



PROTEUS QUARTERLY UPDATE
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PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

- [Nature Action Dialogues 2025](#) and **Proteus Annual Meeting 2025**: UNEP-WCMC hosted the Nature Action Dialogues and Proteus Annual Meeting in Cambridge on 25-27 March 2025. These events brought together over 250 leaders from conservation, finance and business spanning 30 different sectors.
- The **Nature Action Dialogues 2025** focussed on accelerating private sector action at the nexus of biodiversity, climate and water. Key discussions revolved around the interconnections between biodiversity, water, food, health and climate change, exploring actions to transform economic systems and private sector practices. The programme included workshops on topics such as aligning financial flows, developing business resilience, the role of nature tech, and effective communication. A significant thread throughout was need for strengthened meaningful collaboration and partnerships across sectors.
- The **Proteus Annual Meeting 2025** provided space for deeper discussions and peer-sharing between Proteus Partners, and included tangible examples of how Partners are considering biodiversity and people in tandem.
- **Training and Technical Assistance**: UNEP-WCMC has delivered three training sessions, over 100 hours of technical assistance and successfully resolved 14 data queries for Proteus Partners in Q1 2025. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss [training](#) and [technical assistance](#). Some examples are [here](#).

NEW RESOURCES

- [Technical Brief](#) on *Every Job is a Nature Job – Business Development*: This sets out specific actions that could be incorporated into a business developer's role, with the overall ambition of promoting and advancing nature considerations. This is part of a series developed by UNEP-WCMC under the Proteus Partnership to support the integration of nature considerations across a range of business functions.
- [Technical Brief](#) on *Navigating the target setting landscape*: This reviews the similarities and differences between four prominent biodiversity-related target setting approaches: No Net Loss (NNL) and Net Positive Impact (NPI) targets, SBTN targets, the draft IUCN 'Measuring Nature-Positive' approach, and the TNFD guidance on nature-related target setting.
- [Technical Brief](#) on *Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for climate adaptation*: This addresses the opportunity for businesses to adopt NbS in the context of adapting to climate change. This is accompanied by a [spreadsheet of resources](#) that can support further exploration of NbS for climate adaptation.
- [Update](#) on *CBD COP 16*: This is a short summary of some key decisions with relevance to business from the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- [Updated Accountability for Nature report](#): This update reflects the latest changes in the reviewed approaches and incorporates new information on disclosures for pollution.

DATA UPDATES

- **World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA):** Five countries were updated in the first quarter of 2025 including two Proteus Priority Countries (Canada and Kenya). These updates included 1,736 records with updated and verified data, four records added to the WDPA and three removed from the WDPA.
- **World Database on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (WD-OECM):** 20 sites have been submitted by the [North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission](#) (NEAFC). These are the first OECMs in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) and the first submitted by a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO). They are managed individually but have been identified collectively as OECMs.
- **IBAT:** The [IBAT Disclosure Preparation Report](#) has been updated to extend its applicability beyond TNFD and GRI to include the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD).
- [Important Marine Mammal Areas \(IMMAs\)](#): 43 new IMMAs were added to the [global spatial data layer](#).
- [Global Critical Habitat screening layer](#): The layer was updated in 2025 after the previous update in 2023.
- [Land Use Finance Impact Hub](#): An [updated set of biodiversity indicators](#) for the Positive Impact Indicators Directory was launched in January 2025 (after previous updates in August 2023). The indicators are designed to help harmonise monitoring and reporting across a range of environmental and social impact areas: biodiversity, sustainable production, climate action and sustainable livelihoods.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- [UNEP-WCMC \(2024\)](#). Every Job is a Nature Job – Procurement: [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).
- [UNEP-WCMC \(2025\)](#). Every Job is a Nature Job – Business Development: [English](#).
- [UNEP-FI \(2024\)](#). Accountability for Nature: Comparison of Nature-related Assessment and Disclosure Frameworks and Standards (2025 update).
- [UNEP-WCMC \(2025\)](#). NBSAPs and Private Finance Outlook: **Brazil**. Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- [UNEP-WCMC \(2025\)](#). NBSAPs and Private Finance Outlook: **Mexico**. Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- [UNEP-WCMC \(2025\)](#). NBSAPs and Private Finance Outlook: **United Kingdom**. Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- [WEF \(2025\)](#). Nature Positive: Role of Mining and Metals Sector.
- [WEF \(2025\)](#). Nature Positive: Role of Offshore Wind Sector.
- [McKenzie et al. \(2025\)](#). Science and technical priorities for private sector action to address biodiversity loss.
- [Arcadis, ICF, UNEP-WCMC, Capitals Coalition, WCMC Europe \(2024\)](#). Exploring measurement solutions for corporate Nature Positive Commitments - a discussion paper from the Align project, [Align project- Aligning accounting approaches for nature](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Proteus Partner Events

- Q2 2025 – Technical Brief on strategic spatial prioritisation in marine offshore wind projects
- Q2 2025 – Horizon Scan on AI and conservation
- Q2 2025 – Data Forum on net positive commitments across different sectors
- Q2 2025 – Horizon Scan on landscape approaches
- Q3 2025 – Data Forum on Restoration Opportunities
- Q3 2025 – Horizon Scan on business contributions to protected and conserved area coverage
- Q4 2025 – Data Forum on State of Nature metrics
- Q4 2025 – Data Forum on new developments in IBAT

External Events

- 1-4 May 2025 – 44th Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) in Bologna
- 12-16 May 2025 – 2025 Ipieca week in London
- 9-15 October 2025 – IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi
- 23-24 October 2025 – European Business and Nature Summit (ESNS) in Helsinki
- 10-21 November 2025 – 30th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 30) to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Belém
- 8-12 December 2025 – 7th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) in Nairobi

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