# IMPLEMENTING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS: DISASTER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR BUSINESS

## WORKSHOP#3

Financing and insuring NbS for disaster and climate resilience

#### **STARTS AT**

10 AM (CEST / GMT+2) 04 PM (CEST / GMT+2)















#### WHY JOIN THIS WORKSHOP

- Learn why NbS are important for business, with expert speakers who have pushed the boundaries of innovation.
- Understand how NbS can reduce business risk and build resilience.
- Gain practical knowledge on NbS for business, including global criteria for designing, verifying and scaling up NbS projects, and the latest financing mechanisms.
- Be a part of a growing business community increasing their resilience to disaster and climate risks while protecting biodiversity.
- Gain a course certificate to show your participation through joining live or through taking the course at a time convenient to you.

#### **WORKSHOP #1**

Introducing the business case for NbS for disaster and climate resilience: the "what" and the "why"

**JUNE 17** 

#### **WORKSHOP #2**

The IUCN Global Standard for NbS: how to measure performance and impact

**JUNE 24** 

#### **WORKSHOP #3**

Financing and insuring NbS for disaster and climate resilience

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# Financing and Insuring Nature-based Solutions for disaster and climate resilience

1 July 2021

10:00 - 11:30 CET

16:00 - 17:30 CET

















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## Agenda

- Mentimeter
- Overview
- Financing NbS and finance mechanisms/products
- Q&A
- Insurance mechanisms
- Q&A
- Final reflections





Financing nature based solutions

#### About FirstRand

#### GROUP PROFILE

lirstRand Limited (FirstRand or the group) is a portfolio of integrated financial services businesses operating in South Africa, certain markets in sub-Saharan Africa and in the UK.

Many of these businesses are leaders in their respective segments and markets, and offer a broad range of transactional, lending, investment and insurance products and services.

Group earnings remain significantly tilted towards South Africa.

The group's strategy outside of South Africa includes growing its presence and offerings in certain key markets in the rest of Africa, where it believes it can build competitive advantage and scale over time. In the UK, the group aims to build further franchise value through scaling, digitisation and disruption.

For a detailed review of the operations refer to the Annual Integrated Report (www.firstrand.co.za).

#### THE GROUP HAS A MULTI-BRAND STRATEGY, WITH A NUMBER OF LEADING CUSTOMER-FACING BRANDS IN THE PORTFOLIO



RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL BANK FNB represents FirstRand's activities in the retail and commercial segments in South Africa and the broader African continent. It is growing its franchise on the back of a compelling customer offering that provides a broad range of innovative financial services products.



CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT BANK RMB represents the group's activities in the corporate and investment banking segments in South Africa, the broader African continent and India. Its strategy leverages a strong origination franchise, a leading market-making and distribution offering, a strong private equity track record and a growing transactional platform.



INSTALMENT AND FINANCE PROVIDER WesBank represents the group's activities in instalment credit, fleet management and insurance in the retail, commercial and corporate segments of South Africa. WesBank has a unique and long-standing model of partnering with leading motor manufacturers, suppliers and dealer groups.

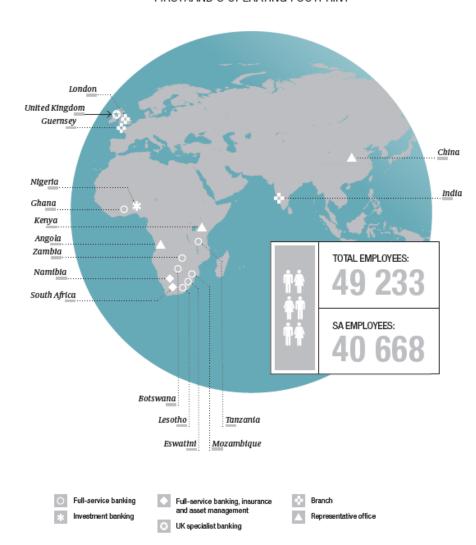
Aldermere

UK SPECIALIST LENDER Aldermore represents the group's activities in the UK. It has a clear strategy of offering simple financial products and solutions to meet the needs of underserved small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as homeowners, professional landlords, vehicle owners and savers.

 $\Delta_{\scriptscriptstyle ext{NVESTMENTS}}$ 

ASSET MANAGEMENT Ashburton Investments represents FirstRand's asset management activities. Ashburton has an active investment management strategy spanning traditional and alternate investments as well as unique on-balance sheet opportunities.

#### FIRSTRAND'S OPERATING FOOTPRINT



#### Financing Nature Based Solutions

- "Nature-based Solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore natural and modified ecosystems in ways that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, to provide both human well-being and biodiversity benefits" (IUCN, 2016)
- NbS could provide around 30% of the cost-effective climate mitigation needed by 2030 to stabilise warming to below 2°C, and can also provide a powerful defense against the impacts and long-term hazards of climate change,
- United Nation's sustainable development goals how sustainably using natural capital can help play a role in achieving these goals.



#### **Kelp farming project:**

- An example of climate mitigation and defense against climate hazards provided through working with ecosystems, rather than just relying on engineered solutions
- An innovative conservation effort that can help to protect, manage and restore the environment, while delivering tangible and sustainable benefits for people































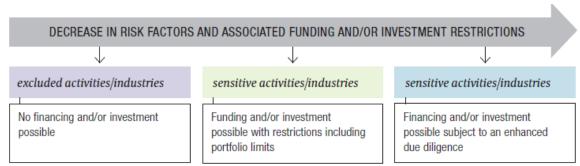






#### Financing Nature Based Solutions











#### Challenges and opportunities

Awareness raising and capacity building to understand the value – and dependency - on natural capital and the solutions that nature can provide.

Robust KPI's and targets, and granular data at the



Operations



Innovation



Source: IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions, 2020

reduction".

An enabling framework that creates incentives for nature-based solutions to help banks to channel financial flows.

client or asset class level.





"Failure to recognize that "nature is essential for human existence and good quality of life" results not only in a model of economic growth that significantly contributes to the loss of biodiversity, it also misses the opportunity to effectively deploy nature in helping resolve major societal challenges such as climate change, food security and disaster risk

# Financing Nature-Based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience An oceans deep dive



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#### Ocean health is vital to human life on earth

#### Support for human life



70% of the earth's surface<sup>1</sup>



More than **3 billion** people rely on the ocean for their livelihoods<sup>2</sup>



**1 billion** people rely on fish as their main source of animal protein<sup>3</sup>

#### Climate change mitigation

Oceans absorb **93%** of climate heat<sup>4</sup>

Oceans generate

50%
of our oxygen...

...and absorb

25%
of carbon emissions1

One mature whale sequesters more carbon than

1,500 trees can absorb in a year8

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#### **Economic value**

The economic value of ocean assets is around **\$24 trillion**<sup>5</sup>

An "annual gross marine product" of

#### \$2.5 trillion

makes the ocean the world's 7<sup>th</sup> largest economy<sup>5</sup>

Between 2009 and 2016, this economic value grew **9.7%** 

with growth forecast at 2x the rate of the mainstream economy by 2030<sup>6</sup>

**90%** of world trade is moved by sea<sup>7</sup>



1. NOAA 2. OECD 3. FAO 4. IUCN 5. WWF 6. European Commission 7. ICS Shipping 8. IMF



# Despite the criticality of our oceans, they are one of the most underinvested SDGs

The past 5 years marked the warmest on record for the ocean. Ocean warming is a key contributor to severe weather events; more than \$115 billion+ weather disasters in the last decade<sup>1</sup>

On our current trajectory,

by 2030 there will **be 4x** 

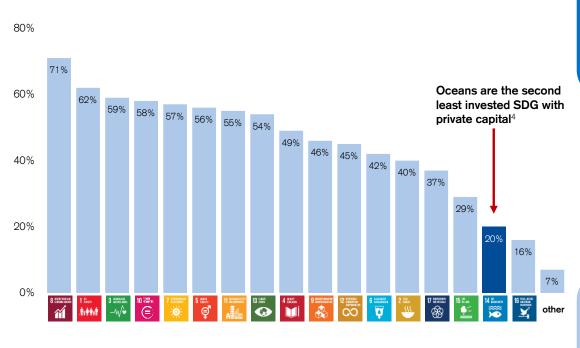
the amount of plastic

waste in the ocean and

by 2050, we'll have more

plastic in the ocean

than fish<sup>2</sup>



Nearly 90% of the world's marine fish stocks are now fully exploited; over 750 million people rely on aquaculture for the livelihoods and over 4 billion count seafood as their primary source of protein<sup>3</sup>

Under a 2 degrees scenario, sea levels are predicted to rise by a minimum of 2 feet in your children's lifetime. By 2050 this would displace c. 1 billion people<sup>1</sup>

1. NOAA 2. Ellen MacArthur Foundation 3. FAO 4. GIIN 2020 Annual Impact Investor Survey

#### Oceans present a significant investment opportunity



The Ocean Panel has identified **five key sectors** as having the biggest potential for investment:



Sustainable fisheries and seafood



Offshore energy



Ocean data



Cleaner marine transport



Circular economy solutions and tackling plastic waste

Every dollar invested to create
Marine Protected Areas
(MPAs) is expected to **be at**least tripled in benefits
such as employment and
costal protection<sup>1</sup>

Increased protection of critical ocean habitats could result in net benefits of between \$490 billion and \$920 billion by 20501

Mangroves are **5 times more cost effective** vs man-made infrastructure in protecting costal communities<sup>2</sup>

Over the next 30 years, investing \$2 trillion to \$3.7 trillion globally across sustainable ocean-based policy interventions could generate a net benefit of \$8.2 trillion to \$22.8 trillion<sup>4</sup>

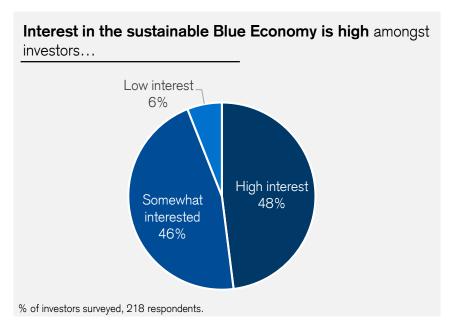
Aquaculture is the fastestgrowing sector in the food animal industry. The global human population will eat 30 million tons of fish by 2030, representing double digit growth rates<sup>3</sup>

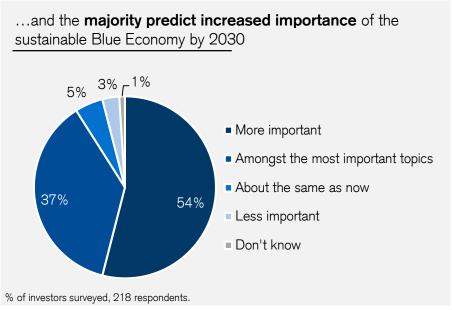
Ocean-related industries like offshore wind energy, fishing and shipping comprise roughly 3.5% to 7% of global GDP a value expected to double by 2030<sup>5</sup>

1. WWF, Marine Protected Areas: smart investments in ocean health 2. IUCN 3. FAO 4. The Ocean Panel 5. World Resources Institute



# Interest in the sustainable Blue Economy is high amongst investors





Investor perception is that the majority of opportunities exist predominantly in early stage investments, debt and blended finance instruments



% of investors surveyed, 218 respondents.



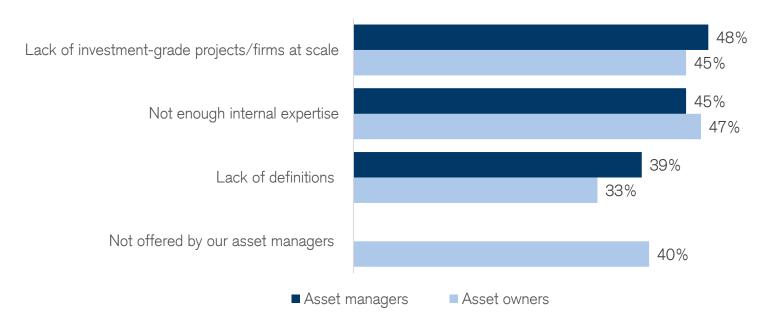
Source: Credit Suisse "Investors and the Blue Economy" – 218 respondents.



# The biggest hurdle for private capital is a lack of investable opportunities that meet investors' needs

Barriers to addressing the critical funding gap towards our oceans underscore the **necessity for innovative and collaborative solutions** 

#### Main barriers to sustainable Blue Economy investment





Source: Credit Suisse "Investors and the Blue Economy" - 218 respondents.

# Investor awareness and engagement are key to driving change and making a difference

Raising awareness

Raising awareness can lessen an organization's negative impact on the ocean and provide potential areas of engagement with portfolio companies

75% of investors have not assessed their investments for ocean impacts or risk exposure<sup>1</sup>

Raising engagement

Increasing engagement with portfolio companies targeting a reduction in ocean-harming activities can support Ocean ecosystems

Only 36% of asset managers currently engage with their companies on ocean health<sup>1</sup>

Partnerships

Partnerships can mobilize action and lead to tangible impact – but equally require awareness and engagement

Example: The **PRI Plastics Working Group** (29 global investors) joining forces to collectively engage packaging companies on plastic transition





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# Insurance mechanisms

to support implementing Nature-based Solutions for disaster and climate resilience

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**OUR VISION:** 















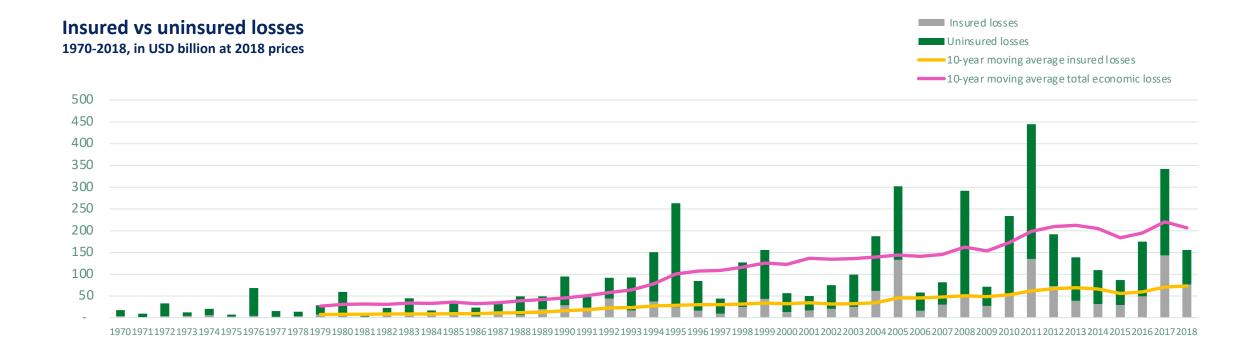
The **Swiss Re Group** is one of the world's leading providers of reinsurance, insurance and other forms of insurance-based risk transfer.

Swiss Re has signed the <u>Paris Pledge for Action</u> and joined other large asset owners in the UN-convened <u>Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance</u>, to commit to carbon-neutral investment portfolios by 2050.

Most catastrophe risk is uninsured, which impacts the economy and ability to recover from shocks

70%

of global economic losses caused by natural catastrophes over the past decade were uninsured



# USD 36 billion

the economic value provided by coral reefs through tourism related activities

#### USD 65 billion 15 million people

the annual protection value (property and lives) provided by mangroves

### 55%

of global GDP is dependent on biodiversity and ecosystem services

# USD 272 billion

the estimated cost of global storm damage without functioning coral reefs

Nature: the ultimate resilience and service provider





#### How can insurance help?

- Businesses: protect the natural asset and revenue earnt from ecoservices
- \$ Investors: de-risk and insure green projects against damage and delays
- Governments: insure against the cost of damages, clean-up and restoration.

# Texel Island, The Netherlands

#### Quintana Roo, Mexico

Traditional construction covers to assure project completion of the nature-based solution

**PRE-EVENT** 

**POST-EVENT** 

Parametric cover triggered by hurricane intensity, covering the cost of prompt restoration



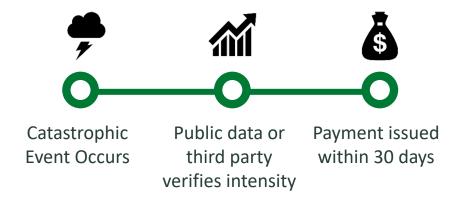
Risk event



#### Indemnity vs Parametric: Types of Insurance



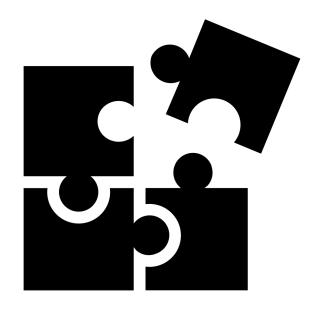
#### Parametric insurance



#### Parametric considerations:

- Fast pay out, with no loss assessment required
- Pre-agreed amounts and flexibility in use of funds
- Transparency and use of objective data
- Basis risk pay out may differ from actual loss

# Designing the right insurance solution in relation to NBS





# Identify the asset that needs protection, or solution to be



#### Understand the risks

constructed

what are the risks and threats, how often will they occur, and how do they impact the natural asset, or the eco-service?



#### Determine payout needs

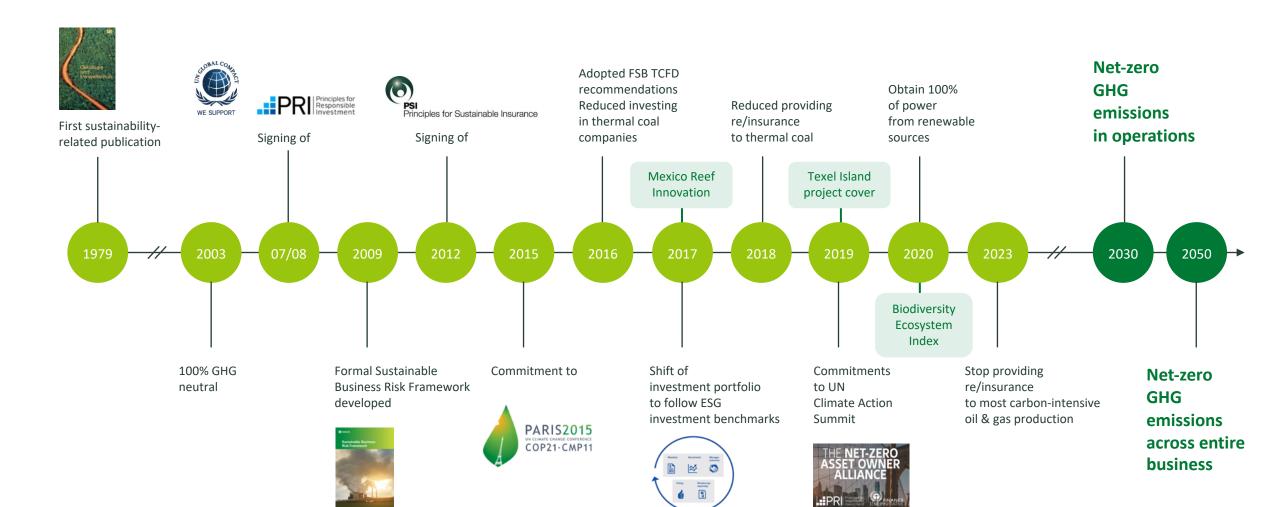
how much is needed to fund repairs, and what do these funds need to cover?



#### **Premium Funding**

who pays the premium? ensure sustainable cash flows for ongoing premium payment and protection

# Swiss Re has a long tradition of sustainability and reinforces this with further ambitious steps towards net-zero emissions



# Steering our business towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Enabling Wind farms in Taiwan





Kenya Livestock Insurance Program





Disaster risk financing in Nagaland, India





Marine ship decarbonisation



# Insurance SDG Calculator

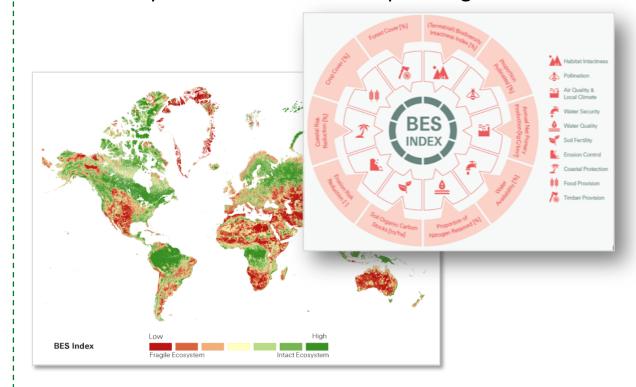
# Biodiversity & Ecosystem Index



The Swiss Re Institute is developing a tool to help re/insurers measure, steer and report progress towards the UN's SDGs.

Portfolio quantification Portfolio impact Target setting and score derivation Individual & total SDG scores

Built from existing publications and satellite data sets, this index estimates the state of 10 natural ecosystems at 1km<sup>2</sup> resolution. Integrated into Swiss Re's CatNet® tool, this tool can help assess risk and inform planning.



#### Overcoming (some of) the current hurdles





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