

Shifting global financial flows toward nature-positive outcomes

Objective

Increase private investment in Australia's natural capital by helping to embed natural capital considerations into financial decision making

Outcomes sought

RECOGNISE
 Natural Capital is recognised and understood as a financial asset class that is integral to economic prosperity

VALUE
 The ecosystem services and benefits that flow from Natural Capital are fully valued and utilised

INVEST
 The private sector invests in nature-based solutions and funds and rewards nature-positive management practices

Policy/Program

Natural Capital Metrics for productive land

International Engagement

Blue Finance Unit

Private sector
 Engagement
 Natural
 Capital
 Working
 Group

Mechanisms

Recognise: Develop natural capital sustainability benchmark in co-design with private sector (informed by robust evidence from ABARES, CSIRO).
Value: develop natural capital wealth accounts
Invest: Trialing approaches with finance sector on calculating and incorporating benefits into financial products and recognition of carbon and environmental units as complementary additional income

TNFD – forum member and strategic funder
 Ongoing strategic engagement on the development of the framework.

- Education
- Engagement and knowledge sharing to inform government policy and support
- Regional engagement and outreach
 - Alignment with Singapore Green Economy Agreement.
 - Focus for G20 environment track.
 - IUCN Natural Capital Agenda
 - Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Recognise: Industry coalition to address the barriers to the incorporation and adoption of NbS in coastal infrastructure investments
Value and Invest: Develop a model that can demonstrate the financial value and co-benefits of ecosystem restoration, identify the private sector beneficiaries and drive investment in blue carbon restoration.

Government policy alignment

NCRAS – Nature-based solutions as a key mechanisms for resilience and adaptation
 Environmental Economic Accounts – natural capital accounts for terrestrial and ocean ecosystems
 Biodiversity stewardship market