



PROTEUS QUARTERLY UPDATE
July to September 2024

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PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

- **Nature Action Dialogues and Proteus Annual Meeting:** UNEP-WCMC hosted the first Nature Action Dialogues in Cambridge on July 1-2, followed by the Proteus Annual Meeting 2024 on July 3. These events brought together 175 biodiversity experts and practitioners from conservation organisations, industry associations, finance, and business, including Proteus Partners.
- During the Nature Action Dialogues 2024, participants with private, public and academic expertise convened varied interactive sessions to discuss opportunities and challenges in enabling private sector contributions to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's (GBF) goals and targets. Insights from these were considered in more depth during the Proteus Annual Meeting and supplemented by real-world Partner case studies.
- A summary of key takeaways and insights from the first Nature Action Dialogues and Proteus Annual Meeting 2024 is provided through this [Proteus Partners Update](#).
- **Training and Technical Assistance:** UNEP-WCMC has delivered 9 training sessions, 174 hours of technical assistance and successfully resolved over 57 data queries for Proteus Partners so far in 2024. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss [training](#) and [technical assistance](#).

NEW RESOURCES

- [Data Forum](#) on Making Data Available providing insights, experiences and lessons learned on how Proteus and Partner companies are contributing to making high-quality biodiversity data more accessible
- [Case Studies](#) at the Proteus Annual Meeting 2024 on Embedding Nature at Corporate Level to help identify opportunities and share experiences on how Proteus Partners can contribute to conservation and restoration and integrate action for nature across their businesses.
- [Data Forum](#) on updates to the [ENCORE tool](#) providing an overview of the latest updates to the ENCORE knowledge base, including new value chain data, and a recap of ENCORE's key functionalities.



DATA UPDATES

- **World Database on Protected Areas:** 40 countries and territories were updated in the third quarter of 2024 including 13 Proteus Priority Countries. These updates included 1,537 [Areas of Special Conservation Interest \(Emerald Network\)](#), 17,306 [Nationally designated areas](#), 2,816 [Natura 2000 sites](#) and 16 [World Heritage sites](#). There was a net increase of 16,061 records and 185,061 records were updated and verified.
- **World Database on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs):** A total of 13 new OECMs were added to the WD-OECM for Morocco. In the Cook Islands, Takitumu Conservation Area OECM was added - the first reported OECM for the country and among the Pacific island states.
- **IBAT:** The [new Disclosure Preparation Report](#) was improved based on feedback from beta testing, including from Proteus Partners, and is now available to all IBAT users. It can now be run with up to 1,000 sites.
- **ENCORE:** The ENCORE website has been updated with new data. The 2024 update to the ENCORE [knowledge base](#) has now been integrated into the website's Explore tool and Natural Capital Module.
- **Ecosystem Integrity Index (EII):** The draft layer is available for Proteus Partners to access [here](#), and the final global layer has been submitted for scientific publication.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- [TNFD \(2024\)](#). TNFD Additional Guidance by sector.
- [Capitals Coalition \(2024\)](#). Towards A New Economic Paradigm 2.0: Innovating to integrate decision-making across nature, people, society, and the economy.
- [Dinerstein et. al \(2024\)](#). Conservation Imperatives: securing the last unprotected terrestrial sites harbouring irreplaceable biodiversity.
- [Baggaley et. al \(2024\)](#). Nature positive for business: Developing a common approach – Translations now available for [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#) and [Japanese](#).
- [UNEP \(2024\)](#). Navigating New Horizons: A global foresight report on planetary health and human wellbeing.
- [Bignoli et. al \(2024\)](#). Towards more sustainable and inclusive development corridors in Africa.
- [TNFD and GRI \(2024\)](#). Interoperability mapping between the GRI Standards and the TNFD Recommended Disclosures and metrics.
- [EFRAG and TNFD \(2024\)](#). Correspondence mapping: ESRS requirements and TNFD Disclosure Recommendations and metrics.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Proteus Partner Events

- 6 Nov. 2024 - [Data Forum](#) on Beta Framework for Integrated Decision Making
- 4 Dec. 2024 - Horizon Scan Webinar on outcomes from CBD COP16 ([AM session](#) and [PM session](#))
- Q4 2024 - Technical Brief on nature-based solutions for adaptation
- 25-27 Mar. 2024 - [Nature Action Dialogues 2025](#) and Proteus Annual Meeting 2025
- Q1 2025 - Technical Brief on setting biodiversity inclusive targets
- Q1 2025 - Technical Brief on strategic spatial prioritisation in marine offshore wind projects

External Events

- 21 Oct. – 1 Nov. 2024 - 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the CBD in Colombia
- 11-24 Nov. 2024 - 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29) to the UNFCCC in Azerbaijan
- 2-13 Dec. 2024 - 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the UNCCD in Saudi Arabia

Opportunity to engage

- 7 Oct. – 8 Nov. 2024 - Consultation on the [State of Nature Metrics by the Nature Positive Initiative](#)

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