

Monthly Newsletter

Proteus Monthly Newsletter – May 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

- Happening this week: Proteus Annual Meeting, incorporating Nature Action Dialogues
- Upcoming webinar on the mining sector's contributions to global biodiversity goals
- New resources, including the release of the full text of the IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment and new IMEC white paper on Additional Conservation Actions
- Data updates, including WDPCA updates for 10 countries and IBAT's launch of a new Web Feature Service

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Upcoming events and engagement opportunities

Proteus Annual Meeting and Nature Action Dialogues - 12-14 May

Proteus Annual Meeting, incorporating the Nature Action Dialogues, will be taking place at Jesus College, Cambridge this week. Attendees should have already received information packs about the Nature Action Dialogues, as well as a set of pre-reads and an agenda for Proteus Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Balint.Ternyik@unep-wcmc.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Enabling the mining sector to take action on biodiversity – 26 May

Join the CBD's upcoming Community of Practice webinar, focused on creating an enabling environment for responsible management of biodiversity by the mining sector. The webinar will take place at 13:00 BST on Tuesday 26th May.

UNEP-WCMC and the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) will be joined by businesses and standard setters to discuss how mining businesses can reduce their nature-related risks and contribute to an enabling environment for responsible management of biodiversity.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Navigating a triple COP year - 3 June

Business for Nature are co-hosting a webinar exploring how businesses can get involved in the three conference of parties (COPs) taking place in 2026. This high-level briefing will explore how businesses can drive ambition and coordinate action across the UN negotiations on climate (UNFCCC COP31), biodiversity (CBD COP17) and land (UNCDD COP17).

Two sessions will take place, both on Wednesday 3rd June:

- Session 1: 09:00 BST
- Session 2: 16:00 BST

[Register for session 1](#)

[Register for session 2](#)

Upcoming conferences

We will be sending delegates to a number of conferences over the coming months. Get in touch if you are interested in meeting or collaborating on session delivery at any of these events:

- **London Climate Action Week**, London, UK: 20-28 June
 - **Nature Positive Summit**, Kumamoto, Japan: 14-16 July
 - **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP17**, Yerevan, Armenia: 19-30 October
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New resources

Launch of the full IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment report

The IPBES business and biodiversity report is now available in full. The six chapters set out how business impacts and depends on biodiversity, approaches to measure impacts and dependencies, and opportunities for business to take action on biodiversity.

[Read the IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment](#)

UNEP-WCMC blog on data justice in the WDPCA

In a new blog from the Protected Planet initiative, UNEP-WCMC experts present the actions that are being taken to ensure WDPCA data are representative, transparent and accessible. These efforts to strengthen data justice will help to ensure fairness in the ways people, including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, are represented and affected by WDPCA data and its use.

Actions include addressing geographic biases in the WDPCA, strengthening national processes on free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) during data collection, and increasing the diversity of data sources by increasing representation of non-state actors in data processes.

[Read the blog](#)

Data updates

World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA)

In May, WDPCA data were updated for two Proteus priority countries- Chile and Peru. Data updates were also made for Colombia, Indonesia, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka. In addition, the data review process identified misaligned polygons in Myanmar, the Russian Federation and Taiwan, Province of China, and these were removed.

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, May 2026](#)

[Check when your company's priority countries were last updated](#)

IBAT data updates and new web feature service

The World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas has been updated, with the addition of 19 new sites and reassessment of 27 sites.

IBAT has also launched a Web Feature Service (WFS) for QGIS and ArcGIS Pro, allowing direct access to the most up-to-date WDPCA and Key Biodiversity Area Data within user's GIS software.

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](#)

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