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Materiality

A Practical Approach for Prioritising Sustainability



Why Do a Materiality Assessment?

Materiality is not a reporting exercise, it is a practical planning tool that helps ports move from broad sustainability ambition to focused, defensible, and actionable priorities.



Prioritise What Matters:

Identify the environmental, social, and governance issues that are most significant.



Manage Risk:

Links sustainability issues to business risk.



Respond to Stakeholder Expectations:

Supports understand and balancing the needs of key stakeholders.



Guide Better Decisions:

Inform strategy, investment prioritisation, performance measurement, and use of limited resources.



Meet Market & Disclosure Expectations:

Provides a defensible basis for sustainability reporting, financing, and transparency.

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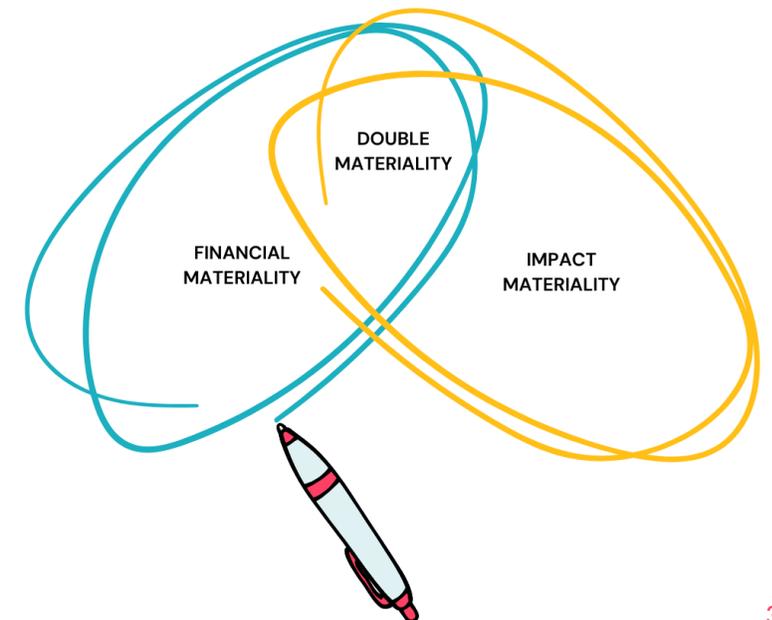
noun [u]

LAW

A measure of how important a piece of information is when making a decision.

(Definition of materiality from the Cambridge Business English Dictionary © Cambridge University Press)

- A material sustainability **opportunity** is something that can positively impact an organisation's business model, revenue or profits.
- A material **risk** is one that could negatively impact an organisation's operating or financial performance.



Focusing on what matters

Every port is unique in its size, shape, and location, making it essential to focus on what is most material through stakeholder engagement, risk and opportunity analysis, and compliance obligations

STEP 1

Understand the organisational context



STEP 2

Identify actual and potential impacts



STEP 3

Assess the significance of the impacts

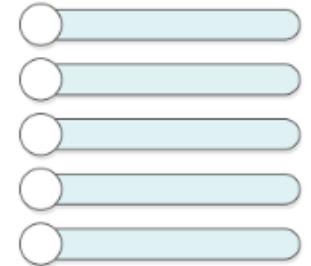


STEP 4

Prioritise

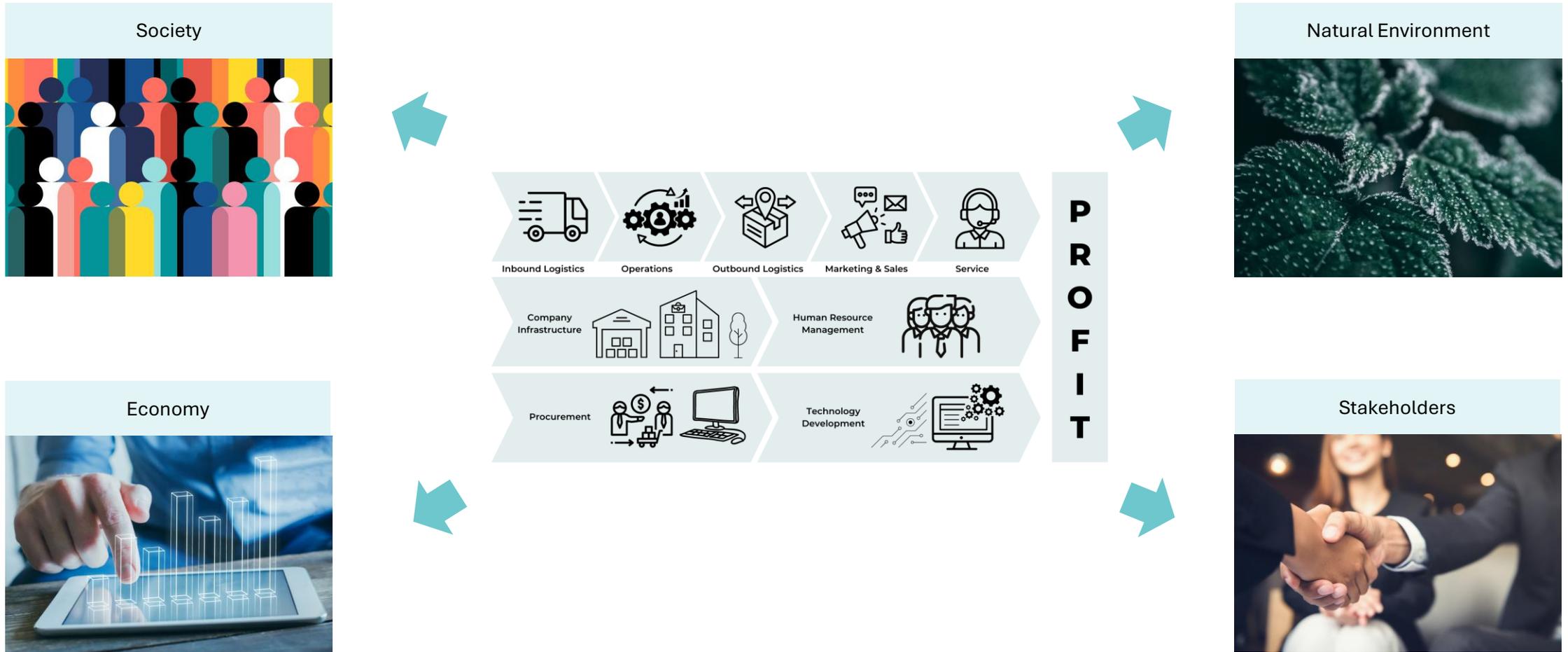


Material Topics



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Value Chain Interaction



Risk

Noun

The possibility that something bad or dangerous will happen

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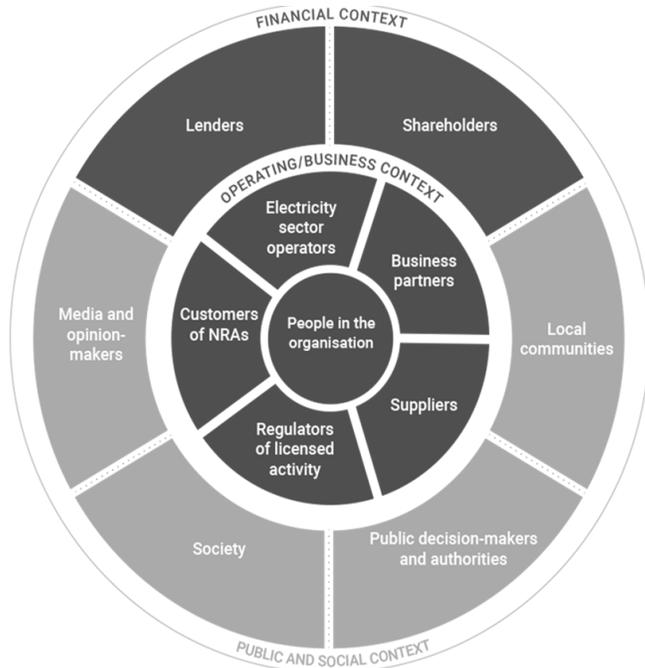
Scope 1 GHG Emissions	Mandated targets and disclosure requirements for operational emissions are increasing at national and international levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant CAPEX costs to decarbonize fleet. • Exposure to carbon pricing mechanisms and regulatory penalties. 	High
Scope 3 GHG Emissions	Growing voluntary and emerging mandatory expectations to measure and disclose Scope 3 emissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing stakeholder pressure for transparency 	Medium
Biodiversity	Maintenance dredging occurring adjacent to protected RAMSAR wetlands and sensitive marine habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct impacts to protected habitats, migratory species, and ecosystem function.. • Risk of legal penalties, project delays, and community opposition. 	Very High

Stakeholder Engagement

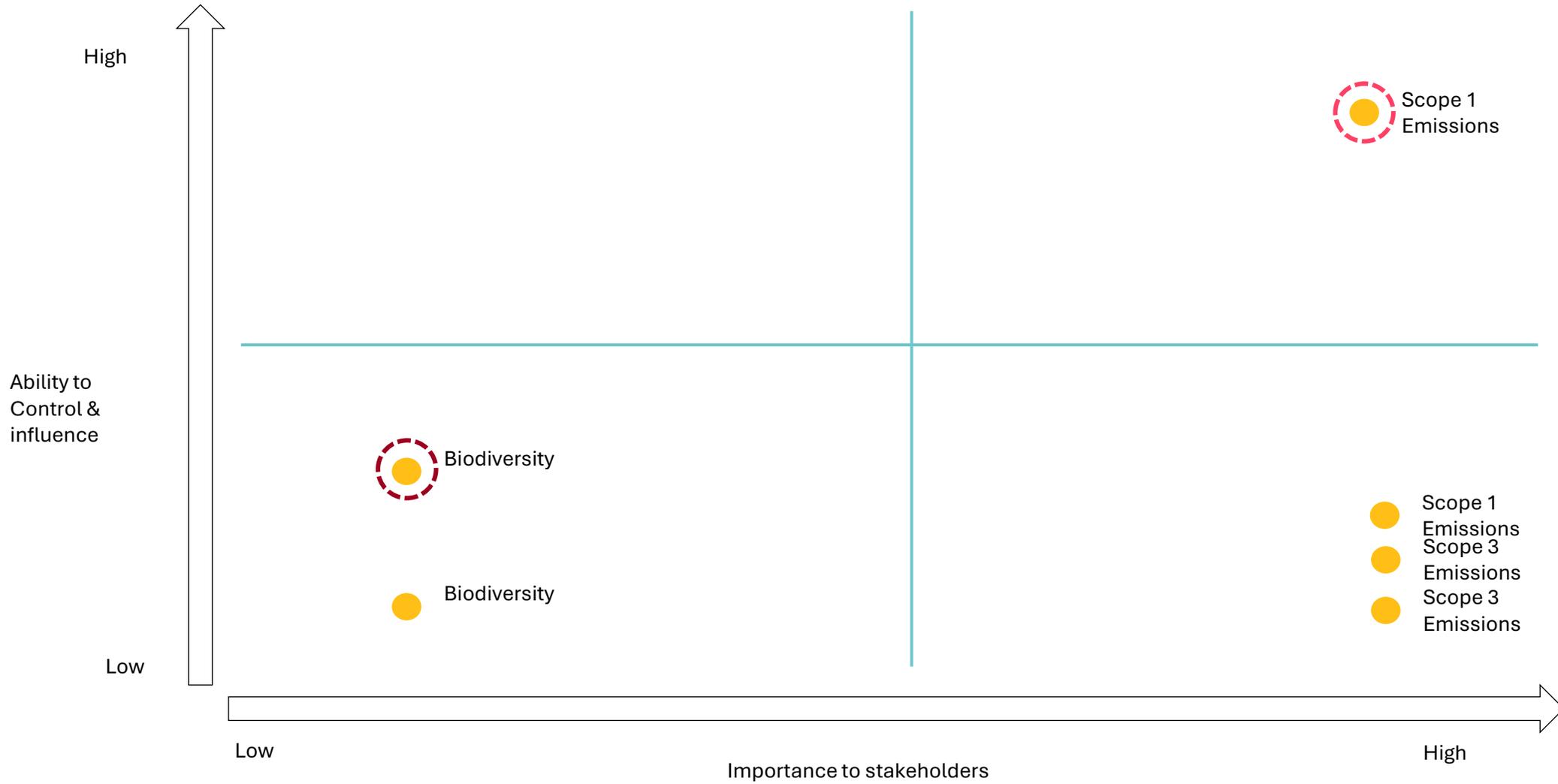
Noun phrase

An ongoing process of interaction and dialogue between the undertaking and its stakeholders that enables the undertaking to hear, understand and respond to their interests and concerns.

(Definition of stakeholder engagement EFRAG)



- Valuable insights
- Builds trust
- Improved decision making
- Increased transparency



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