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

- Anticipated project impact
- AVOID
- MINIMISE
- RESTORE
- OFFSET

Biodiversity breakeven point (no net loss)

- Residual impacts
- Additional conservation actions (ACAs)
- Offset
- Restore
- Minimise
- Avoided impacts

Net gain

ACAs
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
Support corporate accountability

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
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.
QUESTIONS

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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!