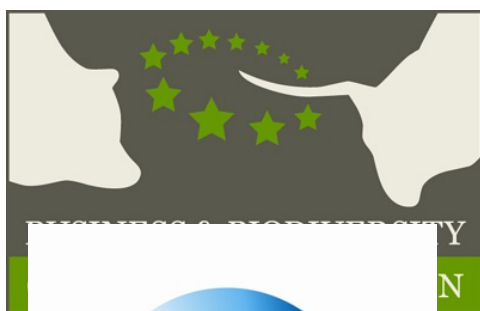


Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Sustainable Development.

The need to mainstream biodiversity into economic growth and development is being increasingly recognised and is now also firmly embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals. To read more [click here](#).

Biodiversity – It's Your Business.

Due to rapid economic development and global population growth, the consumption of natural resources is constantly increasing causing an unprecedented loss of biodiversity and ecosystems. To counteract this development, GNF promotes the concept of Pro Biodiversity Businesses (PPBs).



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These are companies that generate financial returns and make a positive contribution to the preservation of biodiversity at the same time. To access the document or find out more [click here](#).

How finance can contribute to sustainable landscapes.

Mainstream economic actors do not sufficiently recognize the interdependency of financial capital and the underlying social and natural capitals. But the tide is turning. On September 19, IUCN NL convened over 100 people to bridge the gap between natural and financial capital. To read more [click here](#).

Valuing Nature Programme: 'New Reports Will Enable UK to Make the Most of its Natural Assets'.

Four new reports on Natural Capital published today will enable governments and businesses to take an evidence-based approach to valuing the UK's natural assets. Natural Capital refers to the assets within our natural environment that provide benefits for humans. Plants, animals, freshwater, soil, minerals, air and oceans all contribute to Natural Capital. To access the reports [click here](#).

World Benchmarking Alliance to Rank Companies' Performance on SDGs.

The Index Initiative and the UN Foundation launched the World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA), which will develop free, publicly available benchmarks that compare and rank companies' performance on the SDGs. The Alliance aims to incentivize and accelerate private sector action on sustainable development. To read more [click here](#).

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