

Proteus Annual Meeting 2019

Biodiversity Conservation in a Post-2020 World

Discussion Document

What should Proteus look like Post-2020?

Proteus began in 2003, and has followed five phases (2003-2005, 2006-2008, 2009-2012, 2013-2015 and 2016-2020). It has grown from a handful of extractive and financial companies, to 12 leading extractive company members. Proteus is a unique collaboration which combines private sector contributions and leveraged funding to:

- Improve the World Database on Protected Areas and availability of information on coastal and marine biodiversity.
- Ensure data which underpins the identification biodiversity features are improved, while supporting the development and understanding of sites of significant biodiversity value.
- Deliver resources which help companies develop capacity to consider biodiversity in the context of the wider landscape.

Proteus delivers data and information, interpreted and applied to the private sector context, while building corporate capacity and engagement in the conservation agenda. Proteus benefits both the members of the Partnership and the wider conservation community. During the annual Partners' meeting in June 2019 we will focus two sessions on the renewal of Proteus beyond 2020. During these sessions we will explore:

- the **business case for Proteus**, the support focal points need in making this internally, and how we can enhance the value and impact of Proteus, and;
- the **content, structure and format** of Proteus in future.

In preparation for these sessions, we would like Partners to consider a number of key questions we will cover in more detail during the meeting.

The business case for Proteus

- Should Proteus continue into another phase from 2021-2025?
- What more can we do to enhance the value of Proteus to members?
- How could Proteus contribute to sustainable financing for Open Data?
- How is Proteus funded from within your company?
- Does aligning Proteus to the post-2020 biodiversity agenda support your internal business case?
- Would the business case be supported by more detailed information about the impacts of Proteus financial contributions?

The content, structure and format of Proteus

- Should Proteus invest in new innovative datasets such as global restoration potential, in line with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration?
- Could Proteus act as an EIA data repository, housing datasets/ensuring access & would this support members?
- Should the Proteus Partnership structure be expanded to include other sectors and types of members such as juniors, consultancies, electric utilities, infrastructure companies, technology companies etc.?
- Would members welcome greater geographic focus on improving data and capacity in priority countries or sub-regions?