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- *On 22 May 2020, IBBI completed six years since establishment.*
- *Starting with 16 business signatories and 8 stakeholders, IBBI membership has grown to 38 businesses and 12 stakeholders.*
- *4.5% of India's GDP in 2019 comes from IBBI business members covering all major sectors including SMEs.*
- *40% of the members under this initiative have a dedicated Biodiversity Policy and the rest have integrated biodiversity into their Environment Management System.*



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Confederation of Indian Industry
125 Years: 1895-2020

OUR SOLUTIONS ARE IN NATURE



22 MAY 2020
**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
Our solutions are in nature

The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 'The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)' to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. The 2020 IDB focuses on nature-based solutions for the betterment and protection of all life on earth and underlines the theme "Our Solutions are in Nature" emphasising hope, solidarity and the importance of working together at all levels to build a future of life in harmony with nature. Though we have grown economically and have advanced technologically, we are completely dependent on nature for our sustenance and well-being. This year nations, governments and businesses have been called upon to re-think the relationship we share with nature and work together at all levels to "bend the curve" on biodiversity loss for the benefit of humans and all life on earth.

The theme 'Our Solutions are in Nature' relates to four important aspects:



Science & Knowledge: Climate change has been a continuous threat to life on earth and the impacts are leading to various environmental issues. Biodiversity provides solutions to address climate change. It is essential to understand the science and traditional knowledge of the inter-connectedness between climate change, biodiversity and environment, to address the issues of climate change and environment degradation.

Conservation & Biodiversity: Natural habitats harbor a home to many fauna species and protects them from extinction. It is important to incorporate the aspects of species habitat, migratory tracts and protected areas into decision-making. Measures for effective area-based protection should be integrated into the action plan for conservation.



Health, Food & Biodiversity: Biodiversity plays an important role in the sustainability of many economic sectors and in addressing food security, human health and livelihood aspects. It provides us genetic variety of crops and livestock and supports millions of livelihoods that depend on agriculture sector. It provides various varieties of species with medicinal value that are raw materials for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors. Trees and pollinators provide for many valuable ecosystem services that support healthy functioning of the earth's ecosystems.

People, Culture & Biodiversity: Indigenous people are the custodians of local biodiversity and share a cultural inter-connectedness with nature. For sustainable development it is important to consider the interests of people and community who interact closely and on a day to day basis with their surrounding environment. The awareness and capacity building of people and communities is important to promote sustainable practices.



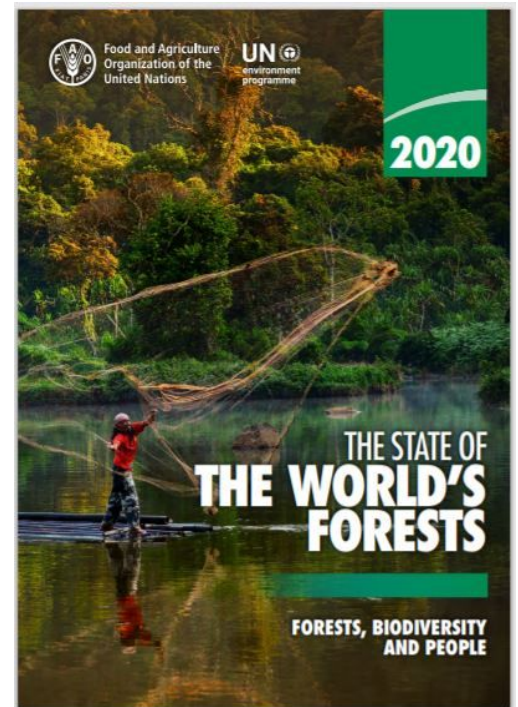
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SPECIAL REPORTS

The State of the Worlds Forests: Forests, Biodiversity and People

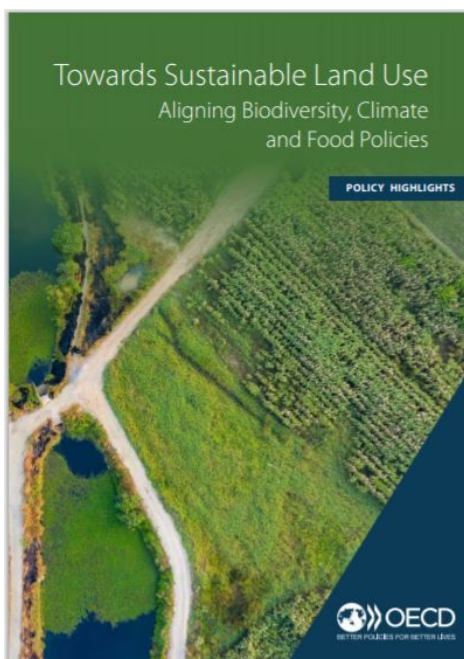
The world came face to face with the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the immediate global priority is to tackle this public health emergency, our long-term response must also address the underlying causes of such a pandemic. The degradation and loss of forests is one such contributing factor, disrupting nature's balance and increasing the risk and exposure of people to zoonotic diseases. Understanding and keeping track of the state of our world's forests has never been so important.

This publication provides an update on current state of forests , identifies signs of hope and the need to forest new relationship with nature.



To read the full publication [here](#).

Towards Sustainable Land Use: Aligning Biodiversity, Climate and Food Policies



Land use is central to many of the environmental and socio-economic issues facing society today. The production of agricultural and forestry goods, which are fundamental to human well-being, has profound consequences for biodiversity and climate change. The twin challenges of reversing biodiversity declines and mitigating climate change, while producing sufficient food to ensure zero hunger, must be tackled together.

This report, provides good practice insights on how governments can transition to more sustainable land-use systems. It draws on experiences and insights across six case study countries, characterised by large agricultural and forestry sectors and associated greenhouse gas emissions, which in many cases also host globally important biodiversity.

Read the full report [here](#).

IBBI ACTIVITIES

CII-IBBI Session on 'Working in Harmony with Nature'

IBBI organised a session on 'Working in Harmony with Nature' as part of celebrating International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May 2020



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Session Brief: International Day for Biological Diversity is celebrated every year on 22 May to raise awareness about the value of biodiversity. This year's theme, "Our Solutions are in Nature", highlights that biodiversity is the key to unlock a more sustainable future. Considering this theme, the session on 'Working in Harmony with Nature' was organised to showcase the different measures taken by IBBI business members to adopt nature-based solutions and their future action areas to work in harmony with nature.

Speakers:

Guest of Honour: Mr. Sujit Bajpayee, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC

Opening Remarks: Mr. Kavinder Singh, IBBI Chair and MD & CEO, Mahindra Holidays and Resorts India Ltd

Panellists:

- Mr. Srinivasa C. K., Manager, Corporate Sustainability & Environment, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Pankaj Satija, Chief Regulatory Officer, Tata Steel Ltd.
- Ms. Tara Mathew, Global Head, Sustainable Value Chain, Jayanti Group

Vote of Thanks: Ms. Seema Arora, Deputy Director General, CII

Key Take Aways:

- Learning from the COVID-19 situation, it's time for businesses, government and other stakeholders to collaborate and work jointly for build back better. The path towards recovery should be in a responsible manner, incorporating aspects of livelihood, indigenous communities, a self-regulatory regime and developing natural spaces like biodiversity parks/gardens.
- Over the past six years, since IBBI establishment, 38 businesses have committed for conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity. Approximately 4.5% of India's GDP in 2019, comes from these businesses including all major sectors and SMEs.
- Biodiversity and nature are the key stakeholders for businesses and therefore, should be considered as a critical part of business decision-making.
- Businesses have grown aware of the inter-linkages between business & nature and have been adopting long term targets for addressing the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss. Businesses are committing to considering integrating Nature-based Solutions over engineering solutions and open to new business opportunities.
- About 40% of IBBI business members have a dedicated biodiversity policy and the rest have integrated biodiversity into their Environment Management Systems

"While we have advanced technologically and medically by successfully reducing the mortality rate, the number of outbreaks of infectious diseases continue to increase. Biodiversity plays an important role in controlling these outbreaks. We have to understand the inter-connectedness between the two, so as to preserve nature and protect humans."

-Mr Sujit Bajpayee, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC

"Biodiversity should not be seen as an adjunct to businesses. It should rather be integrated in every core business philosophy. Nature is our biggest stakeholder and we should focus on its sustainable management, also understanding its importance to our business and healthy living."

-Mr Kavinder Singh, IBBI Chair & MD & CEO, Mahindra Holidays & Resorts

To know more click [session brief](#) & [Audio](#).

Reporting on Biodiversity & Sustainable Management of Ecosystem Services


Reporting on biodiversity & ecosystem services by companies is gaining recognition and importance among many stakeholders both globally and nationally. Companies so far have been reporting on environmental and sustainability aspects under which biodiversity is covered. In the recent years due to the awareness of loss of biodiversity and climate change, more and more companies have started recognising aspects of biodiversity and reporting on it.


IBBI promotes a specific reporting framework for biodiversity based on its 10 Point Declaration.


IBBI's 10 Point Declaration are the areas that companies can endeavor to take action on, for achieving the objectives of biodiversity conservation, sustainable management and nature protection. To measure the progress made on the actions taken by a company, a reporting framework is developed and companies are asked to report based on the framework once in two years.


The IBBI reporting framework has been evolved through analysis and comparison across various reporting frameworks being widely used for corporate reporting by companies like GRI, DJSI, BRR, IR, SDGs and it also draws learnings from the Zero draft of Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This reporting framework aims at enabling businesses to have standardised data across their operations for biodiversity and ecosystem services management. It provides a framework for communicating about the companies' programmes and initiatives for addressing risks due to environmental issues, climate change and biodiversity loss, in an effective manner.


IBBI 10 Point Declaration


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Mapping biodiversity interfaces with business operations
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Enhancing awareness on biodiversity within the organisation
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Considering the impacts of business decisions on biodiversity
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Setting objectives and targets for biodiversity management
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Designating an individual within the organisation as biodiversity champion
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Assessing biodiversity risks and opportunities
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Including the applicable biodiversity aspects in the environmental management systems
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Encouraging relevant stakeholders to support better biodiversity management
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Engaging in policy advocacy and dialogue with Government, NGOs and academia on biodiversity concerns
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Initiating the valuation of relevant biodiversity and eco-system services

To know more and work with IBBI on the aspect of biodiversity reporting write to us at : syamala.lingala@cii.in or pravir.deshmukh@cii.in

UPCOMING EVENTS



Building business resilience: How collective leadership will reverse nature loss

Organized by World Economic Forum, WBCSD, ICC, UN Global Compact, IUCN, Business for Nature
Monday 15 June 2020

Virtual event at: 7.00-8.00 am New York (EDT) | 1.00-2.00 pm Geneva (CEST) | 7.00-8.00 pm Beijing (CST)

Nature is everyone's business: Register now for global leadership event!

On June 15, Business for Nature - alongside the World Economic Forum, WBCSD, ICC, UN Global Compact and the IUCN - is hosting the first major global leadership event to discuss nature and its vital role in building a resilient future in a post-coronavirus world.

The virtual event will be hosted by Paul Polman, Co-founder and Chair of IMAGINE and Tian Wei, a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader and news anchor.

We are bringing together inspiring business and world leaders to explore why making nature part of decision-making is critical to becoming a future-fit business. This conversation is timely and necessary. Healthy societies, resilient economies and thriving businesses rely on nature. Yet, more than half of the world's total GDP - a total of \$44 trillion of economic value - is at risk from nature loss (World Economic Forum, 2020).

Participate in this unmissable high-level and interactive event for business leaders to:

- reflect on the lessons being learned from COVID-19 and discuss them in the context of the planetary crisis;
- explore how collective action is essential to building greater resilience; and
- hear from companies that are including nature in their decision-making and accelerating progress towards a more sustainable future.

Collective leadership is needed to reverse nature loss in this decade.

**Building business resilience:
How collective leadership will reverse nature loss**

Senior business leaders: Join this high level and interactive global event. *Live translation available*

REGISTER NOW
<https://businessfornature.world-television.com/>

Hosted By:
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To learn more about the event and register visit [here](https://businessfornature.world-television.com/).



CII CERTIFIED TRAINING PROGRAMME ON VALUING BUSINESS & NATURE RELATIONSHIP

OUR PLANET IS UNDER THREAT

- Nature is declining globally at rates Unprecedented in human history.
- Around the globe about 1,000,000 species are threatened with extinction.
- Global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels is leading to increasing risks to people and planet.

Join the two week, eight hour online training to manage your business relation with nature.

Master the use of four India specific IBBI tools to manage business and nature relation.

"Through 'transformative change', nature can still be conserved, restored and used sustainably"

Module 1: Inter-linkage of Business & Nature

All businesses are directly or indirectly inter-linked to biodiversity. Understanding these inter-linkages will help to learn how they lead to risks or opportunities across business value chain.

Module 02: Risk Management

Nature loss leads to various risks-physical, financial, regulatory, operational etc. It is important for businesses to manage these risks through management of biodiversity & ecosystem services.

Module 03: Tools & Metrics

Learn to use IBBI specific tools to map, manage and know about the metrics to identify value of nature across your business value chain.

Module 04: Targets & Goals

Develop your operations specific goals and targets; learn from leading business best practices and case studies and understand national and global policies on nature targets.

Self-Assessment & Valuation Exercise

Implement the learning by using the tools to carry out self-assessment of your operations and exchange the learning's and develop a long-term action plan.

Dates of Training Programme:

3rd June | 6th June | 9th June and 12th June 2020

Last Date for Applications:
2 June 2020

Participation Fee

Individual Person :
INR 15,000 per person + GST

IBBI Members:
INR 12,000 + GST

Discount for Group Participation:
INR 11,000 per person + GST

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