

The views expressed in this presentation are the views of the author/s and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Asian Development Bank, or its Board of Governors, or the governments they represent. ADB does not guarantee the accuracy of the data included in this presentation and accepts no responsibility for any consequence of their use. The countries listed in this presentation do not imply any view on ADB's part as to sovereignty or independent status or necessarily conform to ADB's terminology.



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FAIR 2025

16-18 SEPTEMBER 2025 | ADB HEADQUARTERS, MANILA

QUALITY INNOVATION IMPACT

Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector

Natural Capital and Climate, and East Asia

Sanath Ranawana

Director

16 September 2025



The Natural Capital approach



	1. Assessing and Integrating Natural Capital	2. Innovative Financing and Investment Mobilization	3. Enabling Environment for Natural Capital	4. Partnerships, Knowledge Sharing, and Capacity Building
Upstream	Adopting natural capital accounting data, metrics, and tools	Financing needs assessment & taxonomy development	Mainstream natural capital through policy and planning reform	Engage in MDB, regional, and global partnerships and platforms
Midstream	Conducting country, sector, and project-level natural capital assessments	Design & structuring of market-ready, sustainable products	Catalyze private sector participation via incentives and market mechanisms	Support publications and knowledge events
Downstream	Integrating natural capital into country strategies and project pipelines	Financial tracking, disclosure & transparency frameworks	Strengthen regulatory frameworks and compliance enforcement	Support capacity building programs and technical assistance
	Integrating natural capital valuation into project design			

Ecosystem perspective: agriculture, land, water, coastal, marine, biodiversity



The Natural Capital TA: Scaling Natural Capital Investment in Asia and the Pacific

- ❖ The TA aims to mainstream nature-positive developments into policies, plans, investments, and operations in ADB DMCs.
 - Output 1: Assessments to support natural capital investments conducted;
 - Output 2: Natural capital investments facilitated
 - Output 3: Enabling policies and institutions for investments in natural capital supported
 - Output 4: Partnerships, knowledge, and capacity to support natural capital investments enhanced.
- ❖ USD 1.8 million
- ❖ Approved in July 2025





East Asia

PRC

- ❖ Focusing on global and regional public goods through ecosystem conservation and green development: carbon, biodiversity, pollution, rural environment
- ❖ YREB program: since 2018, \$3.5 billion investment
- ❖ YREC program: since 2020, \$1.1 billion

Mongolia

- ❖ Focusing on climate change and sustainable development
- ❖ Livestock, grassland, and agriculture
- ❖ Disaster risks management





ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FAIR 2025

16-17 SEPTEMBER 2025 | 9 A.M.-5 P.M. | ADB HEADQUARTERS, MANILA



Pipeline, 2025-2026

No.	Approval Year	Country	Project Title	Planned Amount (USD)
Loans				
1	2025	IND	Sustainable, Inclusive, and Climate-Resilient Tourism Development at Tehri Lake Area	126,420,000
2	2025	IND	Integrated Eco-tourism and Sustainable Agri-based Livelihood Development Project in Meghalaya	80,000,000
3	2025	LAO	Responsible Forestry Preparation Project (Phase 1)	10,000,000
4	2025	MON	Strengthening Integrated Early Warning System in Mongolia	32,000,000
5	2025	PAK	Sindh Coastal Resilience Sector Project	180,000,000
6	2025	PRC	Sichuan Climate Smart Low Carbon Agriculture Development Demonstration Project	150,000,000
7	2026	IND	Kerala Sustainable Coastal Protection and Climate Resilience Planning Project	200,000,000
8	2026	MON	Strengthening Mongolia's Disaster Resilience Capacity Project	100,000,000
9	2026	PRC	Chishui River Basin Ecological Protection and Green Development Project	150,000,000



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FAIR 2025

16-17 SEPTEMBER 2025 | 9 A.M.-5 P.M. | ADB HEADQUARTERS, MANILA



Pipeline, 2025-2026

No.	Approval Year	Country	Project Title	Planned Amount (USD)
Technical Assistance				
1	2025	IND	Capacity Building and Climate Resilience for Sustainable Tourism at Tehri Lake (Attached TA)	1,000,000
2	2025	PAK	Supplementary Financing to TA 10164-PAK: Preparing the Sindh Coastal Resilience Sector Project	500,000
3	2025	REG	Scaling Natural Capacity, Policy, and Investment Throughout Asia and the Pacific	1,800,000
4	2025	REG	Developing Innovative Financial Instruments to Address Climate Risks for Agriculture and Natural Capital in Asia	3,000,000
5	2025	PRC	Framework Design and Integrated Technology Application Demonstration of Natural Capital Accounting	300,000
6	2025	PRC	Hengshui Lake Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development Demonstration Project	600,000
7	2025	PRC	Sustainable Agriculture, Water, and Ecosystem Management in the Hetao Irrigated Oasis, Yellow River Basin	300,000



What we are looking for (differently)

- ❖ Strong operations focus: getting into the bolts and nuts of infrastructure and natural capital investments
- ❖ Ecosystem perspective: priority of NCC team operations
 - Nature-based and hybrid solutions
 - Landscape approach
- ❖ Green financing mechanisms and modalities
 - Water fund
 - Carbon/biodiversity credits
 - Payment for ecosystem services
- ❖ Community engagement and participatory approach

