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The DEA-NBBN publication entitled “**Overview of current approaches and practices of South African businesses to the mainstreaming of biodiversity: a preliminary baseline assessment**” can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

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Welcome to the July 2017 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 Shelley Lizzio (shelleyl@ewt.org.za) by the 18th of August 2017.

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2017 NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY & BUSINESS INDABA



Theme: Biodiversity for Better Business

24 & 25 October 2016

Johannesburg, South Africa

We are pleased to announce the dates for the third annual National Biodiversity and Business Network Indaba, to be held at Hatch Africa's head offices in Johannesburg on the 24th and 25th of October 2017. The Indaba aims to provide a dynamic platform for collective discussion to improve the mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations into business in South Africa.

Registration and programme details to follow in August. Save the date to ensure that you don't miss out on this year's exciting event!

Detailed proceedings of last year's National Biodiversity and Business Indaba are attached to this email.

National events, publications & news



2017 Symposium of Contemporary Conservation Practice, 6 to 10 November 2017, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

This symposium offers a platform for the conservation community to share and explore issues and recent developments in the science and practice of conservation, and in understanding and communicating the value of biodiversity to society. You are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the 2017 Symposium of Contemporary Conservation Practice using the online submission system by the 4th of August. [Click here](#) for more information.



The Umzimvubu Catchment Partnership Programme (Matatiele, Swartberg, Kokstad, Cedarville and Maluti) will be hosting the EcoFutures Expo on the 3rd and 4th of August in Matatiele, South Africa.

The aim of the Expo is to expose young people to opportunities in the green sector (across all industries). Thus Expo exhibits will be slanted towards employment, career, franchise or agent opportunities. Organisations are invited to exhibit at the event over two days. See attached poster for more information.



2017 joint Biodiversity Information Management Forum (BIMF) and Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP) Forum, 14th – 17th August 2017, Umhlali, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Registration for the forum is free to delegates. Please ensure the submission of the registration form by the 14th July if accommodation assistance is required. All other delegates please submit the registration form by 25th July 2017. To submit registration forms and for further information please email BIMF_FBIP@sanbi.org.za



Green Youth Indaba

Green Youth Network in partnership with the Department of Environmental Affairs, FP&M SETA and EWSETA are hosting the 4th Annual Green Youth Indaba which will be hosted on the 28th - 29th June 2017 at Sci-Bono, Johannesburg, the theme of the Indaba is: "Green Innovations and Sustainable skills development for inclusive Growth. [Click here.](#)



Science and Sustainable Tourism: 3-4 August 2017, Kempton Park, Gauteng

The National Science and Technology Forum is hosting a national Discussion Forum on Science and Sustainable Tourism (#ScienceTourism). The United Nations has declared 2017 the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development. For more information [click here.](#)



Launch of new BGIS tools

South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) is pleased to announce the launch of four new BGIS tools. Users can now plot coordinate points, export drawings, upload data, as well as add layers to their map. For more information [click here.](#)



LaRSSA 5th Annual conference 1 – 4 August 2017

The Land Rehabilitation Society of South Africa (LaRSSA) conference will take place from 1 – 4 August 2017 in Mpumalanga. The conference will offer insight into the exciting and often challenging changes happening within the Rehabilitation and Restoration landscape of southern Africa. [Click here.](#)

Job Listings



To advertise vacancies, bursaries or scholarships here please email details to Shelley Lizzio at shelleyl@ewt.org.za.

International events, publications & news



Ecosystem-based adaptation: Question-based guidance for assessing effectiveness

This booklet by the IIED, IUCN and UNEP-WCMC sets out guidance for assessing the effectiveness of an ecosystem-based approach to climate change adaptation. It describes a process that can be used by project managers and researchers to shape project design, assess the progress of an ongoing project or draw conclusions about the effectiveness of a project that has ended. [Click here.](#)



Incentives for Natural Infrastructure

The report, issued by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), details a study conducted across different sectors in six regions (Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and North America) to uncover the barriers and incentives for businesses obtaining permits, financing and insurance for natural infrastructure (NI). [Click here.](#)



Baseline Report: Biodiversity in Standards and Labels for the Food Sector

The Baseline Report presents the results of a screening of 54 regional/quality, national, european and international Food Standards of the Food Sector as well as the analysis of procurement guidelines from food retailers. [Click here.](#)



Natural Capital: The Business Case for Natural Capital Assessment

The publication within the project "Natural Capital Network" provides information regarding the opportunities and risks of the consideration of natural capital. It includes practical examples from German companies and highlights how to engage with the topic of natural capital. [Click here.](#)



Africa Case Studies Show Five Pathways to Speed Up, Scale Up SDGs

The Poverty-Environment Initiative of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Environment Programme (UNEP or UN Environment) launched a report on African countries' progress in fostering coordinated and integrated approaches to development. The highlighted approaches connect and address poverty reduction, inequality, employment generation, climate change, environmental stress, and water, energy and food security. The



report proposes five "pathways" to speed up and scale up integrated and participatory approaches to sustainable development and support achievement of the SDGs and Agenda 2063. [Click here.](#)

Global Nature Fund's international Natural Capital Conference will take place in Frankfurt on Thursday 5 October 2017

At this conference you will learn about recent developments in policy, economics and science regarding natural capital. Practitioners from various industries will share their experiences about how to integrate natural capital into their daily business. You will be challenged to take some steps yourself. [Click here.](#)



Bankers, investors and insurers invited to test Natural Capital Protocol Finance Supplement

In May, the Natural Capital Coalition, Natural Capital Finance Alliance and Dutch Association of Investors for Sustainable Development launched the Natural Capital Protocol's draft Finance Sector Supplement for public consultation. The Finance Supplement is being developed as part of an open and collaborative process, and finance institutions across the board are invited to pilot and test the draft between now and September. Bankers, investors and insurers invited to test Natural Capital Protocol Finance Supplement. [Click here.](#)



Programme outline announced for 2017 World Forum on Natural Capital

Bookings are now open for the 2017 World Forum on Natural Capital. Policy-makers and senior decision-makers from business, finance, government and civil society are expected to descend on the capital of Scotland, to engage in two days of dynamic and interactive parallel sessions and networking. For more information [click here.](#)



How voluntary sustainability standards can help protect biodiversity

Standards and Biodiversity, the latest report by the State of Sustainability Initiatives examines the intersection between voluntary sustainability standard and the conservation of biodiversity. The study identified several opportunities to leverage the impact of voluntary sustainability standards to prevent and slow biodiversity losses. [Click here.](#)



IISD Examines Impacts of Voluntary Agricultural Standards on Biodiversity

Broad implementation of sustainable agricultural practices, including but not limited to voluntary sustainability standards, is needed to stem biodiversity loss and protect endangered species, according to a study published by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). The report, titled 'Standards and Biodiversity: Thematic Review,' examines the intersection of 15 sets of voluntary sustainability standards in commodity production and biodiversity protection and identifies key policy options. [Click here.](#)



Earth Overshoot Day

On August 2 this year humanity will have used all the natural resources that our planet can regenerate over the entire year. Each year Earth Overshoot Day - the date that we "overshoot" our planet's resource budget - falls earlier and earlier in the calendar. In 2016 it was August 8. By the end of 2017 it is expected we will have used at least 1.7 earths-worth of resources. Learn how the overshoot is calculated, and how we can reverse this trend [click here.](#)



UN Global Compact Presents Framework for Business Leadership on SDGs

In June the UN Global Compact (UNGC) presented a framework that outlines key considerations for companies that want to



become leaders on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during a webinar. The webinar also highlighted the development of issue briefs on each of the 17 SDGs and an online consultation on the briefs. To read more [click here](#).

First Order Draft Review of the Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services is open and runs until 15 August 2017.

The Global Assessment will review the status and trends of the world's biodiversity and ecosystem services for the first time since the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment was published in 2005. The document will inform decision-makers worldwide on the current state of knowledge regarding biodiversity and ecosystem services and how to protect and use them more sustainably. To read more [click here](#).



New global GIZ project "Private Business Action for Biodiversity"

The global project "Private Business Action for Biodiversity" of the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, which started at the end of 2016, focusses on biodiversity-friendly production and commercialization. To read more [click here](#).



Business, biodiversity & natural capital – Ambitions, risks & opportunities

The EU B@B Platform of the European Commission and the Global Nature Fund (GNF) are joining forces in tackling the challenge for businesses in integrating biodiversity and natural capital. Two conferences under the common motto "Business, biodiversity & natural capital | Ambitions, risks & opportunities" will bring frontrunners and newcomers together with leading scientists, government officials and nature conservation organisations in

Frankfurt/Main on 4th and 5th October 2017. [Click here.](#)

Initiative for a better integration of biodiversity in the Natural Capital Protocol

In recognition of the biodiversity challenges that remain with the Protocol, the Natural Capital Coalition has launched a project, led by the Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI), to strengthen biodiversity in the Protocol and associated sector guides. If you are working on biodiversity and natural capital, and would like to get involved in this approach to harmonize all relevant work please contact either the CCI team (cciadministrator@JBS.cam.ac.uk) or the Coalition (info@naturalcapitalcoalition.org) for more information.



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