



BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

NEW TOOLS TO HELP YOU ADDRESS RISK AND OPPORTUNITY

A day of training for environmental managers and consultants

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Societal expectations of companies' management of impacts and opportunities related to biodiversity and ecosystem service (BES) are changing fast. The recently revised IFC Performance Standards and emerging national and regional policy frameworks on BES create a new landscape for your company or clients' operations. This one-day training session by the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme (BBOP) will prepare you to handle biodiversity risk and opportunity by focussing on the requirement for 'no net loss' in IFC Performance Standard 6 and the emerging BBOP standard on biodiversity offsets.

BBOP is a collaboration of more than 75 companies, financial institutions, government agencies, and civil society organizations and has been developing best practice in biodiversity mitigation through on-the-ground experience since 2004. BBOP's draft biodiversity offset standard will be released in early 2012, to help developers assess the quality of their mitigation measures.

Topics to be covered during the training day will include:

- How do biodiversity and ecosystem services (BES) affect your operations and supply chains? What are the risks and opportunities?
- What are the recent trends and drivers for companies on managing BES risk and opportunity, including government policies, standards, lender requirements, and company best practice?
- What are the new provisions in IFC Performance Standard 6 (PS6), and what results will client companies need to achieve to obtain project finance?
- What is a biodiversity offset (as required by legal requirements in over 30 countries, by PS6, and undertaken voluntarily by companies)? What's the business case for biodiversity offsets?
- What's in the draft BBOP standard on biodiversity offsets, how does it work, and how will it affect business in the future?
- What are the business opportunities for conservation banking and the provision of ecosystem services?

The training day will take the form of presentations and a series of interactive exercises and discussions, covering case studies from a range of industry sectors, such as extractives, alternative energy and agricultural commodities. Participants will receive a full set of materials, including all presentations, related standards, tools, literature, case studies, exercises, and 'take-home messages'.

The trainers will include BBOP specialists with over 50 years of combined experience in: corporate policy and strategy on biodiversity and ecosystem services; biodiversity and ecosystem service risk and dependence assessments; development of standards, guidelines, metrics and tools; EIA and SEA; and technical assistance to companies on a range of offset and ecosystem service projects in the mining, oil and gas, renewable energy, tourism and other sectors.

For more information or to register for this training, please email bbop@forest-trends.org.