

Biodiversity Guidance to accompany the Natural Capital Protocol Consultation Questions

INTRODUCTION

The following questions are designed to help coordinate responses to the consultation on the Biodiversity Guidance to accompany the Natural Capital Protocol. All completed answers **must be submitted through the online collaboration platform, Collaborase** rather than via email to make it easier to collate.

You can log into Collaborase and answer these questions using the below links:

Introduction and Decision Tree:

https://collaborase.com/biodiversity_decisiontree

Framing Guidance: https://collaborase.com/biodiversity_framing

Scoping Guidance: https://collaborase.com/biodiversity_scoping

Measuring and Valuing Guidance:

https://collaborase.com/biodiversity_measurevalue

Application Guidance: https://collaborase.com/biodiversity_application

The Consultation will remain open until May 1, 2020.

Introduction

1. The connection and differences between the different guidance notes that form part of the Biodiversity Guidance is explained clearly.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

2. The connection between the Protocol and the Biodiversity Guidance is clear and practical.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]



Decision Tree

- 3. The Decision Tree (which will be put in an interactive form online) covers all the steps needed to complete a biodiversity-inclusive natural capital assessment.**
- Fully agree
 - Mostly agree
 - Partially agree
 - Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]
- 4. The additional reports and technical guidance referred to in the Decision Tree provide sufficient information to help complete a biodiversity-inclusive natural capital assessment**
- Fully agree
 - Mostly agree
 - Partially agree
 - Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]

Framing Guidance

- 5. The relationship between biodiversity, ecosystem services and natural capital is clear and well explained.**
- Fully agree
 - Mostly agree
 - Partially agree
 - Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]
- 6. This guidance adequately makes the business case for why biodiversity should be included within a natural capital assessment.**
- Fully agree
 - Mostly agree
 - Partially agree
 - Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]
- 7. The adapted infographics (Figures 1 and 2) provide additional understanding of the relationship between natural capital, biodiversity, business and society compared to Figures 1.1 and 1.2 in the Protocol.**
- Fully agree
 - Mostly agree
 - Partially agree
 - Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]



8. The mapping of Business Applications between the Protocol and the Aligning Biodiversity Measures for Business collaboration is clear and helps select the most appropriate business application.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

Scoping Guidance

9. Table 2 covers sufficient resources for setting objective and scope of a biodiversity-inclusive assessment.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

10. Are there any additional resources for setting the objective and scope of a biodiversity-inclusive assessment that you would like to add to Table 2?

[Please provide details on your answer]

11. Table 4 aids understanding of the business and societal value perspective in relation to biodiversity.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

12. Sufficient information is provided to be able to scope potentially material impacts/dependencies on biodiversity.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

13. Is there any other information needed to be able to articulate a clear objective and scope?

[Please provide details on your answer]

14. Table 2 covers a sufficient range of biodiversity-specific resources relating to measurement and valuation.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

15. Are there any additional biodiversity-specific resources for measuring and valuing that you would like to add to Table 2?

[Please provide details]

16. Are you aware of any tools or methods that are available to measure corporate biodiversity dependencies?

[Please provide details]

17. The difference between proxy data and modelling data is clear in Table 8.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

18. There is a clear understanding that biodiversity can be valued through qualitative, quantitative or monetary valuation techniques, but that this guidance only provides a more thorough explanation of monetary valuation.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

19. Table 10 adequately covers the key biodiversity considerations relevant to monetary valuation techniques.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

20. Section 7.2.4 provides clear guidance as to how the key limitations of biodiversity values should be taken into consideration and how to address them when undertaking your natural capital assessment.

- a. Fully agree



- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

21. The examples for valuation provide sufficient detail to understand how different techniques can be used to estimate values for biodiversity.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

Application Guidance

22. The guidance clearly explains how to take action (for example company decisions, or setting targets) as a result of a biodiversity-inclusive natural capital assessment.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

23. Table 3 provides sufficient detail to understand business actions that may be taken as a result of a biodiversity-inclusive natural capital assessment.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

24. Table 4 sufficiently covers global, national and company-led frameworks for informing biodiversity target setting.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

25. Are there any additional resources on global, national and company-led frameworks that you would like to add to Table 4?

[Please provide details on your answer]

26. The level of detail provided to explain target setting is adequate and fits the purpose of the document.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree



- d. Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]

27. The guidance clearly explains how a natural capital assessment can inform target setting.

- a. Fully agree
 - b. Mostly agree
 - c. Partially agree
 - d. Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]

28. The case studies provide appropriate and helpful information on how businesses may take action as a result of a biodiversity-inclusive natural capital assessment.

- a. Fully agree
 - b. Mostly agree
 - c. Partially agree
 - d. Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]]

29. Section 9.2.3 clearly explains how natural capital assessments which integrate biodiversity can be part of a business's process.

- a. Fully agree
 - b. Mostly agree
 - c. Partially agree
 - d. Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]

Overarching

30. The structure of the guidance is clear and easy to follow.

- a. Fully agree
 - b. Mostly agree
 - c. Partially agree
 - d. Disagree
- [Please provide details on your answer]

31. There is an effective balance between business language, technical language, and figures/tables.

- a. Fully agree, the balance is effective
 - b. Mostly agree, the balance is largely effective, with some key exceptions
 - c. Partially agree, the balance is unbalanced in several places
 - d. Disagree, the balance isn't effective
- [Please provide details on your answer]

32. The guidance includes broad and balanced reference to available methodologies and approaches.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree



- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]

33. Which elements of the guidance did you think offered most additional value, in comparison to other existing approaches?

[Please provide details]

34. Would you like to see additional or further development of specific aspects of the guidance?

[Please provide details]

35. The reference to the latest projects, tools and case studies is helpful and does not limit the usefulness of the guidance over time.

- a. Fully agree
- b. Mostly agree
- c. Partially agree
- d. Disagree

[Please provide details on your answer]