



Unlocking the biodiversity-climate nexus

A COP30 call for policy coherence and integrated finance strategies

The Finance for Biodiversity (FfB) Foundation calls for the integrated management of the biodiversity and climate crises by policymakers to achieve the targets set in their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). This piece also illustrates the importance of the topic for financial institutions by showcasing flagship strategies along the biodiversity-climate nexus.

Calling for ambition on Climate & Nature Finance at UNFCCC COP30

COP30 aims to deliver on expectations regarding “synergies among climate, biodiversity, desertification, and sustainable development, as well as the implementation of global calls for efforts towards halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation by 2030”, as stated in the [Sixth Letter from the Brazilian Presidency](#).

The FfB Foundation calls on Parties to seize the opportunity of UNFCCC COP30 to agree on effective measures to halt and reverse biodiversity loss this decade, notably by supporting the alignment of financial flows with the Paris Agreement and the Global Biodiversity Framework via ensuring the ambition of the ‘Baku to Belem Roadmap 1.3 T’ and the ‘New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance’.

The private sector needs policy coherence along the biodiversity-climate nexus

Beyond COP30, policy coherence is needed to support the finance sector in unlocking the biodiversity-climate nexus. At the global level, FfB [welcomes](#) the efforts of the three Rio Conventions aiming for further alignment of the frameworks. At the local level, in their [key policy asks](#) to governments, FfB members call the mandate of integrated climate and nature transition plans. These are time-bound, comprehensive action plans that describe how an organisation intends to reduce its negative impacts on biodiversity and shift towards positive actions, whilst addressing climate-related risks and opportunities.

The protection, conservation, and sustainable use of biodiversity is key both for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Nature-based solutions (NbS) must be a priority to address climate change and biodiversity loss efficiently.

Resources and initiatives:

- Read the FfB report '[Unlocking the Biodiversity-Climate Nexus](#)', which aims to guide financial institutions on managing synergies and trade-offs in their strategies.
- Discover the [Brazil NbS Investment Collaborative](#) led by Capital for Climate and supported by FfB. The initiative mobilised USD 10 billion for NbS in Brazil.





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Financial institutions committed to biodiversity protection have expressed the importance of coherence between sustainability topics. They are demonstrating leadership by developing policies and strategies in key thematic areas along the biodiversity-climate nexus.

Examples of financial strategies unlocking the nexus: a focus on Forests

Forests are essential in providing habitats to wildlife. They often host a variety of different ecosystems, produce oxygen and absorb carbon. Building off strong policy signals such as the [Glasgow Leaders' Declaration](#), financial institutions have increasingly acknowledged the materiality of deforestation and incorporated relevant policies on the topic.

Key data:

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[EfB Pledge signatories](#) are engaging with companies on deforestation

Case Studies:

- **Agri3 Fund** aims to mobilise public and private capital at scale to support sustainable agriculture practices and avert deforestation. To do this, they are partnering with various types of financial institutions that are active in developing markets.
- **Folium Capital** is a private equity investor focused on the sustainable management of forest and agriculture assets, leveraging deep sector expertise and strong local partnerships to manage natural resources for long-term value and sustainable outcomes.

Examples of financial strategies unlocking the nexus: a focus on the Ocean

The ocean is the largest ecosystem on Earth and hosts a rich array of biodiversity. It is also an essential carbon sink, absorbing 30% of the atmosphere's excess heat. In parallel to crucial developments in recent months on ocean policy, including the ratification of the [High Seas Treaty](#), financial institutions are mobilising for the sustainable blue economy.

Key data:

40

[organisations](#) signed the [Global Financial Institutions Statement to Governments on Deep-Sea Mining](#)

Case Studies:

- **SWEN Blue Ocean** is a direct impact strategy investing in innovations that help regenerate ocean biodiversity. The strategy backs startups with a focus on solutions to overfishing, ocean pollution and marine solutions to climate change.
- **Mirova 'Climate Fund for Nature'** is a pioneering impact investment fund supporting Nature-based Solutions globally. It invests in high-quality projects including mangrove restoration projects and other types of blue carbon projects to generate carbon credits.