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40 Business Signatories



13 Stakeholders



150 Network Members

(including businesses & stakeholders)



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IBBI YEAR 2020 AT A GLANCE

2020 was an unforeseen and unpredicted year that threatened the very existence of humanity. The Covid-19 pandemic has adversely impacted society, business and economy around the globe. As negotiations have already been going on to put forth a strong agenda for the next decade for reversing nature loss and mitigating climate change, we are going through the challenge of safeguarding our health as well as building back better. This situation has also taught us to modify our pathways and tackle climate change impacts, nature loss and chart out a much stronger action agenda for a sustainable and resilient future.

Nations, governments, businesses and stakeholders have collaborated and have been working together to face challenges of the pandemic and building a new normal. In this journey, CII has been supporting government and industry in developing road maps and strategies to adopt new pathways of doing business with measures for safety, prevention and protection against Covid-19.

IBBI, with the support of its members and stakeholders has been able to continue advocacy and provides services via virtual platforms and one-to-one online interactions.

We grew our membership to **40 business signatories and 13 stakeholders** including SMEs and expert organisations.

We were able to host:

- **3 national webinars for awareness creation on Natural Capital, Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services;**
- **1 certified training programme on Valuing Business & Nature Relationship;**
- **4-day National Business Consultation on Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**
- **1-day National Business Consultation on Biodiversity Act**
- **2 CEO Round-tables on Next Action Agenda**
- **3 Webinars on Reporting Framework for Biodiversity**

We created a '**Guidance Document on Biodiversity Disclosure**' and '**Indian Position Paper on Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**'.

We provided advocacy to our business members on **Biodiversity Policy, No Net Loss Approach, Carbon Sequestration and Gap Assessment on Biodiversity Disclosure**

To know more and work with IBBI on various nature, climate and biodiversity aspects write to us at : syamala.lingala@cii.in or pravir.deshmukh@cii.in

IBBI PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2021

The year 2021 comes with an ambition of recovery from the pandemic crises and to build a new normal on the pillars of sustainability and resilience. Governments and businesses across nations are engaging in identifying opportunities and solutions for building back better and laying a pathway for responsive and effective management to avert or avoid such crises in the future. The greatest learnings from the pandemic and the following lockdown are with respect to nature, climate and resource management.

Businesses play a very vital role in contributing towards climate, nature and people emergency as well as protecting mother earth. This requires building awareness, capacity and developing programmes for building resilient and sustainable business modules.

IBBI brings to its members key activities in year 2021 to learn, adopt and build sustainable businesses.

IBBI Plan for 2021

Piloting IBBI No Net Loss Approach with business members

Launch of IBBI – UNDP Training on Building Resilience to Climate change & Nature Loss

India Business Delegation, Business & Biodiversity Forum and Side Events

No Net Loss Approach

IBBI – UNDP Certified Training

CBD COP 15, China

March 21

May 22

June 03

Sep 21

Oct 21

IBBI Post 2020 Paper

Indian Business Case Study

Launch of Indian Position Paper on Post 2020 GBF

Documenting IBBI member case study publication on commitment to Net Zero Impact on biodiversity



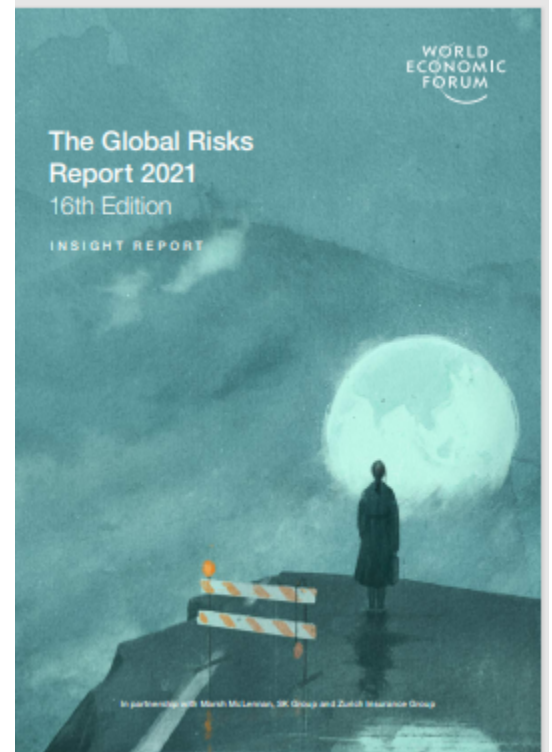
IBBI is building work on some of key areas:

- Mainstreaming of Biodiversity into Finance Sector, across Line Ministries & within Educational Institutions
- Incorporation of Business & Biodiversity Platform at the State Level
- Green Audit for Institutes & Universities
- Carbon Sequestration- Business Modeling, Credits and Certification

SPECIAL REPORTS

The Global Risks Report 2021

The 16th edition of the World Economic Forum's Global Risks Report analyses the risks from societal fractures—manifested through persistent and emerging risks to human health, rising unemployment, widening digital divides, youth disillusionment, and geopolitical fragmentation. Businesses risk a disorderly shakeout which can exclude large cohorts of workers and companies from the markets of the future. Environmental degradation—still an existential threat to humanity—risks intersecting with societal fractures to bring about severe consequences. Yet, with the world more attuned to risk, lessons can be drawn to strengthen response and resilience. In 2020, the risk of a pandemic became reality. As governments, businesses, and societies grapple with COVID-19, societal cohesion is more important than ever.



To read visit at <https://www.weforum.org/reports/the-global-risks-report-2021>

Accelerating Business Solutions for Climate and Nature



Nature-based solutions (NbS), can help to deliver up to 37% of solutions to achieve the Paris climate goal, as well as the potential to help address other societal challenges while being good for business and people. Yet, to scale up investment in Nature-based Solutions, business requires clarity on its scope and requirements.

This report aims to help remove the hurdles to nature-based solutions by clarifying definitions, while supporting the alignment of natural climate solutions (NCS) with nature-based solutions in order to accelerate investments at scale. In addition, the report helps business to navigate the nature and climate agenda by mapping the key initiatives, platforms and conventions for collective action.

To read visit at <https://www.wbcsd.org/Programs/Food-and-Nature/Nature/Nature-Action/Resources/Accelerating-business-solutions-for-climate-and-nature-Report-I-Mapping-nature-based-solutions-and-natural-climate-solutions>

KEY ACTIVITIES

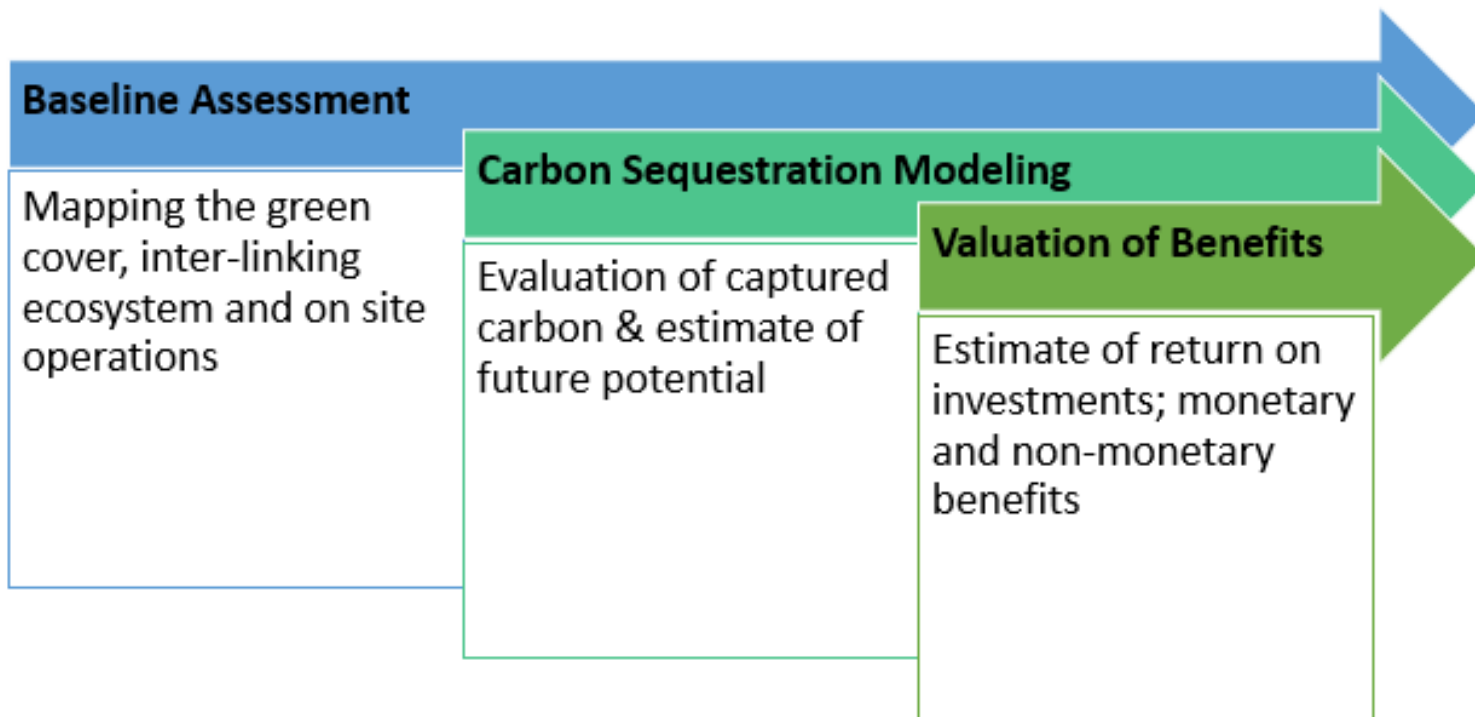
Carbon Sequestration- Driving emissions to Zero with Carbon Capture

Growing concerns about climate change are intensifying interest in advance technologies to reduce emissions across sectors and measures to draw down CO₂ levels in the atmosphere. There are many pathways of mitigating climate change by rapid reduction of CO₂ emissions and low carbon technologies to cut atmospheric concentrations.

The natural carbon capture achieved through reforestation is a promising pathway to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

A major percentage of global carbon emissions are captured by plant-rich landscapes such as forests, grasslands, plantations, greenbelts etc. Restoration and rehabilitation of degrading forests, green spaces and ecosystems proves to be a cost-effective mechanism for carbon capture and achieving zero emissions.

IBBI provides a tools for carbon sequestration for the business sectors to measure their on site carbon capture of plantations, greenbelt, mangrove ecosystem etc. and estimate the amount of sequestration that supports in reducing their carbon footprint. This also measures investments and incentives for farmers with respect to climate smart agriculture practices and biodiversity benefits created through carbon sequestration.



IBBI is guiding and developing roadmaps for businesses on emission reduction pathways like:

1. Carbon Sequestration of plantations, mangrove ecosystem, greenbelt and reforestation projects
2. Carbon Credit Certification
3. Designing Plantations based on Carbon Capture Modeling

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Green Audit- Auditing of Institutions on Nature, Resources & Awareness

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has developed a Green Audit framework considering the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) requirements and global best practices towards environmental sustainability.

Green Audit of the institute will be undertaken on the following major areas to meet the NAAC requirements and recognising institutes efforts to integrate environmental sustainability in operations.



Benefits of Green Audit for Educational Institutes

- Recognise initiatives taken by the organisation towards the environment
- Secure the environment and minimize threats to human health
- Provide baseline information to enable the organisation to evaluate and manage environmental change, threat and risk
- Assess environmental performance and the effectiveness of measures to achieve defined objectives and targets
- Ensure that natural resources are utilised properly as per the national policy on environment
- Establish parameters for maintaining health and welfare of the organisation

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