

Guidelines on Business and KBAs: Managing Risk to Biodiversity

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KBA Business Guidelines: New opportunity for business to act

- The Guidelines build on the core idea that all businesses have to manage their impacts on biodiversity applying the mitigation hierarchy.
- If they impact on a KBA biodiversity trigger elements, there are 15 specific measures that would help strengthen the outcomes of their biodiversity management efforts.

The mitigation hierarchy



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15 guidelines supporting:

- implementation of the mitigation hierarchy
- conservation efforts on the ground
- corporate accountability



Support the implementation of the mitigation hierarchy

The what:

- 2 Priority to avoidance
- 3 Implementation of early minimisation
- 4 Limits to impact restoration
- 5 Limits to biodiversity offsets

The how:

- 1 Project biodiversity baseline
- 6 Long-term financing of the mitigation measures
- 7 Biodiversity impact monitoring
- 8 Responsibilities in case of divestment
- 9 Participation and consultation
- 10 Responsibility for existing operations

Support conservation efforts on the ground

- 12** Additional conservation actions
- 13** KBAs as targets for offsetting impacts elsewhere
- 14** Sharing biodiversity data

Support corporate accountability

11 Reporting on KBAs as part of the company's environmental performance

15 Compliance with certification schemes and financial institutions' safeguard policies

How can these Guidelines be used?

- Integrated as **specific criteria and / or guidance in certification schemes and standards**
- **Integrated by business** as part of their biodiversity corporate policies
- Used in **evaluating the implementation of IFC Performance Standard 6** (or similar lending standards)
- Part of **permitting requirements** to be issued by regulators

The KBA Consultative Forum

- End users of KBA data are engaged through the [KBA Consultative Forum](#).
- They provide input and advice to the KBA Committee on the dissemination and use of KBA data, management decisions, marketing, funding, etc.
- The Forum objectives is to:
 - to communicate needs and challenges in the use and application of KBA Data to the KBA Committee.
 - to be informed by the KBA Committee about decisions, progress and plans regarding the implementation of the KBA Programme.

Initial steps for a business

- **Map operations** and identify if they are in or proximity of KBAs
- Identify where **future expansions** or new operations are possible
- **Assess current impacts** (direct, indirect and cumulative) focusing on the KBA trigger biodiversity elements
- **Collect baseline biodiversity data** (pre-operations if possible)
- Identify **which steps of the mitigation hierarchy** would apply to each of the identifies sites and then discuss implications of the guidelines (G1 to 10)
- Explore how to:
 - Support your **conservation actions on the ground** (G. 12, 13 and 14)
 - Enhance **corporate accountability practices** (G 11 and 15)

How to get started

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