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Nature Finance Taxonomy:

A Discussion Towards a Common Understanding and Scaling Impact

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DEVELOPING NET-ZERO NATURE-POSITIVE GUIDELINES FOR STAKEHOLDERS



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Closing the nature finance gap



THE CHALLENGE:

$700 bn

estimated annual global biodiversity finance gap

$200 bn/year

annual finance to be mobilised from all sources by 2030 under Target 19 of the GBF

A TWO-PART AGENDA:

1 Scale up

Increase finance for conservation, restoration and sustainable use on nature

- In 2023, only **16% of the $200 billion/year** was mobilised from all sources ($32.7 billion)

2 Redirect

Align financial flows and reduce harmful incentives and investment

- In 2023, **$7.3 trillion** in public and private financial flows were estimated to have a direct negative impact on nature, including environmentally harmful subsidies

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ROLE OF DFIs

- Promote **alignment and interoperability** across DFI groups
- Share **lessons learned and good practices**
- **Build the capacity** within DFIs and with national governments and private institutions
- Address **nature-negative activities** alongside nature-positive investments
- Strengthen the **links between climate and nature** taxonomies

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Net-Zero Nature-Positive Accelerator Programme



ABOUT THE NZNPA IP:

- A six-year $100 million initiative that supports 12 countries to align, integrate, and accelerate their climate and nature goals advancing national and global efforts to achieve net-zero nature-positive outcomes

- Accelerates efforts to achieve NZNP solutions through:
  - Developing and implementing **NZNP plans and strategies**
  - **Mobilizing** public and private **investment**
  - **Catalyzing** finance and partnerships
  - Promoting **policy and governance coherence**
  - Enhancing systems to **track and measure progress** against NZNP targets
  - Curating, diffusing, and **sharing knowledge, good practices, and lessons learned**

SUPPORT TO DFIs/IFIs AND TAXONOMY GUIDANCE:

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STATUS REPORT
An overview of existing definitions and frameworks for net-zero, nature-positive, and climate–nature finance

Upcoming

COMMON DEFINITION
A common definition of NZNP pathways, including principles and guardrails and guidance for interpretation at the national level

DFI/IFI PLAYBOOK
Practical guidance to DFIs and IFIs on how to operationalize, mobilize, and track NZNP finance

TAXONOMY GUIDANCE
Practical guidance for taxonomy developers on the integration of NZNP concepts into new and existing taxonomies

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