

Background

The Align project (Aligning accounting approaches for nature) aimed to build consensus on corporate biodiversity metrics and measurement approaches, bringing together practitioners to develop recommendations for a standard on corporate biodiversity measurement and valuation. Accompanying the recommendations are a series of business-facing guidance for implementing these recommendations across sites and supply chains, as well as measurement of ecosystem condition.

Here, a set of open-access, shareable and interoperable e-learning materials have been developed. These materials aim to increase capacity for uptake of key elements of the recommendations into corporate assessments of impacts and dependencies.

How can these materials be used?

These training materials consist of **slide decks**, containing content slides and **interactive activities** to check understanding, as well as accompanying **explanatory notes**. They have been designed to have flexible and interoperable application:

- Users can go through these materials independently in their own time, following the notes (noting for some slides all content is contained on the slide itself). For this option, we recommend **viewing the slide decks in presentation mode** (slide show → from beginning) to view the notes alongside the slides.
- The supply chain module has a supplementary Excel workbook that accompanies an interactive activity - the use of which is explained within the slides.
- Alternatively, these materials can form the basis for group sessions, where the accompanying notes can guide the delivery of the module by a trainer.
- Lastly, we encourage these materials to be integrated into wider training courses and training platforms developed by third parties.

What topics do these materials cover?

- The first module **builds foundations** by providing an **overview of key concepts** provided in the **recommendations**. This module aims to **widen engagement** with this core output of the project. It is recommended to go through this introductory module first to get an overview of measurement approaches, before going through the site level or supply chain modules. This module is aimed at a diverse range of users, with only a basic understanding of nature issues expected.
- The second module focuses on **site level and** specifically **builds capacity** for applying an accounting lens to tracking site-level impacts on ecosystems. This module **builds off** the introductory 'journey towards accounting' section of the recommendations, as well as the ecosystem condition primer, to **delve deeper** into key concepts and provide **interactive worked through examples**. This module is most suited to more advanced site-level practitioners.
- The third module focuses on supply chains and **builds capacity** for screening potential supply chain impacts on biodiversity. It **builds off** the supply chain criteria provided in the recommendations as well as the supply chain guidance, to **delve deeper** into foot printing approaches and provide **interactive worked through examples**. This module comes with an accompanying excel sheet to support one of the activities. This module is suited to sustainability managers getting started with biodiversity in supply chains.