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## NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

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# NbS concept and definition

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What are the NbS complementary benefits to traditional development projects?

How much money globally is being invested in NbS at present, and what is needed to meet 2030 targets?

What is the difference between Nature-based Solutions, Nature-derived Solutions and Nature-inspired Solutions?


Are renewables, like solar and wind, considered NbS? If not, why not?

How can Nature-based Solutions support renewable energy initiatives?

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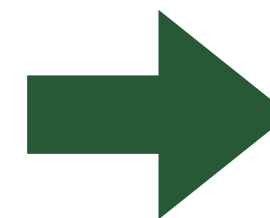
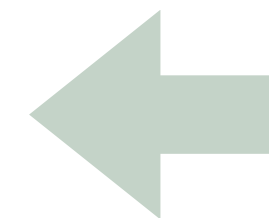
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Yes and no! It is informed by decades of work on natural resource management such as ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction and forest restoration. Therefore, it is drawn from tested implementation models and pilots. What is new is its formulation into a concept and a standard. Naming, defining and operationalising this work through a standard can help us utilise it at a rate and scale that can rapidly respond to the sustainability crises we face.



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## How is NbS different from conservation solutions?

Conservation solutions primarily target the wellbeing of fauna, flora and the physical environment nature occupies. Any benefits to people may be ancillary but are not a targeted outcome when designing the action. NbS is the deliberate and purposeful design of conservation actions to yield both, biodiversity and human wellbeing benefits.

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## How are NbS different from Ecosystem Approaches?

The Nature-based Solutions concept is grounded in the science and practice of the Ecosystem Approach. The NbS concept's purpose is to outline policy and implementation pathways for how the Ecosystem Approach can be mobilized at scale, to address specific societal needs of food and water security, climate change mitigation and adaptation, human health, socioeconomic development, disaster risk management and for reversing ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss. NbS are increasingly becoming a recognized pathway to operationalize the EA in addressing societal challenges.



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