

Monthly Newsletter

Proteus Monthly Newsletter - April 2026

Dear partners,

Please read on for this month's summary of new resources and upcoming opportunities from UNEP-WCMC and Proteus. You can find the most up-to-date information, along with updates specific to your company, on the Proteus dashboard.

Highlights

- New Social Engagement Officer brief in the Every Job is a Nature Job series – see **'New resources'**
- Upcoming webinar introducing the Every Job is a Nature Job series to UN Global Compact (23 April) – see **'Upcoming events and engagement opportunities'**
- Marine protected and conserved area coverage reaches the Aichi target of 10% - see **'Data updates'**

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Upcoming events and engagement opportunities

Proteus Annual Meeting and Nature Action Dialogues 2026

Join us at Jesus College, Cambridge, May 12-14, for the Proteus Annual Meeting, incorporating the Nature Action Dialogues.

The Nature Action Dialogues provides a unique, powerful forum for technical experts across business, finance and conservation to come together to share insights and accelerate action. The 14th May will be a closed day for Proteus partners and selected other companies for deeper technical conversations, peer-to-peer sharing and discussions of Proteus governance.



[Visit the Nature Action Dialogues 2026 website](#)

Every Job is a Nature Job webinar: 23 April, 1pm (BST)

In this webinar hosted by UN Global Compact Sweden, members of the UNEP-WCMC Proteus team will introduce the latest developments in our Every Job is a Nature Job work exploring how different job roles can integrate biodiversity into their decision making. Please join us for this session and share the details with your network.

[Register for the UNGC webinar](#)

[Explore Every Job is a Nature Job resources](#)

New resources

Launch of the Every Job is a Nature Job- Social Engagement Officer brief

The latest brief in the [Every Job is a Nature Job](#) series focuses on the actions that social engagement officers can take to align their processes related to community engagement with biodiversity related impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities.

[Download the Social Engagement Officer brief](#)

Mapping European hotspots of natural capital depletion: using ENCORE to identify natural capital risks and opportunities within Europe

This briefing note outlines the methodology behind updated maps of European hotspots of natural capital depletion. ENCORE was used to identify areas with particularly high pressures on ecosystems. The maps are suitable for high-level screening and prioritisation. Further details of the limitations and intended use of the maps are provided in the briefing note.

[Download the briefing note](#)

[Access the European data layer](#)

World Economic Forum- 50 investible opportunities for a new nature economy

This new insight report from the World Economic Forum provides a selection of investment-ready opportunities to contribute to nature-positive outcomes while still achieving economic benefits. The document highlights opportunities for priority sectors, including mining, energy, agriculture, food and forestry. Providing a clear business case as well as nature benefits, the document is intended to be accessible for financial leaders within companies as well as those working in sustainability.

[Read the Insight Report](#)

UN Environment Programme's EnvironmentGPT (beta)

UNEP have launched a public chatbot, intended to provide users with accurate, cited and easy-to-understand answers on key environmental topics. The model is trained exclusively on UNEP-approved sources, reducing the risk of hallucinations and helping users navigate findings from existing UN reports.

[Try EnvironmentGPT](#)

[Read UNEP's guide to EnvironmentGPT](#)

Non-state actor contributions to OECMs in Asia

IUCN ran a workshop showcasing how non-state actors, including businesses, in Asia have engaged with OECM recognition and contributed to area-based conservation. The session also explored how policy design, implementation and capacity-building efforts can encourage private sector actors to engage with area-based conservation.

[Read the workshop summary](#)

Data updates

World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA)

In April, WDPCA data were updated for Indonesia and Thailand.

Review country update summaries: [Proteus website dashboard](#)

Access WDPCA web services: [UNEP-WCMC GIS Portal](#)

Download the latest version of the WDPCA: [World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas, April 2026](#)

WDPCA reaches 10% marine coverage target

In the April release of the WDPCA, the milestone was reached of 10% of the world's oceans now officially designated within protected and conserved areas. The 10% target for marine coverage was one of the Aichi Biodiversity targets, set by the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2010 with a deadline of 2020.

The Global Biodiversity Framework, which replaced the Aichi agreement in 2022, sets a target to protect and conserve 30% of land and seas by 2030. To reach the 30% target by 2030, an area approximately the size of the Indian Ocean will need to become designated as protected or conserved.

Read about the 10% marine coverage milestone: [UNEP-WCMC blog](#)

Read about the 2025 BBNJ Agreement, including the mechanism to establish marine protected areas in areas beyond national jurisdiction: [Horizon scan of linkages between the BBNJ Agreement and biodiversity-related multilateral environment agreements](#)

Technical support (including training)

Every Proteus partner has the opportunity to access 50 hours of bespoke training and technical support from UNEP-WCMC experts. Contact your company's Focal Point to discuss training and technical support opportunities.

[Check your company's remaining technical assistance allowance](#)

[Explore how Proteus partners have used their technical assistance allowance in the past](#)