

Guidelines on Business and KBAs: Managing Risk to Biodiversity

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KBA Business Guidelines: New opportunity for business to act

- The Guidelines build on the core idea that all businesses have to manage their impacts on biodiversity applying the mitigation hierarchy.
- If they impact on a KBA biodiversity trigger element, there are 15 specific measures that would help strengthen the outcomes of their biodiversity management efforts.

The target audience of the Guidelines

- All businesses (all sectors and all size)
- New projects and existing operations
- For business also beyond the reach of IFC Performance Standards although in line with IFC PS6

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15 guidelines supporting:

- implementation of the mitigation hierarchy
- conservation efforts on the ground
- corporate accountability



The mitigation hierarchy



Support the implementation of the mitigation hierarchy

The what:

- G 2** Priority to avoidance
- G 3** Implementation of early minimisation
- G 4** Limits to impact restoration
- G 5** Limits to biodiversity offsets

The how:

- G 1** Project biodiversity baseline
- G 6** Long-term financing of the mitigation measures
- G 7** Biodiversity impact monitoring
- G 8** Responsibilities in case of divestment
- G 9** Participation and consultation
- G 10** Responsibility for existing operations

Support conservation efforts on the ground

G 12 Additional conservation actions

G 13 KBAs as targets for offsetting impacts
elsewhere

G 14 Sharing biodiversity data

G 11 Reporting on KBAs as part of the company's environmental performance

G 15 Compliance with certification schemes and financial institutions' safeguard policies

How can these Guidelines be used?

- Built in as **specific criteria and / or guidance in certification schemes and standards**
- **Integrated by business** as part of their biodiversity corporate policies
- Used in **evaluating the implementation of IFC Performance Standard 6** (or similar lending standards)
- Part of **permitting requirements** to be issued by regulators

Applications in EIA

- **Assess impact:** Baseline definition; Monitoring plan design; Stakeholder Consultation
- **Definition of mitigation measures:** priority to avoidance; early minimization measures; Limits to restoration; Limits to Offsets; Net Gain as the performance target

Initial steps for a business

- **Map operations** and identify if they are in or proximity of KBAs
- Identify where **future expansions** or new operations are possible
- **Assess current impacts** (direct, indirect and cumulative) focusing on the KBA trigger biodiversity elements
- **Collect baseline biodiversity data** (pre-operations if possible)
- Identify **which steps of the mitigation hierarchy** would apply to each of the identifies sites and then discuss implications of the guidelines (G1 to 10)
- Explore how to:
 - Support your **conservation actions on the ground** (G. 12, 13 and 14)
 - Enhance **corporate accountability practices** (G 11 and 15)

On line supporting material

- A dedicated section of the KBA web site dedicated to the Guidelines for Business
- Includes scenarios, case studies, additional information for each guideline and Q&As
- A live document that can be regularly updated and improved
- An opportunity to share good practice with other practitioners
- <http://www.keybiodiversityareas.org/business-guidelines>

The KBA Consultative Forum

- End users of KBA data are engaged through the [KBA Consultative Forum](#).
- They provide input and advice to the KBA Committee on the dissemination and use of KBA data, management decisions, marketing, funding, etc.
- The Forum objectives are to:
 - to communicate needs and challenges in the use and application of KBA Data to the KBA Committee.
 - to be informed by the KBA Committee about decisions, progress and plans regarding the implementation of the KBA Programme.

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KBA web site

<http://www.keybiodiversityareas.org/>

IBAT - <https://www.ibatforbusiness.org/>

Other IAIA Resources

www.iaia.org/publications.php

- Key Citations on Biodiversity – 6 separate topic areas
- FasTips:
 - No. 5: Biodiversity Assessment
 - No. 13: Ecosystem Services in SEA for Spatial Planning
- Best Practice Principles Series:
 - Biodiversity in Impact Assessment
 - Publishing EIA-Related Primary Biodiversity Data: GBIF Best Practice Guide

conferences.iaia.org/wdc2017/presentations.php

- Presentations from IAIA's 2017 biodiversity symposium on "Mainstreaming the Mitigation Hierarchy in Impact Assessment"

IAIA webinar-on-demand

Accessing and interpreting biodiversity
information for high-level biodiversity screening

www.iaia.org/webinars.php

Thank you!

