Global Biodiversity Standard Application Form

Contact Information
Sample filled form and guideline can be downloaded here.
An example of a completed application will be provided to download here.

Name (Required)
First
Last

Email (Required)
Enter Email
Confirm Email

Name of applicant organisation, agency, or institution (Required)
Name of the organisation applying for certification
Free text

Role of applicant organisation (Required)
Checkbox options
- Accountable
- Extending
- Implementing
- Funding
- Monitoring & evaluation

Category of applicant organisation (Required)
Dropdown menu
- Academic, Training and Research
- Foundation
- Indigenous Community or Group
- International Non-Governmental Organisation
- Local Community or Cooperative Group
- Local Government
- Multilateral
- National Government
- National Non-Governmental Organisation
- Other Public Sector
- Partner Country based Non-Governmental Organisation
- Private Landowner
- Private Sector
- Private Sector in Aid Recipient Country
- Private Sector in Provider Country
- Private Sector in Third Country
- Public Private Partnership
- Regional Non-Governmental Organisation
- Subnational Government
- Other

Address of applicant organisation (Required)
Street Address
Address Line 2
City
State / Province / Region
ZIP / Postal Code
Country

Name of sponsoring organisation
(if different from applicant organisation)
Free text

Project Information

What is the name of your project? (Required)
If you have multiple projects, please use a unique name for each project.
Free text. No duplicate project name submissions will be possible. This is to allow matching with the sites application form.

Please describe the main objectives of the project (Required)
Free text paragraph

Hyperlink to project (optional)

Project objectives (Required)
Checkbox options
Please choose at least one from the list.
- Biodiversity: Connectivity
- Biodiversity: Protection
- Biodiversity: Quality
- Climate: Adaptation (e.g. coastal protection)
- Climate: Mitigation (e.g. carbon sequestration)
- Climate: Resilience
- Community: Equity
- Community: Health
- Community: Income
- Community: Practices
- Culture: Rights
- Culture: Values
- Ecosystem: Extent
- Ecosystem: Functionality
- Ecosystem: Integrity
- Energy: Management
- Energy: Quantity
- Energy: Scarcity
- Food and Products: Finance
- Food and Products: Market

- Food and Products: Yield
- Soil: Management
- Soil: Quality
- Soil: Stability
- Water: Management
- Water: Quality
- Water: Quantity
- Other

Please specify (Required)
Free text. Shown if other selected.

What is the actual/estimated start date of the project? (Required)
If your project has already started please input a date in the past

Does the project have an actual/estimated end date? (Required)
- Yes
- No

What is the actual/estimated end date of the project? (Required)
Shown if Yes selected.

Please explain the period of the project.
If your project has several phases
Free text paragraph.

Which biome best describes your project area? (Required)
For more information on biomes and physical landscape please refer to this document.
Dropdown menu. A link to the biomes document will be provided.
- T1 Tropical-subtropical forests biome
- T2 Temperate-boreal forests and woodlands biome
- T3 Shrublands and shrubby woodlands biome
- T4 Savannas and grasslands biome
- T5 Deserts and semi-deserts biome
- T6 Polar-alpine (cryogenic) biome
- T7 Intensive land-use biome
- S1 Subterranean lithic biome
- S2 Anthropogenic subterranean voids biome
- SF1 Subterranean freshwaters biome
- SF2 Anthropogenic subterranean freshwaters biome
- SM1 Subterranean tidal biome
- TF1 Palustrine wetlands biome
- F1 Rivers and streams biome
- F2 Lakes biome
- F3 Artificial wetlands biome
- FM1 Semi-confined transitional waters biome
- MT1 Shorelines biome
- MT2 Supralittoral coastal biome

- MT3 Anthropogenic shorelines biome
- MFT1 Brackish tidal biome

What is the dominant land tenure system that best describes the surrounding landscape of your project area? (Required)
Dropdown menu.
- Small private properties
- Large private properties
- Public (government) properties
- Common or Collective or Shared land managed by the local community
- Not known
- Not resolved or unclear

Are there any other land tenure systems in the surrounding area other than the dominant specified above?
Checkbox options.
- Small private properties
- Large private properties
- Public (government) properties
- Common or Collective or Shared land managed by the local community

What is the site land tenure arrangement? (Required)
Dropdown menu
- Legal ownership or legal owner-like possession
- Short-term rent (less than 3 years)
- Medium-term rent (3 to 10 years)
- Long-term rent (more than 10 years)
- Non-legal ownership or non-legal owner-like possession
- Not known
- Other

Is your project area or sites subject to any legal frameworks or compliance requirements or constraints? (Required)
For instance, gazetted area, mining concession, formal protected area, forest reserve.
- Yes
- No

Please expand (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Yes selected.

Is your project area part of a biodiversity offset? (Required)
- Yes
- No

Please explain (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Yes selected.

Is your project area subject to other biodiversity or carbon certification schemes? (Required)

For instance VERRA, Gold Standard, HCV CCB, FairWild, Plan Vivo Standard, preferred by nature & others.

- Yes
- No

Please upload all project documentation pertaining to the above questions.

For instance maps, plans, etc.
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Project area

How many distinct sites are there in your project? (Required)

Please complete one copy of the Global Biodiversity Standard site form for each site. Individual sites are contiguous areas undergoing the same protection, restoration or rehabilitation intervention.
In this version of the form, sites have to be manually submitted through the separate GBS sites Application Form. In the final application based version, applicants will have a '+' option to keep adding sites for which they will complete the details currently in the GBS sites application form. The current wordpress platform does not have this capability.

How large is your total project area (in hectares)? (Required)

Where the project area covers multiple, local sites please give total area of all sites for which the applicant is responsible.

Please upload geospatial data relevant to your project

Where possible, provide a shapefile that outlines the project area.
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Please upload a list of species found and being planted in your project area. (Required)

Please you the template found here. Please complete the relevant presence/absence data for each of the sites.
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Partnerships

Do you work in consultation and partnership with local communities and other key stakeholders? (Required)

- Yes
- No

Please list all primary stakeholders involved or associated with the project site. (Required)

Primary Stakeholder – Any individual or group that is resident in and/ or has the potential to influence the site area and is affected by the project interventions. This should include any individuals with customary user rights or impacted by and use the biodiversity of the area either legally or illegally.

Please list all secondary stakeholders involved or associated with the project site.
Secondary Stakeholder – Any individual with indirect influence or interest on the site area. This could include government officials, politicians, religious leaders, societies, academics.

Please describe how you work in consultation and partnership with each primary and secondary stakeholders listed above. Examples of stakeholder engagement can be found in the list below.
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Guidance: If any Indigenous Peoples are identified as primary stakeholders, a Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) process must be carried out. If applicable, please describe in this section.
Examples of how you may work in consultation with primary or secondary stakeholder:
Common concerns of key stakeholders are defined prior to intervention;
A participatory monitoring strategy is in place
Plans to develop stakeholder capacity is in place;
A political engagement strategy in place
Restoration project is defined from an ecological, social and economic point of view;
A stakeholder engagement strategy implemented;
A Robust and accessible grievance mechanism is outlined.
Free text paragraph.

Does the project provide benefits to primary stakeholders? Please explain with detail
- *Checkbox options.*
  Biological control of disease vectors | Please detail
- Employment | Please detail
- Food security | Please detail
- Fuel security | Please detail
- Gender equality | Please detail
- Health | Please detail
- Recreation Value | Please detail
- Reduced human-wildlife conflict | Please detail
- Reduced disaster risk | Please detail
- Reduced rural migration | Please detail
- Spiritual and educational value | Please detail
- Tenure clarity and enforcement | Please detail
- Water security | Please detail
- Other | Please detail

Do you support your local economy by utilising local infrastructure and supply chains or providing local employment? (Required)
- Yes
- No

Explain how you support your local economy by utilising local infrastructure and supply chains or providing local employment.
Please explain if you employ local people, whether this is on a full time/part time basis, skilled or unskilled work etc.
Free text paragraph. Shown if Yes selected.

Does the project build capacity amongst primary or secondary stakeholders? (Required)

- Yes
- No

Please explain how the project builds capacity amongst stakeholders (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Yes selected.

Does the project utilise local knowledge? (Required)

- Yes
- No

Please explain how the project utilises local knowledge. (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Yes selected.

Have economically useful and/or culturally important species been incorporated into the project, reflecting priorities of local communities and other key stakeholders? (Required)

- Yes
- No

Please explain how this has been approached, including whether and how long-term access and use rights have been established. (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Yes selected.

Please provide evidence of supporting local infrastructure/businesses and/ or capacity building and/ or use of local knowledge.
E.g. upload supply chain information.
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Please provide evidence of consultation and partnerships
E.g. letters of support, memorandums of understanding, contracts etc. signed by stakeholders.
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Monitoring and Evaluation
Implement robust monitoring, evaluation and adaptive protocols, incorporating baseline survey, regular monitoring and evaluation, and adaptation.

Please describe your monitoring and evaluation protocols. (Required)
Free text paragraph.

Please upload baseline biodiversity survey data from your site.
Add file or drag and drop files into this box
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Please upload a monitoring and evaluation plan for your project.
Add file or drag and drop files into this box

Max. file size: 500 MB.

Please upload a recent monitoring and evaluation report
Add file or drag and drop files into this box
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Please upload evidence of adaptive management for biodiversity conservation and/or sustainable use.
Add file or drag and drop files into this box
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Terms and Conditions

Consent (Required)
I agree to the Global Biodiversity Standard Exclusion List
I agree to the Global Biodiversity Standard Terms and Conditions.

Global Biodiversity Standard - Site Application Form

Please complete one copy of this form for each site identified within the project.

What is the name of your project? (Required)

Please provide the same name provided in the Global Biodiversity Standard Application Form.

Site Number (Required)

Please provide the number for this site that corresponds with the respective column in the species list uploaded in the project application form.

Site type (Required)

Dropdown menu.

- Protected Area
- Ecological Restoration Area
- Rehabilitation (Agroforestry, etc.)

What is the area of the site? (Required)

Please provide the area in hectares.

Please upload geospatial data relevant to your site

Where possible, provide a shapefile that outlines the site area.
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Describe protective measures in place for existing native habitats. (Required)

Please provide a narrative detailing which protective measures are in place.
Free text paragraph. Shown if Protected Area site type selected.

Provide evidence of protective measures.

Shown if Protected Area site type selected.
E.g. formal protection letter, site management plans, conservation easement documentation.
Max. file size: 500 MB.

Restoration category of the project (Required)

Checkbox options. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

- Facilitation of natural recovery
- Assisted natural recovery without planting, seeding, or faunal introductions
- Assisted natural recovery with planting, seeding, or faunal introductions
- Reconstruction or heavily assisted recovery

What restoration activities are being done at the site for soil and water management? (Required)

Select all that apply
Checkbox options. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

- Grading to establish topography
- Soil erosion control and reversal
- Addition of growth medium (e.g. topsoil, mulch, compost, microbial content, mining byproduct)

- Bed preparation (e.g. tilling, raking, disking, rolling, cultipacking, furrowing, pitting, ploughing, scalping)
- Reduced tillage
- Improved fertilizer and agrochemical use efficiency
- Conversion to organic or non-synthetic fertilization and pesticide systems
- Improvement of soil fertility through vegetation management (e.g. crop rotation, cover crops, nurse crops)
- Improved irrigation and water use efficiency at site
- Improved water quality at site
- Improved watershed management
- Rainwater and runoff harvesting (e.g. terracing, stone cords, zaï, half-moons)
- Fog collection
- Desalination wastewater treatment
- Restoration of wetland hydrology
- Amelioration of contaminated or nutrient enriched soils
- Unsealing and decompaction of soils
- Other soil and water management
- None

What restoration activities are being done at the site for the restoration of vegetation cover and ecosystem structure? (Required)

Select all that apply

Checkbox options. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

- Increase in legal ecosystem protection (e.g. establishment of additional protected areas or conservation easements)
- Enforcement of restrictions or prohibitions of ecosystem conversion or destruction
- Implementation of sustainable ecosystem management practices in productive landscapes (e.g. organic farming; agroforestry; Farmer Managed Regeneration)
- Elimination of sources of degradation (e.g., protection from overhunting, overharvesting, overfishing, or poaching; reestablishment of characteristic hydrology including dam removal and streambank repair; protection from uncharacteristic fire)
- Reinstatement of natural or semi-natural disturbance regimes (e.g., fire; flooding; grazing; haymaking)
- Fire management, including site preparation (e.g. thinning, hardwood reduction, establishment of fire breaks)
- Prescribed burning
- Grazing management (e.g. control of native grazer populations; reductions, removal, or exclusion of nonnative grazers)
- Weeding or pruning
- Tree planting
- Shrub planting
- Herbaceous species and subshrub planting (e.g. grasses, forbs, ferns, terrestrial mosses and lichens)
- Other vegetation introduction (e.g. epiphytes, hemiepiphytes, vines, parasites, hemiparasites)
- Direct seeding or dibbling
- Other terrestrial plant establishment methods (additions of hay, soil, use of conmods)
- Other restoration of vegetation cover and ecosystem structure

- None

What restoration activities are being done at the site for the control of invasive species? (Required)
Select all that apply
Checkbox options. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.
- Quarantine measures
- Species control measures, physical or mechanical (e.g. cutting, pulling, burning, covering, digging up, plowing, scalping, mowing, capturing, hunting)
- Species control measures, biological (release of biological control agents, grazing, predation)
- Species control measures, organic or non-synthetic chemical (e.g. organic herbicides)
- Species control measures, synthetic chemical
- Post-control measures
- Re-invasion monitoring and prevention measures
- Management of secondary invasives
- Other control of invasive species
- None

Was or is the project area you are restoring an undisturbed natural habitat in the last 30 years? (Required)
Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.
- Yes
- No

What kind of habitat was or is it? (Required)
Shown if Yes selected.
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Please describe the target reference ecosystem of this project area (Required)
Dropdown menu. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

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Please describe the biodiversity of the target reference ecosystem. (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

Please describe the biodiversity of the site at project inception. (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

Please describe the current biodiversity of the site. (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

Provide evidence of native & threatened species planted in your project (i.e. photos, nursery records, etc.)
Max. file size: 500 MB.
Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

Please provide evidence of the source of seed/seedlings and their destination habitats at the restoration sites
Max. file size: 500 MB.
Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

Have you undertaken measures to increase the climate resilience of your planting material? (Required)
Shown if Ecological Restoration Area or Rehabilitation site type selected.

- Yes
- No

Please described measures taken to increase the climate resilience of your planting material? (Required)
Free text paragraph. Shown if Yes selected.

Please upload evidence of measures taken to increase the climate resilience of your planting material.
Shown if Yes selected.
Max. file size: 500 MB.