

# Monthly Newsletter

## Proteus Monthly Newsletter - March 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

- Preparations for the Nature Action Dialogues and Proteus Annual Meeting are well underway, with speakers lined up from business, finance and NGOs to deliver sessions on a range of business and nature topics
- Researchers have successfully piloted a method for calibrating START scores, for a landscape in Costa Rica
- An interim update to the State of the World's Migratory Species Report has been published, tracking status and trends in migratory populations
- Nine countries and territories were updated in the WDPCA in March, including Australia, Brazil and South Africa

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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 annual Proteus Annual Meeting, incorporating Nature Action Dialogues.

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



Get in touch with us for the latest agenda and for more details of how to engage. A summary of how the Nature Action Dialogue themes link with the [IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment](#) can be found [here](#).

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

### **Every Job is a Nature Job webinar: 23 April, 2pm-3pm (CET)**

Join us for an introduction to 'Every Job is a Nature Job', in a webinar hosted by UN Global Compact Sweden. Members of the Proteus team will introduce the latest developments in this work and explore how different job roles can integrate biodiversity into their decision making.

Please join us for this session, and feel free to share the details with your network.

[Sign up for the webinar](#)

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

### **Priority country nominations**

Each year, Proteus partners have the opportunity to nominate priority countries for update in the World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA).

The Proteus team has begun reaching out to company Focal Points individually for nominations of three Priority Countries for update in the WDPCA. You can check when your company's priority countries were last updated on the Proteus website company dashboard.

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### **New resources**

#### **Case study of calibrated STAR**

A new paper describes the process and outcomes of a project piloting a calibrated Species Threat Abatement and Restoration (STAR) metric, in a landscape in Costa Rica. Estimated STAR (provided in IBAT) gives species presence and threats for an area based on global species distribution and threat data. Calibrated STAR reduces uncertainties by verifying species presence and threat distribution for the area of interest.

To produce a calibrated STAR score, the researchers consulted specialists to review the species presence and threats for the area of interest. This process was followed up with remote sensing analysis of land use change to further validate the threat distribution in the area. The study demonstrated the feasibility of moving from an estimated to a calibrated STAR score.

[Read the paper in Conservation Biology](#)

## Update to the State of the World's Migratory Species Report

An interim report on the State of the World's Migratory Species has been published, ahead of the 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP15). The report warns that 49% of the migratory species populations covered by the UN Convention on Migratory Species are in decline and 24% face extinction- a significant decline compared to the 2024 report (reductions of 5% and 2%, respectively). The report also outlines encouraging developments, including improvements in mapping of migratory pathways, progress in safeguarding important habitats and corridors for migratory species, and the recovery of some migratory populations, attributed to coordinated conservation action.

[Download the State of the World's Migratory Species report](#)

## Capacity building resource guide for monitoring forest restoration

This guidance shortlists relevant resources on how to identify indicators and spatial analysis tools for forest monitoring. It can support restoration practitioners and site-level authorities in identifying the best tools for monitoring forest restoration projects. It is intended to support implementation of the Forest Restoration Impact Monitoring Framework and was written to support project partner countries in south and southeast Asia. Both the framework and this guide are relevant to global audiences.

[Download the Forest Restoration Monitoring Guide](#)

## Data updates

### World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA)

In March, WDPCA data were updated for Ascension Island, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia and South Africa. The updates include Australia's first report of an OECM.

**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, March 2026](#)

## 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](#)