## The Global Biodiversity Standard: Assessing Biodiversity Recovery in Ecosystem Restoration Projects

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## Description

Amid the global biodiversity crisis, the need for effective nature-based solutions is urgent. The Global Biodiversity Standard (TGBS) provides a pioneering framework to certify projects that protect, restore, and enhance ecosystems. Developed by an international consortium of experts, TGBS sets a rigorous global benchmark with eight criteria for assessing biodiversity recovery.

This workshop, "The Global Biodiversity Standard: Assessing Biodiversity Recovery in Ecosystem Restoration Projects," introduces TGBS and its alignment with the Global Biodiversity Framework. Participants will explore the four key assessment elements: Level of Protection, Ecosystem Integrity, Social Benefits, and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Adaptive Management. The session includes practical guidance on setting a reference model, establishing baselines, and evaluating current conditions.

Additionally, the workshop will cover the TGBS certification process, ensuring accountability and continuous improvement in biodiversity outcomes. Participants will gain insights into using TGBS to refine restoration projects and foster inclusivity, transparency, and effectiveness. The session will conclude with discussions on becoming a TGBS hub, cultivating a global network dedicated to biodiversity restoration and conservation.

## Agenda Highlights

- Learn more about The Global Biodiversity Standard certification, how to apply and the benefits
- Find out about mentoring opportunities to improve restoration practice
- Hear about case studies from the field, including certified projects

Participants: 50

Date: Wednesday, 6th August 2025

**Duration:** Three (3) Hours

Intended Audience: Open to all participants