

We Value Nature 10-Day Challenge Event

Biodiversity Action Plans - a way to integrate biodiversity management into your company, 23rd of March 2021

Session summary & key takeaways

The services provided by nature are at the basis of many economic processes. As biodiversity provides the basis for functioning ecosystem services, which in turn deliver services such as fertile soils, clear water, pollination or climate regulation, the integration of biodiversity-friendly practices into value chains is crucial. The session presented Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs), which are instruments that have proven to be hands-on and at the same time successful for biodiversity management in companies. BAPs serve as an easy to use basis for the integration of biodiversity-friendly measures for companies and standards. Furthermore, the session also presented the newly developed monitoring tool available for the Biodiversity Action Plans (called BAP-Monitor), which aims to guide the monitoring and evaluation of actions to regenerate biodiversity through examples of targets, measures and methods for gathering data, simple scoring system, statistics and graphics.

The session gave insights into the value of biodiversity, how to implement biodiversity-friendly practices into value chains and how to be able to monitor impacts. For this, an overview of the two tools was given. Additionally, the session featured an interview with Tara Mathew, the Head of Sustainable

Supply Chain Operations at Jayanti Herbs & Spice, who shared her experience with the implementation of BAPs in the pepper value chain.

Key takeaways:

1. Most companies' activities depend on biodiversity and at the same time influence it in one way or another.
2. Biodiversity Action Plans and the BAP-Monitor are tools that can help companies in integrating biodiversity-friendly practices into value chains.
3. The implementation of biodiversity-friendly guidelines is a work-intensive process which most of the time includes a transition period. Nevertheless, it is a process crucial for long-term viability of economic activities of an agriculture or wild collection-based company.

Warm thanks to the speakers for the insights shared:

Tara Mathew, Head of Sustainable Supply Chain Operations, Jayanti Herbs & Spice

Simona D'Amico, M&E and Biodiversity Expert, Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)

Tobias Ludes, Programme Manager Business and Biodiversity, Global Nature Fund

Charlotte Haeusler Vargas, Advisor Private Business Action for Biodiversity, GIZ

Key solutions presented / actions to take

The session presented the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and the BAP-Monitor. Both instruments have proven to be hands-on and at the same time successful in integrating biodiversity-friendly

practises into companies' value chains. Additionally, the BAPs can be adapted to different business models and value chains across sectors.

Next steps for participants to take could include:

- Engage management and relevant staff/actors
- Recruit internal or external expertise
- Identify pilot projects to test the approach
- Develop process and tools to implement the approach

Useful resources

Private Business Action for Biodiversity - [Internationale Climate Initiative \(IKI\) \(international-climate-initiative.com\)](https://international-climate-initiative.com)

Biodiversity Action Plans [- full guidance manual — The Union for Ethical BioTrade](#)

EBBC - Biodiversity Trainings for Certifiers and Product Managers [\(business-biodiversity.eu\)](https://business-biodiversity.eu)