

Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity



National and Regional Initiatives Report



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Acronyms Table

ABBI	Australian Business and Biodiversity Initiative
AMEBIN	Mexican Alliance for Business and Biodiversity
AMS	ASEAN Member States
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ACB	ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
ASCC	ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community
BiGCI	Business in Good Company Initiative (Germany)
BNBP	Biz N Biodiversity Platform (Korea)
BPM	Biodiversity Partnership Mesoamerica
BSL	Biodiversity Sri Lanka
ByE	Peruvian Biodiversity and Business Initiative
CBBC	Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council
CBBP	China Business and Biodiversity Partnership
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCC	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce
CEBDS	Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEPA	Communication, Education, and Public Awareness
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
CNI	National Confederation of Industry (Brazil)
COP	Conference of the Parties
CSO	Chief Security Officer
CSR Europe	Corporate Sustainability & Responsibility Europe
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa
DG	Director General
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
EU B@B	EU Business and Biodiversity Platform
EWT	Endangered Wildlife Trust
FECO	Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of China
FIBS	Finnish Business and Biodiversity Initiative
GIZ	German Society for International Cooperation
GPBB	Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity
IBBI	Indian Business and Biodiversity Initiative
IBNB	Brazilian Initiative on Business and Biodiversity
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
JBBP	Japan Business and Biodiversity Partnership
JBIB	Japan Business Initiative for Biodiversity
KBCSD	Korea Business Council for Sustainable Development
KCNC	Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation
KoreaBIO	Korea Biotechnology Industry Organization
KNCF	Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund
LIFE	Lasting Initiative for Earth
MEE	Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China
MEFCC	Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change of India
MINAM	Peruvian Ministry for the Environment
NBBN	National Biodiversity and Business Network (South Africa)
NGO(s)	Non-Governmental Organization(s)
NPO(s)	Non-Profit Organizations
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SME	Small & Medium Enterprises

Introduction

The Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity - GPBB is currently comprised of 21 national and regional initiatives, all working towards greater business engagement on biodiversity-related issues.

The GPBB and its member initiatives were established further to the business engagement decisions taken at COP 10 ([Decision X/21/1d and 3a](#)) and COP 11 ([Decision XI/7/1 and 5a](#)). Their establishment demonstrated the increased understanding that business needs to play a critical role in addressing the serious environmental problems facing us, including the loss of biodiversity.

It is a network of networks linking the various initiatives so that they can share information and good practices, and cooperate on common projects with a view to mainstream biodiversity concerns into businesses.

The makeup of each national or regional initiative is different; however, they all attempt to connect businesses, governments and other key stakeholders in encouraging knowledge sharing and the facilitation of greater understanding and action in biodiversity conservation by businesses at the national and regional levels. Businesses need to play a bigger and critical role in addressing the serious environmental problems facing us, including the loss of biodiversity. The objective of these efforts is to increase the number of companies with a significantly reduced negative impact upon biodiversity and to mobilize and enable them to act as positive influencers throughout the economy.

In addition to direct access to the CBD Secretariat and its process, Global Partnership members benefit from [e-newsletters](#), webinars, use of the Global Partnership logo, access to high level information, opportunities for member companies, as well as [annual meetings](#) and [business focused events](#) in which the Global Partnership has a role.

This document provides an overview of GPBB's initiatives and their profiles. It examines the structure, membership and activities of each initiative. This report features information on 16 active initiatives. The remainder initiatives are on stand-by until they can resume their activities and participation with the Partnership

Please note that all the information included in this report has been provided by the initiatives themselves. The report will be reviewed and updated every two years, on COP years. For more information, please visit our [website](#).



Guidelines for the Initiatives

The role of the Initiatives and the Global Partnership continues to evolve based on new COP decisions and the particular circumstances of the various members.

What is the mandate of national and regional initiatives?

The initiatives are ideally open, inclusive bodies that are designed to help raise awareness of biodiversity and sustainability issues amongst the business community and to encourage dialogue amongst stakeholders. They also assist companies in understanding and mainstreaming the goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its associated Protocols, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the associated Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as other relevant Conventions and international agreements. The initiatives will have a critical role in supporting and promoting the upcoming Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework which will include a long-term approach to mainstreaming and the steps to achieve the 2050 vision of “Living in harmony with nature”.



**Convention on
Biological Diversity**

The membership of the initiatives is meant to be as inclusive as possible so as to share ideas and best practices widely. In countries that have several different programmes, each programme can run its own activities independent of the others. However, all these programmes should ideally share the results of meetings and workshops with other programmes. Engagement with the Government is very important, as the initiatives are requested to facilitate dialogue between business and other stakeholders. This dialogue function is, therefore, a key aim of the initiatives.

What are the roles of the initiatives?

In line with the COP business engagement decisions, and based upon practices by some existing initiatives, the national and regional initiatives can be involved in the following activities:

- Help bring national stakeholders in business and biodiversity together to share ideas and engage in dialogue;
- Assist in the development and dissemination of tools, resources, benchmarks/pilot-studies, and advice to businesses looking to mainstream biodiversity issues. This may be done in consultation with other ongoing projects and programmes where possible;
- Share ideas and best practices with other national and regional initiatives in the GPBB, adapt them to particular domestic circumstances as required, and share results of individual activities;
- Provide input to and coordinate the Business and Biodiversity Forum which takes place alongside COPs, with the help of the CBD and the GPBB;
- Help to promote the business engagement program within the GPBB;
- Encourage and enable companies to understand and mainstream the objectives of the Convention and the Aichi Targets. To this end, the initiatives should encourage their member companies to commit to certain measurable actions that will allow them to improve their level of sustainability and reduce their footprint on biodiversity;
- Help to raise the level of compliance of companies with respect to biodiversity and environmental legislation and provide technical assistance where feasible and appropriate;
- Assist in the mainstreaming and dissemination of biodiversity issues, and advice on how businesses and related stakeholders can help to deal with these issues, as widely as possible;
- Support and promote the integration of a new Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

How are the initiatives structured and operated?

The national and regional initiatives are business focused and, ideally, have consistent participation from the business community. There is no fixed design for these initiatives and countries can set them up as best suits their domestic situation. Some of the forms that are currently being used include:

- A mixed platform led and managed primarily by business, with an opportunity for meaningful involvement by a range of non-business interests;
- An inclusive business platform that also works to organize a broader stakeholder dialogue;
- An umbrella organization where business federations, individual companies and other stakeholders join forces to promote the issue.

The initiatives are generally managed by a steering committee or board of directors (i.e. selected companies, government representatives, business association members, NGOs, etc.) with a secretariat handling the day-to-day administrative tasks.

Some options for funding currently being used by initiatives include:

- Membership fees;
- Government funding;
- Support from associations/large companies;
- Project-based funding.

Membership and Focus

The initiatives should be open to all sectors and ideally, information will be focused upon common issues concerning biodiversity. While each business sector is different in its needs and approaches, the multi-sector approach allows common elements of concern to be raised and best practices, with respect to biodiversity mainstreaming across the various sectors, to be shared. It also allows cross-cutting issues to be explored amongst businesses in different sectors but with similar geographic and/or ecosystem dependencies. Several initiatives have also embarked on sector-specific training, to address the particular needs of companies in different areas. There may also be some efforts made to address larger sustainability issues and determine how biodiversity fits in with climate change, water and land management, pollution, etc. The activities of the initiative would, therefore, allow companies to understand biodiversity and make their efforts at protecting biodiversity and being sustainable as easy and comprehensive as possible.

Additional details can be found in the document entitled [Governance Structure for the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity](#), currently under review, or on the [CBD website](#).

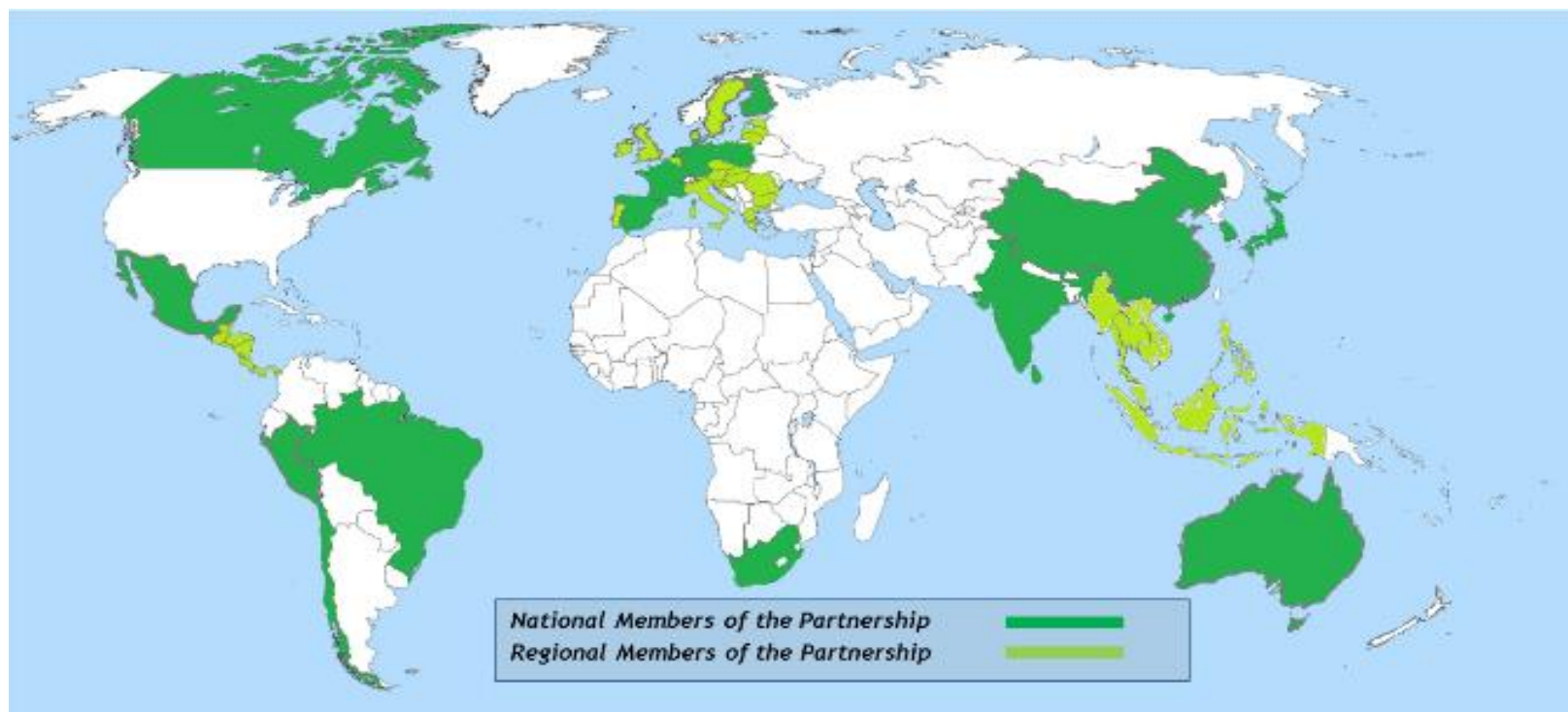


Profile of GPBB Member Initiatives

The GPBB currently hosts 21 initiatives, three of which are regional. The objective of the efforts of these member initiatives, taken in conjunction with those of partner organizations, is to increase the number of companies with a significantly reduced negative impact upon biodiversity (or even a net-positive impact) and to mobilize and enable them to act as positive influencers upon other entities throughout the economy.

Many factors determine each initiative's performance and activities and they are explored in the following part of the report. The case studies below illustrate the profile of GPBB initiatives and include their membership, governance and financial structures, as well as their objectives and services. Because initiatives develop and adapt to the needs of their members, among other factors, there are some notable differences between each initiative.

It is important to remember that the GPBB does not require initiatives to be structured in any one particular way. This allows initiatives the freedom to cater to the specific needs of the businesses or business associations they seek to represent.



The CBD encourages the creation of new initiatives and discussions to do so are currently being held in some states.

ASEAN

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity was established in 2005 to facilitate cooperation and coordination among the ASEAN Member States and with regional and international organizations on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of such resources. It represents Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Objectives

- Facilitate coordination and cooperation on regional biodiversity conservation programmes;
- Deliver capacity-building services;
- Develop regional mechanisms to sustainably manage and protect biodiversity and ecosystems and strengthen ASEAN regional positions in negotiations and in compliance with relevant multilateral environmental agreements;
- Impart and deliver to AMS the knowledge and tools on managing biodiversity;
- Enhance the linkage between science and policy on biodiversity;
- Promote multi-stakeholder and leadership awareness of the values of biodiversity and the actions they can take to conserve it;
- Undertake resource generation and mobilization measures for impact activities that will enhance biodiversity conservation in the region;
- Enhance ACB's capacity and sustainability as a regional centre of excellence on biodiversity.

Vision

An ASEAN region whose biodiversity is conserved, sustainably managed and used, and equitably shared for the well-being of its people.

Mission

To effectively facilitate regional cooperation and deliver capacity-building services to the AMS in conserving biodiversity.

Funding, Budget & Resources

The initiatives were initially funded by the EC. Additionally, the ASEAN Biodiversity Fund was set up and is an endowment facility for sustainable financing. Its host country, the Philippines, supports the ACB's operations. ACB also acquires funding support from its dialogue and development partners. For 2020, ACB has an annual budget of \$7,766,597 USD that will cater to the various services it offers as well as resource mobilization and partnerships and its general operations.

Services & Activities

ACB's services focus on the following:

- Biodiversity conservation;
- Biodiversity mainstreaming;
- Knowledge management;
- Communication, Education, and Public Awareness; and
- Capacity development.

The ACB supports the AMS' implementation of the CBD and related multilateral environmental agreements, such as CITES, CMS, the Ramsar Convention, and others, including the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The ACB continues to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs to meet urgent environmental, political, and economic challenges. ACB's initiatives are aligned with the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 especially the related provisions under the ASCC Blueprint 2025 and its emerging ASEAN Strategic Plan for the Environment.

Membership & Governance

ACB's membership structure resembles that of the GPBB but on a regional scale – individual initiatives form the membership of the ACB.

Internally, ACB is headed by an Executive Director and three directors of technical units. The Centre is managed by a Governing Board. The ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity provides technical guidance to ACB by recommending the key areas of focus for its work.

Important links: [Website](#); [Latest Annual Report](#)

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BRAZIL

The Brazilian Initiative on Business and Biodiversity was created in 2012 with the goal to facilitate access to information regarding global discussions and decisions related to biodiversity. It should also enable an exchange of experience, best practices dissemination and case studies, tools, research and events related to business and biodiversity and facilitate the dialogue aiming to develop innovative mechanisms in the conservation field and research that can be used by the business sector in Brazil.

Objectives

- Act as a channel between the private sector in Brazil and the CBD;
- Facilitate access to information regarding global discussions and decisions related to biodiversity;
- Promote the exchange of knowledge, experience, best practices, tools and research;
- Showcase what the Brazilian business sector has been doing in contribution to the implementation of the CBD's targets.

Vision

To promote harmony between development and nature, based on the conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use of land, in a fair and equitable manner, fostering the development of an economic model aligned with the principles of recovery and preservation of biodiversity.

Mission

To promote the cooperation and engagement of the business sector in Brazil on a national level and represent the business sector in Brazil at the Global Platform joining efforts to ensure representation and effective participation in the international negotiations regarding business and biodiversity.

Funding, Budget & Resources

Currently, IBNB is gathering funds to maintain further activities. Each of the three organizations run their events, usually with the participation of other members. IBNB does not have any direct budget dedicated to the initiative. Each organization uses its funds and human resources to maintain the activities.

Services & Activities

IBNB's services and activities include:

- Knowledge sharing;
- Events for capacity-building for member and non-member companies;
- Promote company commitments to biodiversity.

In addition, members benefit from initiatives run by CNI on biodiversity and forestry and by the CEBDS Chamber of Biodiversity.

Membership & Governance

There are no direct members of IBNB. Instead, the three large organizations that represent the business sector regarding environmental issues (LIFE, CEBDS, and CNI) collaborate and together they represent over 13,000 actors.

The executive secretariat is responsible for all operational activities such as preparing the strategic and work plan which will be submitted to the Executive Committee's approval, organizing the Executive Committee meetings, hiring consultants if necessary, managing all administrative activities as well as acting as a focal point in all issues related to the initiative. The Executive Secretariat is rotational and terms last for two years.



Important links:

[Initiative Website](#)

[CEBDS Website](#)

[CNI Website](#)

[Instituto LIFE Website](#)

[Latest Annual Report](#)

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CHINA

Approved by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, P.R. China and managed by the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, the China Business and Biodiversity Partnership joined CBD's GPBB in 2015 and is dedicated to push forward domestic processes & dynamics of business engagement into biodiversity and sectoral mainstreaming.

Objectives

CBBP strengthens the institutional efforts towards enhanced business understanding, identification, measurement and accounting for impact and dependency on nature capital where biodiversity and ecosystem services remain at their core.

Vision

Nature for All, All for Nature

Mission

To support the integration of biodiversity concerns into decision-making processes by businesses and organizations.

Funding, Budget & Resources

At the moment, CBBP is mainly funded by projects developed with partners and members.

The annual budget varies from year to year, depending on project funds made available from working with members and partners on projects.

Services & Activities

- Promote business engagement such as the May 22nd International Biodiversity Day, CBD's Business Forum, Exhibition and side event at COPs, and other relevant activities at various levels
- Train enterprises in Natural Capital Protocol (translated/published in China), accounting for impact and dependency, related risk and opportunity, and potential cost/ benefits
- Trade net gain of and payment for ecosystem services, biodiversity offset, green bonds focused on conservation and other financing modalities are being studied, facilitated and built up together with institutional partners
- Integrate biodiversity and natural capital into sectoral planning and industrial guidelines
- Program PPP projects based on specific needs of member enterprise and partners

Membership & Governance

CBBP is approved by the Ministry and managed by FECO and Division II within FECO is the execution body of the CBBP.

Members join the CBBP after officially signing off the "CBBP Declaration".

Important links: [FECO Website](#)

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THE EUROPEAN UNION

The EU Business @ Biodiversity Platform was launched in 2008 to work with and help businesses integrate natural capital and biodiversity considerations into business practices. It is a key part of the mainstreaming efforts under the EU biodiversity strategy. It is a sharing platform for businesses to integrate Natural Capital, biodiversity, ecosystems and their services into their corporate decision-making processes. The platform is driven by the input and interest of approximately 400 members of the EU B@B platform. It also helps to coordinate and raise awareness of other national and international Business and Biodiversity initiatives.

Objectives

- Work with businesses to develop tools and approaches that promote the integration of biodiversity and natural capital considerations into business practices;
- Offer an EU level forum for sustained and strategic dialogue about the links between business and biodiversity; and
- Promote better communication, increased awareness and improved co-ordination with business and biodiversity activities.

The current priorities of the platform include natural capital accounting, innovation, and finance. The EU B@B Platform also aims to strengthen the representation of European businesses in key international initiatives and to build synergies amongst national initiatives supporting the integration of biodiversity and natural capital considerations into business practices. By pursuing its objectives, the EU B@B Platform seeks to protect and conserve biodiversity across the EU and beyond, thereby helping to deliver on the objectives of the EU Biodiversity Strategy.

Vision

Integrating natural capital and biodiversity into business decision-making processes and sharing best business practices.

Mission

The European Commission and the members of the EU Business and Biodiversity Platform agree that there is much to gain both for nature and businesses from better understanding the interdependencies between business activities and biodiversity and natural capital.

The European Commission has set up the EU B@B Platform to work with and to help businesses integrate considerations of biodiversity and natural capital into business practices.

Funding, Budget & Resources

EU B@B membership is free to members. There is no membership fee however, it is expected that business members share their best practice and facilitate the development of results with their in-kind contributions of working time.

The initiative is organized by DG Environment and financed via the European Commission budget which is a 200K€ per year contract

Services & Activities

The EU B@B is active through its website, newsletters, workshops and annual conference.

The EU B@B aims to:

- Provide an EU level forum for a sustained and strategic dialogue concerning the delivering of objectives under the Biodiversity Strategy;
- Work with business to develop tools and approaches that promote the integration of biodiversity and natural capital into business practice and decisions; and
- Support the actions being undertaken by member States by encouraging and promoting potential synergies between different national actions and between the EU level and the national level;

Membership & Governance

There are two types of membership with the initiative associated with different levels of commitment:

- Full membership: this membership is for businesses that want to actively participate in any of the platform's work stream. Businesses who apply for full membership will be expected to actively participate in one or more of the three work streams.
- Observing membership: this membership is for companies, individual researchers, consultants, and non-EU bodies, who wish to be kept informed of the work and relevant developments.

An advisory board composed of other DGs of the European Commission, partner networks and interested companies define the direction and focus of the work via a steering meeting.



**Business @
Biodiversity**

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FINLAND

Established in 2000, the FIBS is Finland's leading corporate responsibility network and has over 335 member organizations. FIBS brings together companies, NGOs, universities, public sector organizations and other players to exchange information and experiences on best sustainability practices, as well as to learn from both each other as well as various other stakeholders. The business and biodiversity programme raises awareness of biodiversity and helps enterprises to manage their impacts on nature through case-studies, tools and training.

Objectives

The objective of FIBS is to promote financially, socially and ecologically sustainable business in Finland. FIBS encourages Finnish companies to adopt sustainability as their key success factor. Under the Business & Biodiversity initiative, the key goals are to raise awareness on biodiversity, introduce tools for companies to help them discover their dependencies on ecosystem services, and help enterprises to manage their impacts on nature.

Vision

For Finnish companies to be global leaders in sustainability, including biodiversity issues.

Mission

To be the best partner for multi-stakeholder initiatives.

Funding, Budget & Resources

FIBS is mostly financed through membership fees and funding schemes from ministries. The Business & Biodiversity initiative is mostly funded through grants from the Ministry of the Environment. There are nine full-time staff working for FIBS. FIBS submits necessary funding requests and action plans, to the Ministry of the Environment for approval. FIBS general annual budget is approximately \$943,000 USD.

Services & Activities

FIBS arranges seminars, workshops and training sessions, provides information services, and offers peer support. The primary business and biodiversity services include information/knowledge exchange and an annual 'Master Class' training, which includes several training sessions throughout the year. Other activities have included seminars, webinars, field trips and business delegations, as well as general promotion through different publications, blog posts, press releases and social media campaigns. FIBS also works to actively impact the field practices at the national level and to promote the sustainable development solutions of its members and Finland globally through networks including WBCSD, CSR Europe, Global Reporting Initiative and CSR 360 Global Partner Network.

Membership & Governance

FIBS is an inclusive organization comprised of companies, NGOs, researchers, public sector organizations and a variety of other players. It currently has over 335 members, the majority of whom are large companies from all business sectors. To become a member of FIBS, a company needs to demonstrate prioritization and promotion of sustainability values.

FIBS is governed by a board that is annually selected and composed of representatives of member companies.

Important links: [Website](#); [Latest Annual Report](#)

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FRANCE

The French Initiative for Business and Biodiversity was established in 2013 to encourage the exchange of good practice, resources and experience on how to improve the conservation of biodiversity. It brings together all the interested French organizations working on business and biodiversity including stakeholders (i.e. non-profits, NGOs, think-tanks, research bodies, etc.) and public and private organizations. It also invites these stakeholders to endorse the Business and Biodiversity Pledge launched during COP 13 in Cancun.

ORÉE, which is the focal point for the French initiative, is a French non-profit organization created in 1992 that brings together about 200 companies, local authorities, institutions, non-profit and academic organizations, in order to develop a collaborative reflection on best environmental practices and to implement practical tools for an integrated management of the environment across the territories.

Objectives

- Create a forum for sharing experiences and good practices in how to improve the consideration of biodiversity;
- Encourage businesses to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services into their environmental management systems and practices;
- Highlight the importance of biodiversity for business sustainability, both in activities (value chains, etc.) and in strategies; and
- Promote the commitment of economic actors: companies, associations, federations and networks and encourage others to join.

Vision

To live and work together in a changing and interacting world.

Funding, Budget & Resources

There is a significant overlap between ORÉE and the Platform. Given that the Platform has no independent source of funding, it exists alongside ORÉE's main body of work. ORÉE is entirely funded from membership (companies, local authorities, public institutions, non-profit and academic organizations) fees with a small amount of government funding for specific projects.

Services & Activities

- Information sharing through an open-access library and case studies;
- Be an engagement platform for companies wishing to mainstream biodiversity
- Support national and international initiatives and platforms enabling the mainstreaming of biodiversity
- Participate in the development of recommendations for the development of sustainable energies
- Inform the different stakeholders about the different means of actions for biodiversity

Membership & Governance

ORÉE is a membership-based organization, where members pay to be part of ORÉE and to access its services and products. The platform is entirely driven and funded by ORÉE. ORÉE has approximately 200 members from a range of sectors. ORÉE does not specifically target any particular sector but some of its more prominent members come from the beauty, luxury and waste management sectors. The Platform, as an open-access website, is open to all and free so all sectors and actors can visit the website without any obligation or cost. It is based on a range of companies that have agreed to share case studies on the website and by doing so, support the three CBD objectives.



Plateforme de
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les Entreprises et la Biodiversité

Important links:

[Website](#); [Orée Website](#); [Latest Annual Report](#)

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GERMANY

The Biodiversity in Good Company Initiative is an association of companies that works towards the protection of biodiversity – in the interests of the economy and society, considering it to be a responsibility to successfully do business per the needs of the world. The initiative members are small-, medium-, and large-scale companies from Germany and other countries and across a variety of sectors.

Objectives

- Encourage companies to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services into their environmental and sustainability management systems and practices;
- Support individual companies' commitments and gain new members;
- Participate in the development of biodiversity business cases and practical business opportunities for action;
- Serve as a platform for learning from each other on how to improve biodiversity management;
- Lead with good examples and work together to create public awareness and mobilize business innovation;
- Engage in national and international dialogue with civil society and governments and forge new alliances to achieve goals together.

Vision

BiGCI aims to contribute to the preservation of the earth's natural resources which are the foundation of human existence and all economic activities. BiGCI considers it an important entrepreneurial responsibility to operate successfully per the needs of nature.

Mission

BiGCI supports the economy's voluntary commitment to protecting biodiversity and aims to create space for innovation and investment to pave the way for ecologically sound technologies, products and services to be successfully introduced into the marketplace.

Funding, Budget & Resources

Funding for the activities and staff of the Initiative derive from membership fees. The coordination of the "UBi 2020"-platform is financed by the German Federal Ministry of Environment.

Services & Activities

The initiative works on various activities such as preparing meetings, supporting and supervising the progress reporting, assembling and processing comprehensive information in mailings to members, and producing newsletters. The coordination office mainly works on developing materials for capacity building, supporting sector-related publications and sharing know-how, scientific studies and strategies on biodiversity management such as national and international programs, indicators and projects. The initiative is also one of the organizers of the "Discussion Forum in Ecosystem Services", a series of evening events in Berlin. Within the coordination of the platform "Entreprise Biological Diversity" (UBi 2020) further activities are put in place, such as the organisation of an annual multi-stakeholder conference ("Dialogforum von Unternehmen Biologische Vielfalt 2020"), networking meetings for business associations (2-3/year), regular updates and newsletter (3-4/year). The initiative is also a member of the EU B@B.

Membership & Governance

Members must sign the Initiative's Leadership Commitment which commits them to a range of individual aims and reporting on progress every two to three years. The declaration is at the core of the relationship between companies and the initiative.

There is a very wide range of sizes and sectors represented in the membership. There is no focus on any sector in particular as the network is intentionally cross-sectorial. At the moment, the initiative has 32 company members. The highest-ranking body is the General Assembly of Members. Delegates of the members meet twice a year for working sessions and decision making on all important matters. Board members are elected every two years. The board members come from the member companies.

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INDIA

The Indian Business and Biodiversity Initiative was established in 2014 Initiated by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, the Government of India and hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry. IBBI is a business-led initiative, bringing together companies and stakeholders that have committed to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by signing the IBBI Declaration.

Objectives

To mainstream biodiversity in Indian businesses.

Vision

To sensitize, guide and mentor Indian business organizations in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use related to their operations, across their value chain and towards the conservation of India's biodiversity.

Mission

To help Indian industries to:

- Understand the linkage and impacts of business operations on biodiversity;
- Advocate on the need for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;
- Identify and partner with government, non-governmental organizations and local communities to create synergies in biodiversity conservation;
- Document and share local and global best practices in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;
- Adopt replicable local and global best practices.

Funding, Budget & Resources

The financial model is almost entirely dependent on funded research projects and through customized consulting & training services to members. The staff is composed of the Deputy Director-General, a Counsellor, and an Executive Officer.

Services & Activities

- Undertake biodiversity assessment for value chains of the industry across different sectors;
- Develop customized tools for business value chains for B&ES risk mapping, Industrial Biodiversity Index and Natural Capital Valuation
- Develop biodiversity action plans for value chains;
- Document best practices by business on biodiversity mainstreaming;
- Capacity building through customized training programs;
- Policy recommendation at the national and global levels on issues related to biodiversity & nature loss.

Membership & Governance

There are currently 35 signatory companies that have committed to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by signing the 10 Point IBBI Declaration and 12 stakeholders from development organizations. There is no membership fee for joining. IBBI is led by the CEO of a member company for one year. IBBI is governed by an advisory group consisting of business signatory and stakeholder members mostly represented by CEOs or CSOs.



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JAPAN

In October 2010, Keidanren, along with the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Keizai Doyukai, launched the Japan Business and Biodiversity Partnership as a voluntary activity centred on the business community. Companies, economic organizations, NGOs, NPOs, researchers, national and local governments participate in this initiative, and information and experiences are shared through multi-stakeholder exchanges. Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation serves as the secretariat, and as of November 2019, over 500 organizations and companies are involved.

Objectives

Members must agree with the purpose of JBBP Action Policy: the Declaration of Biodiversity by Keidanren and Action Policy.

Vision

JBBP aims to achieve the Aichi Targets of the CBD, in particular, mainstreaming biodiversity. The aim is for businesses to voluntarily engage in efforts to contribute to biodiversity, regardless of sector or size.

Mission

Sharing information and enlightenment activities that contribute to biodiversity.

Funding, Budget & Resources

The activities of JBBP are funded by KCNC, and the activities of KCNC are funded by membership fees of member companies. The activities of JBBP are managed by KCNC's funds and personnel. The staff is composed of a Chairman, a Head of Planning Sub Committee, a Director, an Acting Director, and a Deputy Executive Director.

Services & Activities

The main activities of the JBBP are the implementation of questionnaires on biodiversity and the sharing of information and enlightenment activities at member meetings.

The main 4 activities of KCNC are as follows:

- Supporting projects through Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund;
- Promoting interaction between companies and NGOs;
- Enlightenment and information sharing to companies;
- Regional revitalization through nature restoration.

Membership & Governance

JBBP consists of 463 companies, 19 economic organizations, 35 NGOs/NPOs/researchers, and 17 public bodies (national and local governments and others).

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MESOAMERICA

Biodiversity Partnership Mesoamerica is a non-profit membership association, established and registered in Costa Rica in 2012. Members include businesses, academic and research institutions, NGOs, governmental institutions, and experts from the Central American region, the Dominican Republic, Europe and North America.

Objectives

1. Establish an effective network of members from business and interested organizations, and of partners with significant influence in the region's eight countries.
2. Achieve an increase in the participation of business in the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity.
3. Within the network, generate examples of initiatives that make a significant contribution to our aims and serve as models to be followed by others.
4. Build strong alliances and collaborations which enable us to combine forces and generate the resources to carry out the network's activities.

BPM Principles:

- BPM seeks alliances and cooperation with like-minded organizations and encourages its members to do so.
- BPM believes in involving people: "Conserving biodiversity, for the community and with the community".
- BPM actively communicates with a wider community and makes the case for biodiversity and business.
- BPM aims are consistent with the SDGs.

Vision

To encourage and support businesses to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity, and to collaborate in this task with governments and all interested parties.

Mission

The mission of BPM is to encourage and support the private sector to play an active role in the conservation and restoration of biodiversity in Central America and the Dominican Republic.

Funding, Budget & Resources

BPM is primarily funded from membership contributions with occasional income from consultancy work and contracts. The annual budget is USD 40,000.



Services & Activities

- Project design and implementation support
- Diagnosis of the environmental impacts and dependencies of business, for planning and implementation of biodiversity-focused programmes, using the Biodiversity Check tool developed jointly with Germany's GIZ and Global Nature Fund.
- Training and capacity-building for businesses, their employees and local communities.
- Knowledge exchange events
- Information and communication services (social media, bulletins, events)
- Building alliances and collaborations
- Coordination of trained and experienced consultants.

Membership & Governance

Membership is open for businesses, interested parties and individual experts. Membership fees are based on size, capacity and total sales of the business. Some partners and allies include Costa Rica's Ministry of the Environment and GIZ.

The initiative consists of a six-member board of directors, a seven-member executive committee, and an executive director.

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MEXICO

In the context of CBD's COP 13, a group of large companies and financial institutions, as well as leading environmental NGOs, and other stakeholders decided to gather and confirm the Mexican Alliance for Business and Biodiversity in 2016. The principal objective of the Alliance is to catalyze collective action among its members to address issues related to the conservation, sustainable use and restoration of biodiversity from a business perspective (risks, opportunities, competitiveness, innovation, etc.), as a complement of the conventional-philanthropic approach.

Objectives

- Develop capacities among its members to recognize the importance and the link of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the operation of their businesses;
- Share experiences, initiatives and projects to develop knowledge and find or construct new ways to meet the goals of its members;
- Actively contribute to the integration of biodiversity into the value chains of its members.

Vision

For companies, financial institutions and civil society organizations to actively participate in reversing biodiversity loss and promote its restoration and sustainable use.

Services & Activities

- Information sharing
- Multi-sectoral dialogues
- Capacity building
- Case studies

Mission

To catalyze collective action among its members towards the conservation, sustainable use and restoration of biodiversity.

Membership & Governance

The structure of AMEBIN is constantly being co-designed collectively among its members. However, there are some conditions and key processes already established for its management.

The Secretariat body oversees the conduction and management processes of the Alliance. These activities include strategic planning and operational monitoring. The Secretariat also represents the Alliance with external stakeholders. The Secretariat is held by two member representatives; one from the private sector and another from a civil society organization for a two-year period.

Each member of the Alliance must participate in at least one working group. Each working group has one or multiple coordinators that oversee the management of the group.

Funding, Budget & Resources

The Alliance has no specific budget and its activities and needs are funded with resources from the members as it is needed.

Most of the activities of the Alliance are conducted pro bono by its members, including the Secretariat. The Alliance has no legal personality so it cannot receive money or resources for its operations and administration.

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Biodiversidad y Negocios

PERU

Established in 2014, the Peruvian Biodiversity and Business Initiative is a public-private partnership between the private sector and the [Peruvian Ministry for the Environment](#) that facilitates the exchange of information, knowledge and experiences to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Objectives

- Build an interactive space between private companies and the public sector, mainly MINAM, on the issue of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Advise companies on the application of instruments for sustainable management of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Collaborate with companies in the process of knowledge, assessment and action regarding the dependence of their actions on biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Improve the capacities of the business sector and the public sector for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Recognize and disseminate successful initiatives by companies in the management and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Vision

For the public sector and the business sector to work together to develop and promote projects, programs, and actions for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Mission

ByE is a public-private alliance that seeks to become a space for interaction and exchange of information, knowledge and experiences between the business sector and with MINAM to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Funding, Budget & Resources

There are no membership fees and most funding comes from MINAM and strategic partners or donors. Funds from international cooperation can be used for specific events or projects.

Services & Activities

The main benefit for companies is the technical assistance they receive since they get access to the most recent updates of what businesses are doing around the world and their best practices.

ByE also conducts thematic working groups that focus on:

- Incentives;
- Information management;
- Good practice tools and guidelines;
- In-site conservation (protected areas).

Membership & Governance

The initiative has two main components: a working group and companies.

As ByE is inclusive, those currently involved with the initiative include companies from the following sectors: mining, hydroelectric, oil, ecotourism, forestry, agribusiness, and fisheries.

Although the initiative is coordinated by the national government, they try to foster the engagement of regional governments.



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REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Korean government has increased awareness of the importance of biodiversity throughout industries and actively supports the biodiversity conservation activities of companies through the establishment of a public-private partnership, the Biz N Biodiversity Platform in 2016. Based on government affiliation, BNPB provides guidelines on conserving biodiversity and the sustainable use of biological resources. BNPB was jointly launched by Korea Business Council for Sustainable Development and Korea Biotechnology Industry Organization. KBCSD's major activities are focused on biodiversity conservation while KoreaBIO activities are focused on addressing the Nagoya Protocol. Currently, BNPB is currently represented by KBCSD.

Objectives

BNBP actively cooperates with the industry to preserve national genetic resources and emphasizes on using green energy. The Platform helps businesses find alternative solutions in the purchasing, manufacturing, and distribution of goods all the while improving the environment and conserving resources.

Vision

Creating the cornerstone of an environmental welfare nation that will be passed on to future generations.

Services & Activities

- Professional training for employers
- Promote industry-leading business planning of best practices
- Develop/enforce guidelines
- Project management
- Market research

Mission

Increasing awareness of the importance of biodiversity throughout the industry and actively supporting the biodiversity conservation activities of companies through the establishment of a public-private partnership.

Membership & Governance

The steering committee is the highest decision-making body consisting of officials from the Environment Ministry, KBCSD, KoreaBio, and member companies.

Funding, Budget & Resources

Funding comes entirely from the government. The annual budget consists of 127,000 USD, approximately.

The staff consists of a Chief General Manager & Policy Team Leader and an External Relations Team Leader.



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SOUTH AFRICA

The National Biodiversity and Business Network was launched in 2013 by the Endangered Wildlife Trust in collaboration with the founding partners De Beers, the Department of Environmental Affairs, Hatch Africa, Nedbank, Pam Golding Properties, Pick n Pay, and Transnet, with the aim to bring national stakeholders in business and biodiversity together to share ideas and engage in dialogue. The NBBN is primarily business-focused, and as such is primarily aimed at, and managed by, the business community.

Objectives

The aim of the network is to facilitate the engagement with various business sectors, industries and related stakeholders to encourage the integration and mainstreaming of biodiversity into business agendas and operations.

The main objectives are to:

- Provide a national platform to facilitate strategic discussion about biodiversity and business;
- Create national momentum about mainstreaming biodiversity considerations into businesses;
- Facilitate the development of a national agenda in terms of biodiversity and business;
- Facilitate cohesion and integration in the discussion and agenda about biodiversity and business; and
- Facilitate focused, pragmatic and useful interventions to support businesses in the mainstreaming process.

Vision

The purpose of the NBBN is to build the capacity of business to act as a positive force for the conservation of biodiversity in South Africa. The goal of the NBBN is to support action to reduce businesses' impacts on biodiversity.

Mission

To work with innovative business leaders to identify and manage the business risks and opportunities that result from their interactions with the natural world.

Funding, Budget & Resources

The NBBN activities are currently funded through a combination of memberships, sponsorships and funding grants. Businesses are required to pay a membership fee.

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Services & Activities

The primary role of the network is to bring national stakeholders in business and biodiversity together to share ideas and engage in dialogue. As such, the network:

- Sets momentum in the private sector regarding the need to mainstream biodiversity into business.
- Is involved in the development and provision of tools, resources, and benchmarks or pilot-studies.
- Facilitates the sharing of ideas and best practices with other national and regional initiatives in the Global Partnership, adapting them to particular domestic circumstances as required;
- Plays a key role in encouraging companies to understand and mainstream biodiversity into their core;
- Facilitates capacity building and training.

Membership & Governance

The NBBN is driven and coordinated by the EWT and is an inclusive organization composed of representatives from government, conservation, finance, property, transport, infrastructure, retail, fast-moving consumer goods, and extractives.

There are three types of membership:

- Partner: Organizations can become a Partner if they agree to a minimum annual or multi-year financial contribution.
- Supporting partner: This type of membership requires an in-kind contribution from the supporting partner. Supporting partners' commitments and association are renewed annually.
- Member: Responsible for submitting details to be included in a database. Benefits for businesses vary from one type of membership to the other.

The steering committee is composed of 15-20 people who meet quarterly and help develop the NBBN strategy document.

SPAIN

The Spanish Business and Biodiversity Initiative was launched by the Ministry for Ecological Transition in 2013. The initiative provides a solid cooperation framework for large businesses, NGOs and the government to join efforts towards improving and maintaining Spain's natural capital. Its main objectives are to help integrate biodiversity into business policy and management, to promote and highlight the contribution of large companies to the conservation of the natural environment and to channel private funding to biodiversity conservation.

Objectives

- Integrate natural capital in business management practices and policy;
- Showcase the contribution of large companies towards the sustainable use of biodiversity; and
- Channel private funds to preserve natural heritage.

Vision

Collaboration between the business sector and public administration is key to transitioning to a sustainable economy that preserves natural resources and biodiversity.

Mission

Contributing to a sustainable economy by helping Spanish companies to integrate biodiversity into their business models and by showcasing the best practices in business and biodiversity.

Funding, Budget & Resources

The initiative receives funding from Spain's Ministry for Ecological Transition for regular activity as well as small contributions from companies for specific projects. The SBBI's budget varies each year but it implies around 30.000 € for projects. One person works part-time helped by a coordinator and a trainee.

Services & Activities

Members can benefit from:

- Support for the incorporation of biodiversity management into business policies through specific tools and work forums;
- Reputational advantage of demonstrating a company's commitment, progress and activities in the field of biodiversity conservation;
- Advisory for investments in biodiversity conservation projects of their own, or through NGOs, Fundación Biodiversidad or public administration projects;
- Institutional representation in national and international settings;
- Information on the latest trends and initiatives of interest;
- Facilitation of contact and experience sharing among companies and entities with business-biodiversity expertise, while serving as a nexus connecting these with the public administration.

Membership & Governance

Members must sign the Biodiversity Pact committing to:

- Evaluate the impact of their business activity on biodiversity and natural capital;
- Include the protection of biodiversity in their management manuals and management policies;
- Define realistic and measurable targets for conserving biodiversity. They will be reviewed at least every three years.
- Report on biodiversity conservation activities and achievements in the company's annual report;
- And more.

The initiative is coordinated by Fundación Biodiversidad, a public foundation of the Ministry for Ecological Transition. Only big Spanish companies can be members and there are four supporting strategic partners. Activities of the SBBI is agreed with members at the annual meetings. These assignments can be done by the SBBI staff or through working groups where business members can also get involved.



Important links: [Website](#); [Latest Annual Report](#)

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SRI LANKA

In August 2012, the CCC, IUCN and Dilmah Conservation came together to initiate the Sri Lanka Business and Biodiversity Platform as a facility for businesses to share experiences and best practices, learn from their peers and voice their needs and concerns, aiming to strengthen the link between the business sector and biodiversity conservation. Formalization of an autonomous institutional and governance structure for the Platform as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under the Companies Ordinance of Sri Lanka was completed on 22nd of October 2015. The Platform has since been re-branded as Biodiversity Sri Lanka. BSL is a national platform entirely owned and driven by the private sector, established to promote strong engagement of the corporate sector in biodiversity and environmental conservation in Sri Lanka.

Objectives

- To add economic value to biodiversity conservation and integrate it into the core business of companies.
- To promote national cooperation and exchange of ideas and information relating to biodiversity conservation.
- To strengthen and increase the involvement of the private sector in biodiversity conservation

Vision

A state of harmonious coexistence of business and nature, where natural resources are used wisely and where biodiversity and the environment thrive.

Mission

To mainstream biodiversity into the core business of companies through transformational approaches which involve multiple stakeholder collaborations as well as local, regional and international interactions.

Funding, Budget & Resources

BSL's income derives from membership fees, paid learning events and project coordination fees.

Services & Activities

BSL has developed a comprehensive technical database, carrying information on expertise available in diverse and relevant subject areas. Knowledge of current best practices is disseminated through workshops and learning events, recognizing outstanding corporate contributions towards biodiversity conservation. Other benefits of a BSL membership include:

- Access to information on past, ongoing and proposed conservation projects through a comprehensive Online Project Bank
- Knowledge and information on benchmarking, certification and awards schemes
- Opportunity to adopt BSL's Biodiversity Project Ranking Scheme
- Opportunities to network with like-minded organizations and share best practices which support value addition and leap-frogging
- Backing for green image-building, publicity and outreach through exclusive logos and affiliation support
- And more.

Membership & Governance

BSL represents companies across eight industry sectors such as agribusiness and food, banking and finance, tea plantations, and more. Membership is varied and it is divided into four levels depending on the company's involvement and commitment to biodiversity: patron membership, general membership, associate membership and SME membership. Associate Membership is a special member category which is open only for organizations with technical expertise on environmental subjects.

BSL is advised by a nine-member Board of Directors and the Secretariat is responsible for the execution of the decisions of the board, as well as the day-to-day operations with regard to the services BSL provides to its members and partners.

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Current businesses represented by each initiative

Brazil:

As there are no direct members of IBNB, there is no official list of businesses that the initiative represents. However, each organization represents its own associates.

- CEBDS: <https://cebds.org/empresas/>
- CNI: <http://www.portaldaindustria.com.br/cni/institucional/conheca-cni/>
- Instituto Life: <https://institutolife.org/sobre-o-instituto/?lang=en>

China:

- China Three Gorges Project Corporation
- China Yili Group
- Novozymes
- DR PLANT
- GoldenBee CSR Consulting
- SEE Foundation
- CBCGDF
- Client Earth

EU:

The full list is available [online](#).

Finland:

The full list is available [online](#).

France:

- A-Derma;
- AR Architecte;
- Bouygues Construction;
- Cepovett;
- Dervenn;
- Eco-origin;
- Eiffage;
- Gondwana;
- Léa Nature;
- Pierre Fabre;
- RTE;
- Séché Environnement;
- Total;
- Veolia;
- Vert Deco;
- ORÉE and its 193 members.

Germany:

- Aleph Inc.
- Audi
- Bahnlog
- Bionade
- Coca-Cola Deutschland
- Einhorn
- followfood
- ForestFinance
- Gertrudenhof Erlebnishof
- GIZ
- Hebenstreit & Kentrup
- HeidelbergCement
- HiPP
- Knauf Gips KG
- Milchwerke Berchtesgadener Land Chiemgau
- Milupa
- Neumarkter Lammsbräu
- Oekom Verlag
- Otto Group
- Pharmos Natur
- Reckhaus
- Rewe Group
- Ritter Sport
- Schmeer Sand + Kies
- Staedler
- SuMi TRUST
- Symrise
- Tchibo
- Travel-to-nature
- UPM
- Volkswagen
- Werner & Mertz

India:

- ACC Limited
- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited
- Ambuja Cements Limited
- Biocare India Pvt Ltd
- Dabur India Limited
- Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited
- DCM Shriram Ltd.
- Faber-Castell
- Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co.
- Grundfos Pumps India Pvt. Ltd.
- Herb Artizan Pvt. Ltd.

India *(continued)*:

- IL&FS
- ITC Ltd.
- Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd.
- Jayanti Herbs & Spice
- JK Tyre & Industries Limited
- JSW Group
- Kancor ingredients Limited
- L'Oréal India Pvt. Ltd.
- Mahindra & Mahindra
- Nedspice Processing India Pvt. Ltd.
- NTPC Ltd.
- Paharpur Business Centre
- Reliance Cement Company Pvt. Ltd.
- Ricoh India Ltd.
- Rio Tinto India Pvt. Ltd.
- Tata Chemicals Ltd.
- Tata Housing Development Company Ltd.
- Tata Power Company Ltd.
- Tata Steel Ltd.
- Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd.
- URC Construction Ltd.
- Vedanta Ltd.
- Volkswagen India Pvt. Ltd.
- Wipro Ltd.

Japan Business and Biodiversity Partnership:

There are over 500 members to the JBBP. They are companies, economies organizations, NGOs, NPOs, researchers, and national and local governments.

Mexico:

- Citibanamex
- Zurich Mexico
- Banorte
- Ecovalores
- Grupo Mexico
- Cemex
- Nestlé Mexico
- Grupo Bimbo Mexico
- Bonafont
- BASF
- Walmart Mexico
- Neek Capital
- Proteak
- Bio Pappel

- Masisa Mexico
- Industriales Ecologistas
- CESPEDDES
- AFD
- GIZ
- BIOFIN Initiative-PNUD Mexico
- Rainforest Alliance Mexico
- The Nature Conservancy Mexico
- Conservation International Mexico
- World Resources Institute Mexico
- Pronatura Mexico
- Pronatura Sur
- Reforestamos Mexico
- Causa Natura
- Comunidad y Biodiversidad
- Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación de la Naturaleza

Mesoamerica:

- Primafrío
- Nicoverde/Nicofrutta
- Grupo Lafise
- La Loma Macadamia
- Sustainable Solutions
- La Tigra Lodge
- Tarec Tours
- Dole
- Forest Finance
- Chiquita Brands
- COOBANA
- Biomass & Energy
- ECOM
- Macaw Lodge
- Rios Tropicales
- RBA
- CORBANA
- Global Nature Fund
- ALIARSE
- Rainforest Alliance
- FUNDECOR
- CCAD
- CATIE

Peru:

BYE is formed by a Core Group and the Members. The Core Group is formed by:

- Celepsa
- Plus Petrol
- Peru LNG
- Sociedad Nacional de Pesquería
- Perenco
- Antamina
- Hunt Oil Company
- Rainforest
- Inkaterra

The members are:

- Candela
- Algarrobos Orgánicos
- Tasa
- Repsol
- Electro Perú
- Rio Tinto
- Reforesta Perú
- Madera Acre.

Republic of Korea:

- Daewoong Pharmaceutical
- Korean Airlines
- Dong-A ST
- Lotte Chemical
- Bioneer
- Samsung Institute of Safety and Environment
- Samsung Electro-Mechanics
- Asiana Airlines
- S-OIL
- SK Innovation
- LG Display
- LG Electronics
- LG Chem
- MS Biotech
- Yuhan Corp.
- E1
- CKD Pharmaceutical Corp.
- GS Caltex
- GeneMatrix
- POSCO
- Korea Health Supplements Association
- Korea Land & Housing Corp.
- Hyundai OilBank
- GS ENC
- Samsung Electronics

- BMW Group Korea
- HG Power
- Latitude
- BioSpectrum
- Seoul Environment Center
- SK Gas
- Asia-Halla Cement
- Yulchon Law Firm
- Cosmax

Spain:

- Altran
- Balearia
- B/S/H/
- Cemex
- Cepsa
- Decathlon
- Endesa
- Ferrovial
- FCC
- Danone
- Mahou San Miguel
- HeidelbergCement Hispania
- Heineken
- Iberdrola
- LafargeHolcim
- Mapfre
- OHL
- Naturgy
- Red Eléctrica de España
- Suez
- Unilever
- Yves Rocher

Strategic partners:

- Club de Excelencia en Sostenibilidad
- Forética
- Fundación Global Nature
- Biodiversity in Good Company

Final Considerations

Nature underpins the health of the planet and has a direct impact on prosperity and wellbeing. All economic activities rely on nature for resources such as water, food, fiber, minerals and metals and so much more. Ecosystem services provide the essential things we need to survive and thrive.

Sustainability is now THE business plan and the business community must to come together to face this challenge. Companies that embrace the transition can prosper and even gain competitive advantage.

We are entering 2020 – the Year for Action and there is a major opportunity for organizations of all sizes and sectors to really make a shift on how our history is written. World leaders will get together in 2020 to forge an international agreement to reverse nature loss and we have to step up to the challenge and make real impact.

Our global economy and individual businesses have much to gain from addressing this crisis by developing economic models that can function in harmony with our planet and collaboration, innovation and scaling up ambition are key to that transformation.

If you are a CBD party or non state actor interested in developing a business and biodiversity initiative, please contact bianca.brasil@cbd.int



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