

Seminars on nature conservation in German  
development cooperation

## **Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing**

1 – 5 July 2024

## **Sustainable biodiversity finance – concepts and solutions**

26 – 30 August 2024

International Academy for Nature Conservation  
Isle of Vilm



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### **Background**

The series of seminars on nature conservation in development cooperation has been held at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm since 1999. It is jointly organised by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and KfW Development Bank on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN). The first seminar “Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing” presents an overview and update of the most relevant concepts. Based on a combination of practical examples, tools and trends in biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing and development, it provides a good platform for exchanging experiences. The second seminar is devoted to the in-depth consideration of a specific topic identified as being of particular interest. Based on ongoing discussions in international biodiversity policy fora, the topic “Sustainable biodiversity finance – concepts and solutions” was chosen for 2024. The language of both seminars will be English.

### **Venue**

Both seminars will take place at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm (see <https://www.bfn.de/en/international-academy-nature-conservation-isle-vilm>), which has been a protected area for many centuries.

### **Participants**

The target audience of the seminars are practitioners at the interface of development cooperation, biodiversity conservation and climate change (ministries and affiliated organisations in partner countries of German development cooperation, GIZ, KfW, BMZ, BMUV, consulting companies, NGOs, universities).

The number of participants is limited to 20 for the seminar “Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing” and to 25 for the seminar “Sustainable biodiversity finance – concepts and solutions”.

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### Objectives

#### Participants

- understand the significance of biodiversity for human wellbeing and sustainable development
- are familiar with the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)
- are up to date on concepts, instruments and trends of biodiversity conservation
- analyse opportunities and challenges provided by the GBF for German development cooperation
- learn from each other's experience

### Contents

The following topics will be addressed through inputs, case studies, group work, discussions and a field trip:

- the relevance of biodiversity conservation for sustainable development
- new directions arising from the GBF
- current trends in German development cooperation regarding biodiversity conservation
- approaches and instruments for biodiversity conservation and finance

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The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) is aimed at addressing the critical issue of biodiversity loss and features four long-term goals for 2050 and 23 targets for urgent actions to be achieved by 2030. Target 19 focuses on the funding challenge, aiming to mobilize at least \$US 200 billion per year by 2030 from all sources. In addition, as with climate change in recent years, biodiversity loss is also increasingly recognized as a source of financial risk that may threaten financial stability. However, efforts to conserve and restore biodiversity and ecosystems continue to face financial and other constraints.

This seminar features a contemporary understanding of biodiversity finance and a broad-based perspective

that considers the multiple dimensions of financial sustainability. It intends to shed light particularly on the enabling conditions for biodiversity finance and explores various financial mechanisms and solutions that can support biodiversity conservation and sustainable use effectively. It also addresses developments in the financial sector, for example at methodological frameworks to translate biodiversity risks into financial risks. Participants will discuss and elaborate what opportunities of (German) development cooperation in the design and implementation of financial solutions in partner countries. By addressing these topics, the seminar aims to strengthen capacities in the topic area and to foster dialogue and mutual learning processes among participants.

### Objectives

#### Participants

- have an overview of the current debate, global goals and targets as well as funding needs, sources and flows of biodiversity finance
- have expanded their knowledge of approaches and perspectives on biodiversity finance and the financial sustainability of biodiversity conservation
- have an understanding of the specific challenges of the financial sector to factor in nature-related financial risks and to contribute meaningfully to global biodiversity goals
- review a range of financial solutions and the opportunities and challenges for on the ground implementation
- discuss implications for development cooperation initiatives.

## Contents

The following topics will be addressed through inputs, case studies, group work, discussions and a field trip:

- recent global trends and new directions arising from the GBF; funding needs, sources and flows
- financial solutions, including funding mechanisms and financial incentives for conservation
- the role of insurance and risk management strategies in protecting biodiversity assets and incentivizing conservation efforts
- capacity development and knowledge sharing to enhance the effectiveness of biodiversity finance initiatives.

### Costs

**1st seminar (1-5 July), arrival Sunday, 30 June:** approx. 550 € per participant (including full board and lodging)

**2nd seminar (26-30 August):** approx. 1200 € per participant (including full board and lodging)

The final fee can only be set by mid-May 2024. A late cancellation of your registration within 30 days prior to the start of the seminar will imply a fee of about 500 € in case no substitute can be found. There are no reductions possible. Before applying, please ensure that all costs (incl. travel) will be covered by the applicant or his/her organisation.

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## How to apply

Please apply by filling in and submitting the attached application form. Please note that there are separate forms for each seminar.

**Deadline for the application:**

**15 April 2024**

**Confirmations will be sent out by 30 April 2024.**

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