

# Biodiversity basics for professionals of financial institutions

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## Why this tool?

As you will discover while going through the steps of this biodiversity tool on the next page, financial institutions face financial risks because of the rapid decline of biodiversity. At the same time, there are ample commercial opportunities for conserving and restoring biodiversity.

This biodiversity tool has been created to provide professionals of financial institutions a basic understanding of the meaning of biodiversity, the causes and consequences related to its loss, as well as the relevance of biodiversity to clients of financial institutions and the financial institutions themselves.

After completing this tool you should be equipped to become an advocate for biodiversity action in your own organisation and role.

## Instructions

- The biodiversity awareness tool can be found on the next page.
  - The tool starts at the top right of the circle, with the section 'The basics'.
  - Each section consists of several sub-topics, that are explained by publicly available information.
  - Click on the icon next to the sub-topic to go to the source of information.
  - Internet connection is needed to access the sources.
  - It takes one hour to complete.
  - The tool can be completed from any device, anywhere and on the go.
- **Tip:** you can increase the playback speed of YouTube videos (every video has a settings-button where you can find this functionality)

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## ▶ Test your biodiversity awareness

📄 What actions can financial institutions take?

▶ How can the finance sector help save the planet?

🎧 How is climate and nature connected? (optional, 24 minutes)

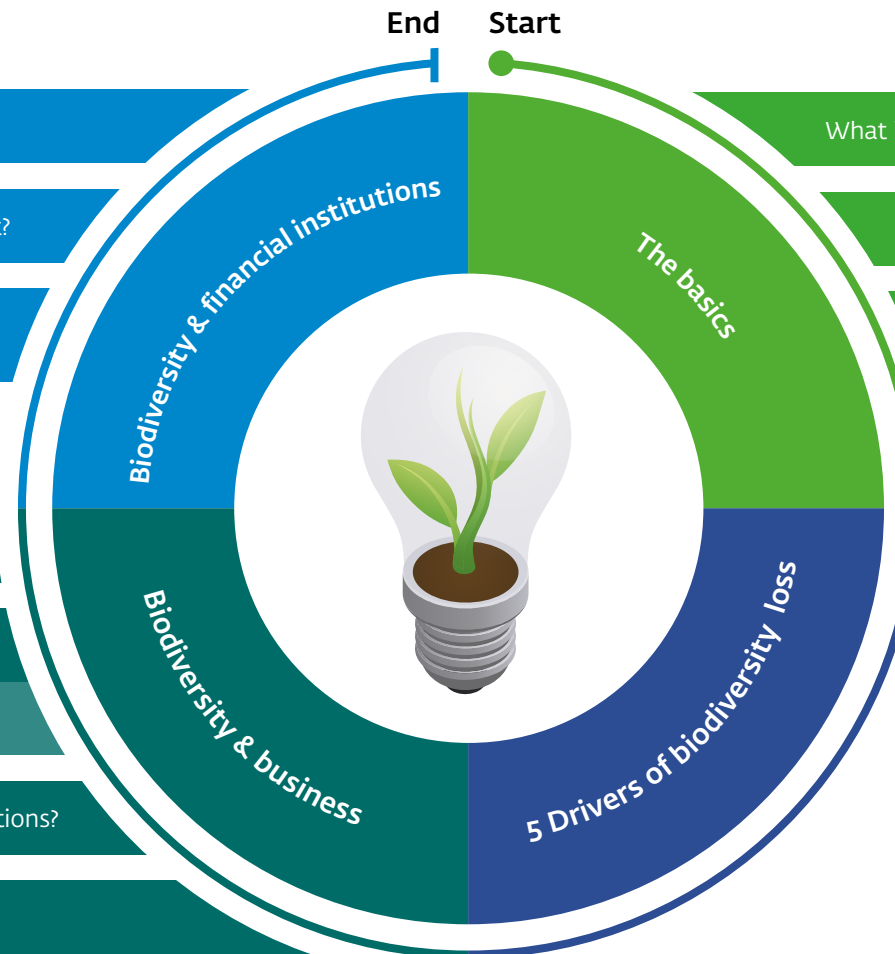
📄 How to capitalise on business opportunities?

▶ What are Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)?

📄 NBS database

📄 What are the relevant (upcoming) regulations?

▶ What are ecosystem services?



▶ What is biodiversity?

▶ Why is biodiversity important?

▶ Why should financial institutions act on biodiversity?

▶ Why is biodiversity good for the economy?

▶ What is driving biodiversity loss?

📄 How can we stop the biggest threats to our natural world?

Done! Share what you've learned in your team and agree on a first action that you can take in your current roles, to contribute to biodiversity restoration.

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