

Nature-Based Solutions: Partners & Contacts

The guide and NBS Benefits Explorer were developed by a multi-stakeholder project team, including the CEO Water Mandate, Pacific Institute, The Nature Conservancy, Danone, and LimnoTech. More details and contact information are provided below.



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About the CEO Water Mandate

The CEO Water Mandate is a United Nations Global Compact initiative that mobilizes business leaders on water, sanitation, and the Sustainable Development Goals for corporate water stewardship. Endorsers of the Mandate commit to continuous progress against six core elements (direct operations, supply chain and watershed management, collective action, public policy, community engagement and transparency) and in so doing understand and manage their own water risks. Established in 2007 and implemented in partnership with the Pacific Institute, the Mandate was created out of the acknowledgement that global water challenges create risk for a wide range of industry sectors, the public sector, local communities and ecosystems alike.

Focus of organization on nature-based solutions

Nature-based solutions (NBS) have the potential to combat pressing global problems, including climate change, water security and biodiversity loss. The CEO Water Mandate furthers the development of standardized methods to identify, estimate and monitor the benefits that NBS can provide, making it possible to build a strong case for private sector investments in these solutions. Upscaling and mainstreaming NBS implementation can help companies reach corporate sustainability goals, regulatory compliance and a financial return on investment through stacked water, carbon and biodiversity benefits, as well as additional socio-economic value.

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About the Pacific Institute

The mission of the Pacific Institute is to create and advance solutions to the world's most pressing water challenges. Since 1987, the Pacific Institute has played a lead role in analyzing and communicating the connections between water, energy, and climate change locally and globally. Our work is grounded in research and sound science, drawing on disciplines ranging from climatology to environmental engineering and hydrology. Collaborative partnerships with a range of stakeholders – from Fortune 500 companies and United Nations agencies to disenfranchised communities – are core to our approach and allow us to focus on science-based solutions that achieve shared goals. In addition, since 2008, the Pacific Institute has served as the co-Secretariat of the United Nations (UN) Global Compact CEO Water Mandate, a partnership with the UN, governments, civil society, and business leaders to address corporate water stewardship.

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Nature-based solutions (NBS) is a key focus area of the Pacific Institute. In collaboration with the multi-benefit work also undertaken by the Institute, the NBS project aims to deliver sustained improvements in watershed health with additional co-benefits, such as reducing greenhouse gas concentrations, improving climate and socio-economic resilience, and improving biodiversity and the environment. The Institute's NBS works focusses on benefit identification and accounting. Future work will focus on benefit forecasting and valuation. The Institute works closely with the United Nations Global Compact CEO Water Mandate and shares the ideals to upscale and mainstream investment in NBS in the public and private sectors.

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About The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is a global environmental nonprofit working to create a world where people and nature can thrive. Founded in the United States through grassroots action in 1951, The Nature Conservancy has grown to become one of the most effective and wide-reaching environmental organizations in the world. Thanks to more than a million members and the dedicated efforts of our diverse staff and over 400 scientists, we impact conservation in 72 countries and territories: 38 by direct conservation impact and 34

through partners. Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. To achieve this, we must boldly address the biodiversity and climate crises over the next decade. By maximizing our ability to effect change between now and 2030, we can shape a brighter future for people and our planet.

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Nature-based solutions (NBS) are core to TNC's work across ecosystems and outcomes, given the organization's focus on protection and restoration of nature and on supporting solutions that provide benefits to both people and nature. NBS for water security are one key element of focus for TNC's global water work, especially the Resilient Watersheds strategy, which provides platforms for sustainable financing and governance for implementation of NBS for water security outcomes. TNC's experience with NBS ranges from decades of NBS project development and implementation, innovative financing of NBS, promoting global and national NBS-related policies and providing science and guidance on NBS design and monitoring.

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About Danone

Dedicated to bringing health through food to as many people as possible, Danone is a leading global food and beverage company built on four businesses: Essential Dairy and Plant-Based Products, Waters, Early Life Nutrition and Medical Nutrition. Danone aims to inspire healthier and more sustainable eating and drinking practices, in line with the company's vision - Danone, One Planet. One Health. This vision reflects a strong belief that the health of people and the health of the planet are interconnected. Danone deliberately concentrates on high-growth and health-focused categories, and commits to operating in an efficient, sustainable, and responsible manner. This unique approach enables Danone to create both shareholder and societal value. The company holds itself to the highest standards, as reflected by the ambition to become one of the first multinational companies to become a Certified B Corporation. To deliver on the commitment to this vision, Danone is focusing on four ambitions within the One Planet agenda for Nature: combat climate change, protect the water cycle, co-build the circular economy of packaging, and promote regenerative agriculture.

Focus of organization on nature-based solutions

Danone is convinced of the power of using nature-based solutions (NBS) as a cost-effective and sustainable alternative to constructing traditional infrastructure and believes that we should recognize the appreciating value of investments in nature. The business is therefore promoting regenerative agriculture that respects natural ecosystems and water cycles and is managing watersheds in areas of operations to preserve water resources, collectively with local stakeholders. NBS are a key focus of both commitments, with the clear aim to achieve multiple benefits, including biodiversity enhancement, soil health improvement, carbon sequestration, sustainable water resources management and better livelihoods.

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About LimnoTech

LimnoTech is a leading water science and environmental engineering consulting firm. Founded in 1975, we are an employee-owned company headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with regional offices across the United States. We work with clients across a range of sectors and locations to address challenging water resource issues. Our staff offers a unique blend of diversity and depth, including engineers, scientists, hydrologists, geologists, biologists, aquatic ecologists, programmers, chemists, and statisticians. Many LimnoTech senior staff are internationally recognized experts in the fields of expertise. LimnoTech's projects have addressed almost every major freshwater issue, including watershed assessment and management, climate resiliency, impacts of water withdrawals, wastewater discharges and agricultural runoff, and ecosystem restoration.

Focus of organization on nature-based solutions

LimnoTech has a specialized service area helping companies develop and implement water strategies and set goals to work "outside the fence line" in collaboration with NGO partners and local stakeholders. Corporate investments in NBS are a major component of water stewardship. LimnoTech helps companies identify projects and implementing partners, and we quantify the multi-benefits of NBS activities.

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