

We Value Nature 10-Day Challenge Event

Know Your Environment

Applying The Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool

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Session summary & key takeaways

200 attendees subscribed to this session including a range of companies from the finance sector, consultancies, extractives companies, energy companies and many more. The session covered an introduction to the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool and an announcement that IBAT will soon be hosting the Species Threat Abatement and Restoration Metric (STAR).

A presentation from European Investment Bank discussed how IBAT has been incorporated into their biodiversity risk management approach through the development of a bespoke EIB IBAT Report. Eva Mayerhofer also discussed EIB's Natural Capital Financing Facility.

Dr Carolyn Jewell presented how Heidelberg Cement have partnered with BirdLife International to conduct proximity analyses of biodiversity using IBAT to assess 3,100 sites across 50 countries. IBAT data has also informed the development of a Species Protection Code of Conduct and the identification of biodiversity management opportunities.

Warm thanks to the speakers for the insights shared:

Ben Jobson, Programme Officer, IBAT

Eva Mayerhofer, Lead Biodiversity Specialist, European Investment Bank Dr

Carolyn Jewell, Biodiversity Senior Manager, Heidelberg Cement.

Key takeaways:

1. IBAT offers companies an easy way to map their exposure to biodiversity and manage their risk.
2. European Investment Bank use IBAT to screen against EIB's Standard 3 on Biodiversity and Ecosystems, which allows them to identify potential critical habitat and determine the biodiversity risk of a project.
3. Heidelberg Cement use IBAT as their 'tool of choice' to manage and enhance nature across 3,100 sites in 50 countries.

Key solutions presented / actions to take

- Using IBAT's simple tool to map and report on your company's operations, supply chains or portfolios with datasets including the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, World Database on Protected Areas and World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas.
- Incorporating IBAT's authoritative datasets into a company's risk management approach helps to avoid reputational risk, legislative risk, and risk around fiduciary duty, resource security and stakeholder relations.

- Understand how the STAR Metric can help you to reduce threats to biodiversity and restore species, as well as setting corporate “science-based targets” for nature that contribute to global conservation goals.
- Developing partnerships with experts in biodiversity, such as the longstanding partnership between Heidelberg Cement and BirdLife International.

Useful resources

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[Recording of the webinar](#)

[IBAT Briefing Note - Considering Biodiversity for Solar and Wind Energy Investments](#)

[IBAT Briefing Note - Screening for biodiversity risk in the finance sector](#)

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[EIB Natural Capital Financing Facility](#)

[BirdLife International and Heidelberg Cement Partnership](#)