

Natural Capital



Shareholders and investors expect responsible companies to demonstrate how they understand and account for their impacts on natural resources and the ecosystem service benefits they provide.

Natural capital is increasingly being used by businesses not only to understand their impacts upon the environment and natural resources but also to inform their ESG strategies and reporting. To contribute with nature-based solutions to their sustainability programmes and net zero pathways and also provide positive engagement with their stakeholders.

Natural capital, ecosystem services, environmental and biodiversity net gain are important because:

- Businesses depend upon 'natural capital' and the benefits that 'ecosystem services' provide. These underpin our economy;
- Natural capital and the benefits that flow from these are in decline both in the UK and Globally;
- Responsible business leaders are using 'a natural capital approach'

to help address this and put the environment at the heart of business decision making;

- Natural capital and nature based solutions will be critical to TNFD reporting in the future, and the addition of biodiversity reporting to CDP reporting;
- 'Natural capital' and 'biodiversity net gain' are embedded within the government's 25 year Environment Plan and the Environment Bill.

HOW SLR CAN HELP

SLR works with organisations to help them understand their impacts and dependencies on natural capital and ecosystem services and identify opportunities to move towards a positive environmental impact. We have proven expertise in all areas of natural capital, sustainability, ESG, climate resilience, energy transition, circular economy and biodiversity.

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SERVICES

- Integration of existing sustainability programs into a natural capital based approach
- Environmental impacts and dependencies baseline
- Ecosystem services assessments
- Natural capital strategy & advice
- Natural capital accounting
- Natural capital training
- Implementation of environmental net gain initiatives, KPI's and monitoring
- TNFD reporting and disclosure
- ESG reporting and strategy development
- Biodiversity metrics assessments, mitigation and net gain
- Nature based solutions - NbS
- Soil and land resource management
- Climate resilience and disclosure (TCFD)



Investors both as individuals and corporates are seeking greater confidence in both environmental performance as well as environmental risk management. This is seen through ESG activities, also the rise in the number and success of environmental funds and the potential for preferential finance on the back of a companies' environmental performance.

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