

Annual Report 2025

Integrating biodiversity considerations in financial decision-making



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Words from the Director

In only three years, the research programme Mistra BIOPATH has established itself as an influential part in the global transition for halting and reversing biodiversity loss. From the outset, Mistra BIOPATH has been guided by the vision that the knowledge and innovations generated within the programme would be broadly integrated into decision-making processes across industry and the financial system, contributing to a transformative shift that positions the financial system as a key driver in halting and reversing biodiversity loss.

In line with our defined Impact Pathways, we are advancing scientific novelty in the nexus of biodiversity, finance, policy and governance, as well as strengthening awareness and understanding of biodiversity along our identified target groups. Furthermore, Mistra BIOPATH is contributing to actionable solutions through the co-creation of innovative approaches, driving capacity-building through tailor-made educational initiatives, supporting evidence-based policy development that enables policy, industry and the financial system to more effectively address the biodiversity crisis.

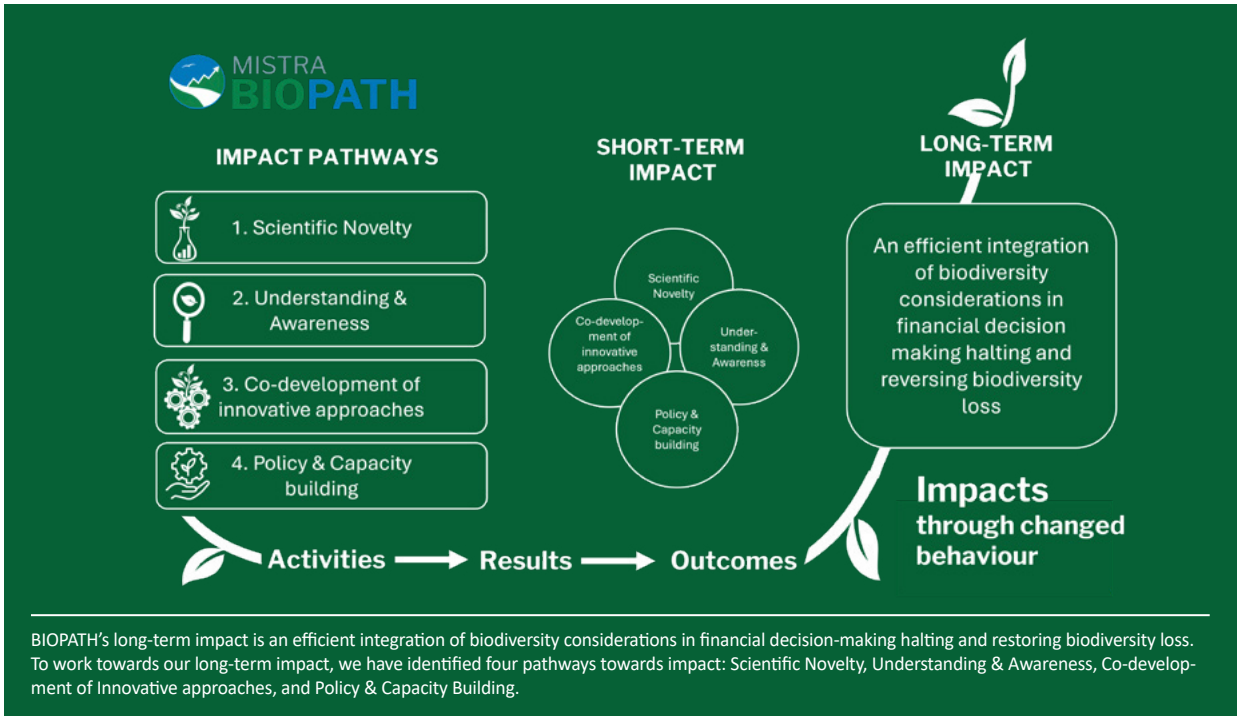
The research addressed by Mistra BIOPATH is timely and aligned with international ambitions where Global and European policy frameworks, as well as the key messages in IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment emphasise the urgent need to mobilise the financial system to help mitigating biodiversity loss. Yet despite these commitments and key messages, biodiversity continues to decline, threatening ecosystems, global security, and economic stability as pointed out both by NATO and in the recently launched UK national security assessment.

This underscores the challenge that guides BIOPATH's work: how to integrate biodiversity into financial decision-making to reduce harm, manage risks, and foster a nature-positive transformation. The programme directly responds to this challenge by developing actionable knowledge, tools, and governance innovations that connect ecological integrity with economic and financial performance. The strategic direction set at the programme's inception remain highly relevant and aligned with global developments.

It is time to summarise 2025 and enter into the final year of the first programme period. I hope you will find interesting readings and inspiration in this annual report on how our Mistra BIOPATH team of researchers and high-profile partners work together to integrate biodiversity in financial decision-making and build capacity to manage risks and resilience in a time of geopolitical instability and nature crisis. I am proud of what we have accomplished so far and look forward to continuing our collaboration and co-creation in the years to come. Thank you for all your efforts!



Susanne Arvidsson
Programme Director
Mistra BIOPATH



BIOPATH's long-term impact is an efficient integration of biodiversity considerations in financial decision-making halting and restoring biodiversity loss. To work towards our long-term impact, we have identified four pathways towards impact: Scientific Novelty, Understanding & Awareness, Co-development of Innovative approaches, and Policy & Capacity Building.

Words from the Chair

In my first year as Chair of Mistra BIOPATH Board I have been impressed by the remarkable steps the programme has achieved toward addressing one of the most pressing challenges of our time: integrating biodiversity into financial decision-making in ways that are both scientifically robust and practically actionable. From the outset, the ambition was clear: to support a financial system capable of driving the transformation needed to halt and reverse biodiversity loss. This annual report demonstrates how far the programme has advanced toward that goal.

The achievements reflect the strength of BIOPATH's interdisciplinary foundation. Researchers, industry partners, financial institutions, public authorities, and international collaborators have together created a uniquely dynamic environment where scientific innovation and practical relevance reinforce one another. This collaborative spirit is visible across all four impact pathways: in the scientific breakthroughs that push the research frontier, in the growing awareness and understanding among key societal actors, in the co-creation of new methods, and in the development of governance and policy solutions.

This endeavour requires not only analytical tools and metrics, but also trust, openness, and the ability to work across disciplinary and institutional boundaries. The Work packages and the Co-Creation Task Force have together developed a shared language and approach, creating clarity in an otherwise complex and rapidly evolving landscape.

Mistra BIOPATH's engagement with partners – from detailed case studies, to policy labs shaping future governance instruments, to capacity-building initiatives reaching students, professionals, and the general public – illustrates how research can meaningfully influence decision-making in practice. The programme is not only generating new knowledge; it is actively contributing to the systems change required to safeguard biodiversity.

As we enter the final year of the programme period, I am encouraged by the programme's strong momentum and by the growing national and international recognition of its importance. The foundations laid during these first three years will be essential for the next stage, where practical implementation, continued scientific rigor, and cross-sector collaboration will be more critical than ever.

On behalf of the board, I extend my sincere appreciation to all researchers, partner organisations, and collaborators whose efforts have made this progress possible. Your commitment, expertise, and willingness to challenge boundaries are driving meaningful change.



Andreas Barkman
Chair, Mistra BIOPATH Board

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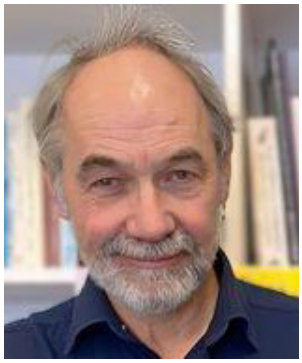
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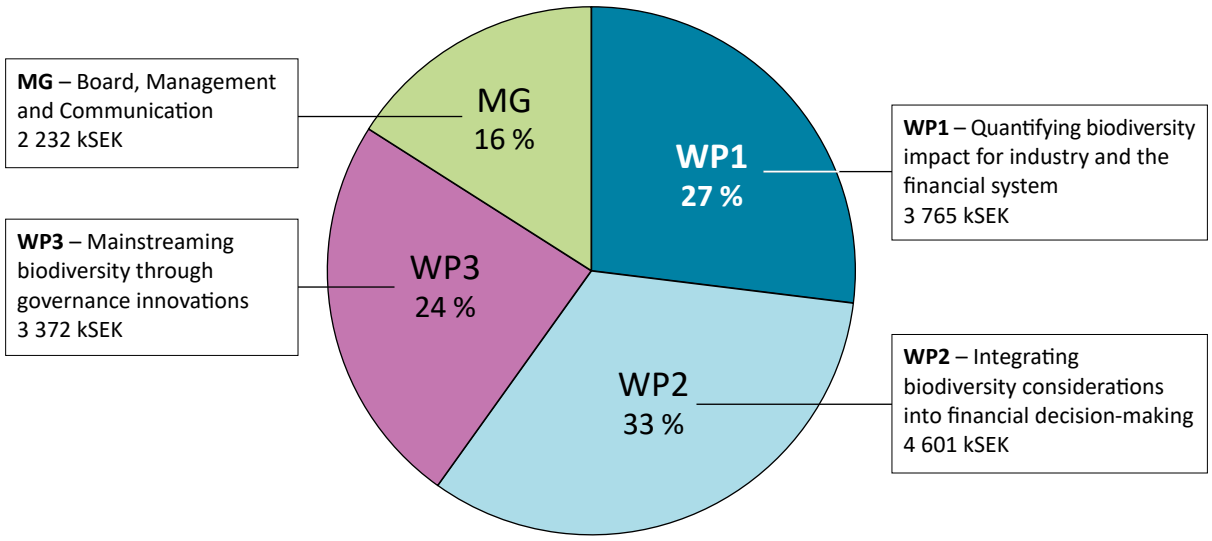
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Financial overview

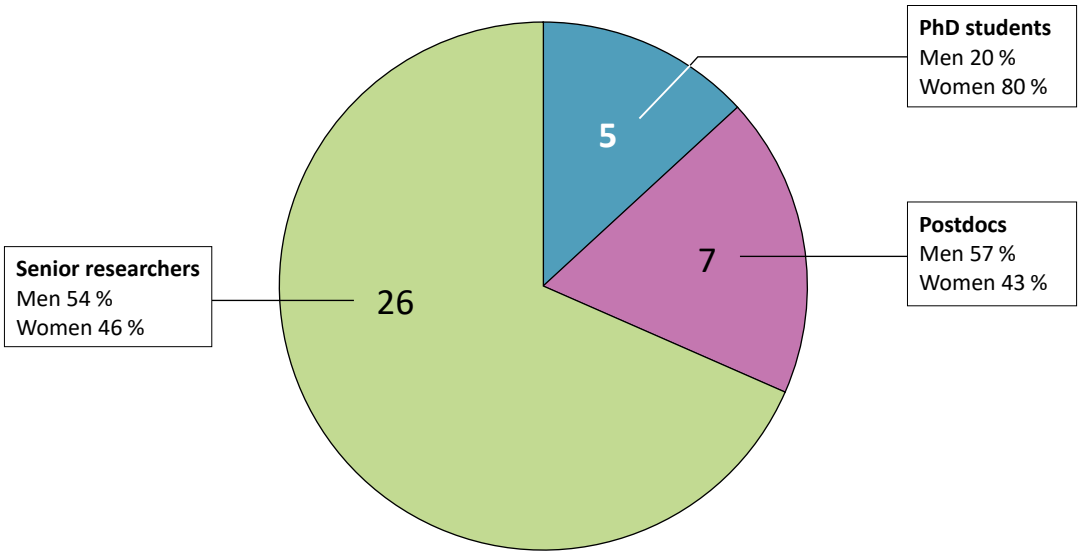
Mistra has granted 50 MSEK for BIOPATH (2022–2026), distributed among the participating academic institutions: Lund University (host), University of Gothenburg, Stockholm University, Chalmers, and the University of Exeter. Non-academic partners are required to contribute 5 MSEK in-kind over the entire period, covering work time, travel costs, and cash contributions.

In 2025, total costs amounted to 13,970 KSEK, including salaries, overhead, and travel expenses. Non-academic partners contributed 730 KSEK in-kind. The graph below illustrates the cost distribution per work package.

Financial outcome 2025

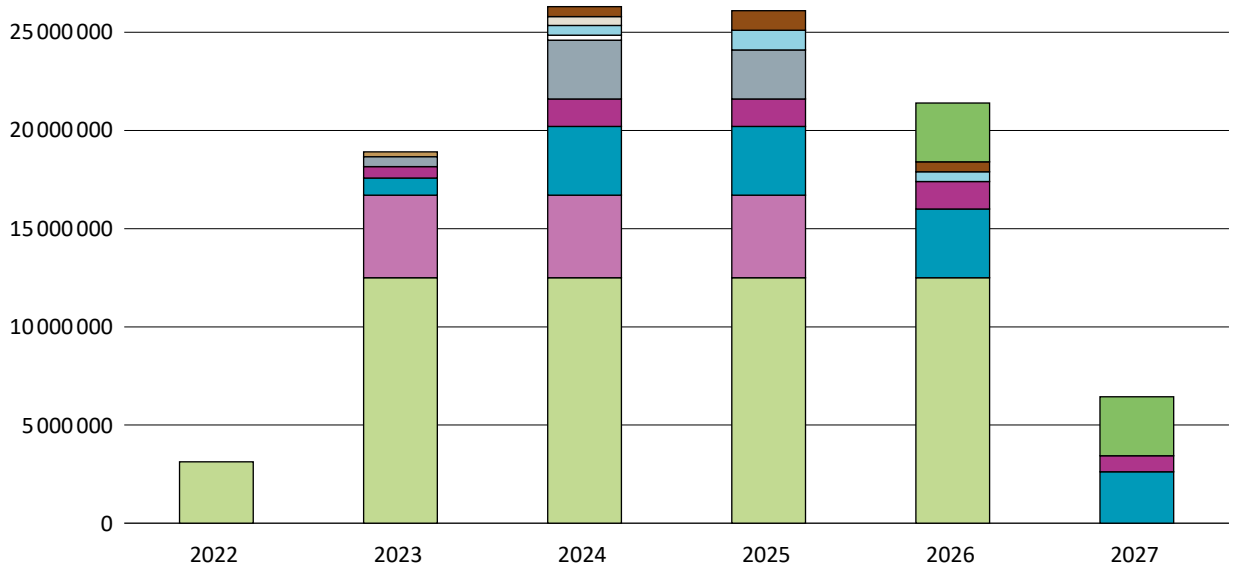


BIOPATH researchers 2025



Mistra's funding has served as a powerful catalyst for BIOPATH researchers to team up in different constellations and identify relevant research questions structured in projects for which we have applied and been granted additional research investments. Acting as a strong financial baseline, it has provided essential support for research initiatives and enabled researchers to secure further funding from other sources, amplifying the impact of the initial Mistra investment. Through this ripple effect, Mistra's funding extends far beyond the initial grant, creating long-term value and fostering impact on a much larger scale.

Ripple effect of Mistra's grant: strengthened external funding 2022 – 2027



Formas. Samskapande framtidslandskap. 6 MSEK (2026 – 2027)

Jan Wallanders and Tom Hedelius, and Tore Browaldhs Foundations. Navigating the biodiversity challenge: the role of disclosure, capital markets and corporate networks. 2 MSEK (2024 – 2026)

Green Finance Funding DK. Port of Aalborg. 300 KDK (2024)

Jan Wallanders and Tom Hedelius Foundations. Advancing the corporate biodiversity agenda: How to turn nature into numbers? 2 MSEK (2024 – 2026)

BECC/MERGE. Bridging the challenges in interdisciplinary research. 250 KSEK (2023)

VGR. Educational film for small and medium sized companies. 250 KSEK (2024)

Formas. Policylabb för naturbaserade lösningar. 6 MSEK (2023 – 2025)

Formas. Incitament för företag att bevara biologisk mångfald. 5,6 MSEK (2023 – 2027)

Formas. Scaling up eelgrass restoration for coastal biodiversity. 14 MSEK (2023 – 2027)

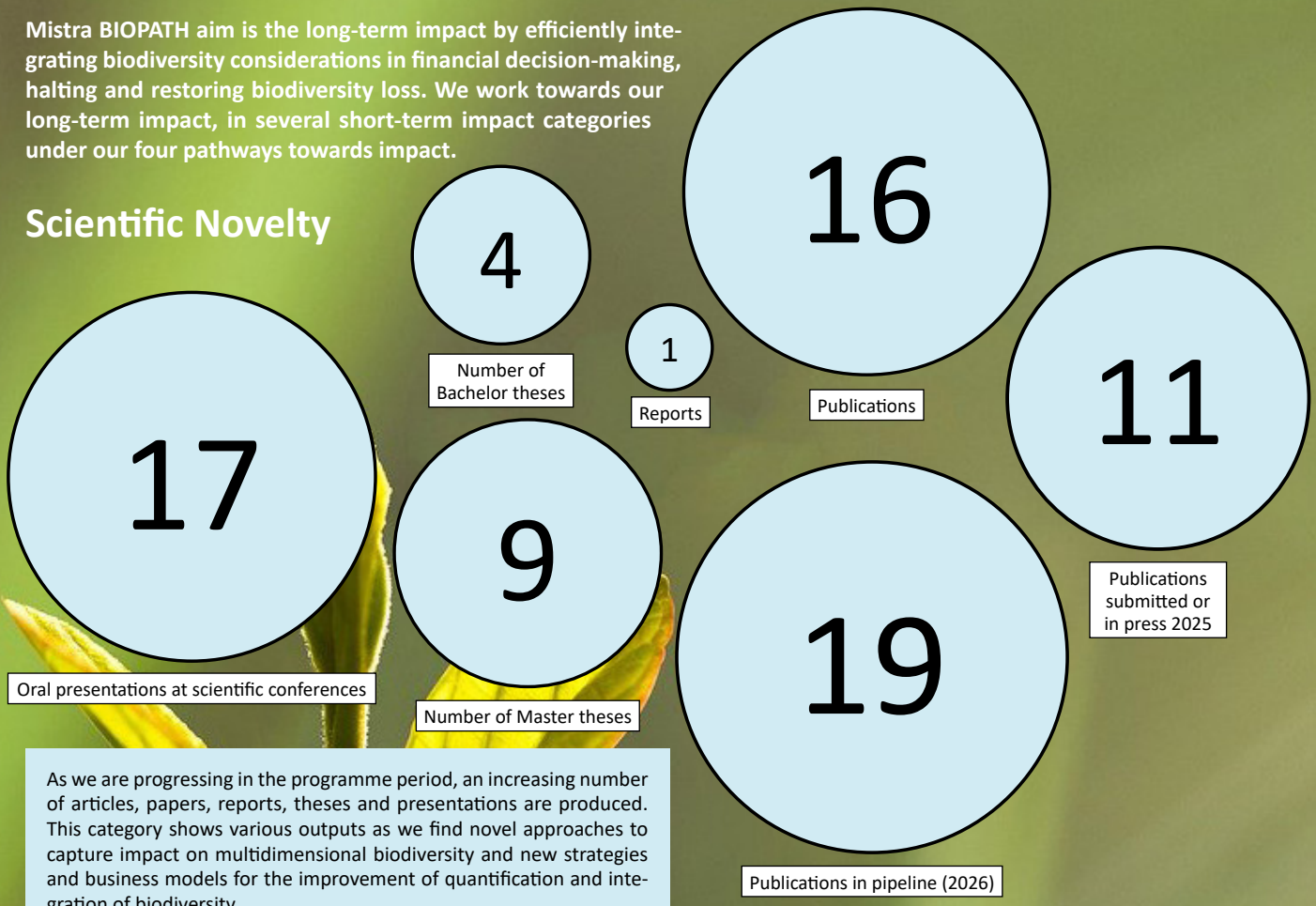
VGR. SamBio: Samverkan för biologisk mångfald - kunskap, känsla, krafttag. 12,6 MSEK (2023 – 2025)

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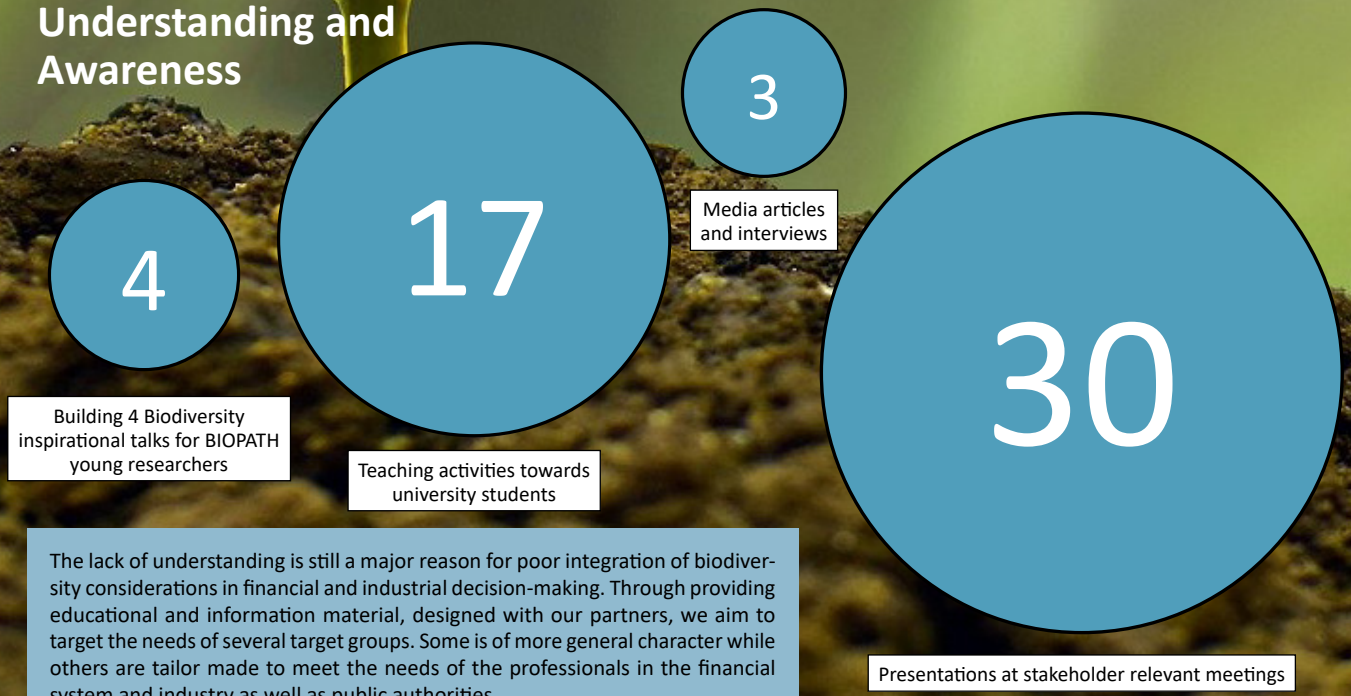
Mistra BIOPATH aim is the long-term impact by efficiently integrating biodiversity considerations in financial decision-making, halting and restoring biodiversity loss. We work towards our long-term impact, in several short-term impact categories under our four pathways towards impact.

Scientific Novelty



As we are progressing in the programme period, an increasing number of articles, papers, reports, theses and presentations are produced. This category shows various outputs as we find novel approaches to capture impact on multidimensional biodiversity and new strategies and business models for the improvement of quantification and integration of biodiversity.

Understanding and Awareness



The lack of understanding is still a major reason for poor integration of biodiversity considerations in financial and industrial decision-making. Through providing educational and information material, designed with our partners, we aim to target the needs of several target groups. Some is of more general character while others are tailor made to meet the needs of the professionals in the financial system and industry as well as public authorities.

Managing Engagement and Ensuring Collaboration
The in-kind contributions from our partners highlight their active engagement in the research programme. Through continuous dialogue, discussions, and regular check-ins, researchers and partners collaborate to sustain involvement and co-develop innovative approaches. This process enhances understanding and awareness while also supporting policy and capacity-building. By ensuring meaningful collaboration, the programme strengthens its impact and fosters long-term partnerships.

780 KSEK
in-kind contribution from partners

Policy and Capacity-building

8
Advanced international dialogue on the role of industry and financial system in safeguarding biodiversity

2
Internal seminars BIOPATH Dialogue aimed at capacity-building BIOPATH's consortium

5
Participation in international projects related to biodiversity and the financial system

1
Policy Lab

1
Discrete choice experiment on the acceptability of economic instruments for biodiversity conservation in the forest sector

To reach biodiversity targets, the public and private sector need to collaborate and align their efforts. Mistra BIOPATH explore and innovate how public and private governance can benefit biodiversity in a complementary way. An important catalyst is to demonstrate best practices on how biodiversity can be integrated into decision-making processes. Our partners are key enablers of new approaches in their respective areas of operation. In various networks and forums, Mistra BIOPATH feed into national and international dialogue on the role of industry and financial system in safeguarding biodiversity.

Co-development of innovative approaches

23
Enhanced understanding of scientific approaches (aggregated Y1 – Y3)

19
Co-creation workshops with BIOPATH partner (aggregated Y1– Y3)

To reach the long-term goals, we develop strong collaboration structures between decisionmakers, academia and other actors. Mistra BIOPATH develops innovative co-development approaches with our partners to support them with tailored navigation in understanding impact in complex value chains and different parts of the financial system.

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SCIENTIFIC NOVELTY | IMPACT PATHWAY 1

Mistra BIOPATH works towards long-term impact in four identified pathways: Scientific Novelty, Understanding & Awareness, Co-development of Innovative approaches, and Policy & Capacity Building. Mistra BIOPATH has made significant advances in scientific novelty by developing new knowledge, methods, and analytical frameworks at the intersection of biodiversity, finance, and governance. Programme researchers have contributed to the development and critical evaluation of biodiversity metrics, life cycle assessment methods, ecosystem valuation approaches, and AI based tools. During the year, the programme also strengthened its relevance and visibility across international, national, and local arenas.

Scientific novelty at the biodiversity and finance nexus

A clear sign of recognition came from the Swedish Minister for Climate and Environment, Romina Pourmokhtari, who, when presenting Sweden's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), highlighted Mistra BIOPATH as an example of an important research programme working closely with stakeholders, such as the Swedish Export Credit Corporation (SEK), to mobilise resources for societal transformation.

Mistra BIOPATH researchers are represented in national and international expert groups and panels, including the negotiation of the IPBES business and biodiversity assessment report. Collectively, the programme's scientific contributions provide a robust knowledge base for aligning financial systems with biodiversity goals and for translating cutting edge research into actionable tools, governance innovations, and policy relevant guidance.

With the NBSAP's now in place, the field has reached a stage where the main challenges relate to implementation capacity, translation structures, methodological robustness, and cross-sectoral coordination. The second phase of Mistra BIOPATH will focus on consolidating and expanding these contributions by developing the institutional, analytical, and organisational infrastructures needed to translate emerging methods into practice, strengthen governance and finance mechanisms, and accelerate progress towards a nature positive and biodiversity aligned financial system.



Romina Pourmokhtari presenting the Swedish National Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan, NBSAP, highlighting Mistra BIOPATH as an important research program mobilising resources for transformation.

Scientific contributions summarised in thematic clusters

Integration of climate and biodiversity in strategy, governance, and reporting

Swedish firms show early but uneven responses to CSRD, ESRS and the EU Taxonomy, with progress centred on reporting rather than substantive integration. Mistra BIOPATH studies identify sectoral variation, weak responsiveness among financial actors, and the importance of prior regulatory experience. Climate is more advanced than biodiversity due to clearer metrics and guidance, while firms face sequencing, operational and competence gaps, highlighting the need for institutional translation and capability-building.

Related publications:
Andersson and Arvidsson (2023); Arvidsson (2025; 2024); Elliott et al. (2024), Elliot & Stenseke (2024), Olofsson et al. (2025)

Financial sector adaptation, biodiversity finance, and ESG dynamics

Financial actors' responses to biodiversity depend strongly on internal sustainability competence, which shapes regulatory interpretation and strategic adaptation. Investor studies reveal heterogeneous, socially embedded sustainable investment behaviour. Governance analyses expose gaps in property rights, institutional design and accountability, while critical work shows that reported increases in biodiversity finance often reflect definitional shifts rather than real capital flows. Together, these results stress the need for credible governance, clearer regulation and empirically grounded finance mechanisms.

Related publications: Andersson & Arvidsson (2025 submitted), Wang et al. (2025), Baeckström et al. (2022, 2024), Jonäll et al. (2025), Qian Mao (2025), Christiansen (2025 submitted; two papers), Svensson et al. (2025), Qian Mao & Droste (2025), Xin et al. (2025), Asgharian et al. (2025).


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Biodiversity metrics, methods, and Measurement

Advances in valuation, LCA and spatial impact assessment strengthen the methodological foundations for biodiversity decision-making. Studies refine ecosystem valuation rules, highlight the need for ecologically meaningful and policy-relevant indicators, and stress spatial precision and the avoidance of double-counting. Emerging crediting frameworks and AI-based optimisation demonstrate how ecological and financial metrics can be integrated. These developments directly support BIOPATH's goal of building robust, scalable measurement architectures.

Related publications: Drupp et al. (2024); Börjesson et al. (2025); Coelho et al. (2025); Tedersoo et al. (2024); Silvestro et al. (2025; two papers); Coelho et al. (2025 submitted).

Organisational behaviour on biodiversity, market signals, and investor reactions

Empirical studies show that policy alignment and stakeholder visibility are crucial for making biodiversity actions financially meaningful. Competition drives environmental investment and innovation, but biodiversity ESG ratings currently offer weak informational value. Firms recognise biodiversity dependencies yet struggle with operationalisation due to limited guidance. These findings reinforce the need for credible metrics, clearer frameworks and organisational capacity.

Related publications: Asgharian et al. (2025), Xin et al. (2025), Cenci et al. (2025), Olofsson et al. (2025).

Governance, institutions, and policy frameworks for biodiversity and restoration

Research shows how power relations, institutional design and socio-cultural values shape nature-positive strategies and biodiversity governance. Studies emphasise the challenges of regulating emerging markets, the need for frameworks that bridge ecological, economic and social dimensions, and the value of combining qualitative and quantitative methods under uncertainty. Cross-cutting reviews underline the importance of multidisciplinary problem-solving and stakeholder engagement.

Related publications: Stenseke (multiple 2024–2025 contributions), Stenseke et al. (2025), Crawford et al. (2025), Christiansen (2025), Svensson et al. (2025), Jonäll et al. (2025), Silvestro et al. (2025 and 2025 submitted).

Environmental economics – foundations and cross-cutting conceptual work

Recent work strengthens the economic and conceptual foundations for biodiversity decision-making. Studies refine ecosystem valuation principles, clarify how income growth and ecological scarcity shape willingness to pay, and highlight the need for indicators that combine ecological meaning with policy relevance. Cross-cutting conceptual contributions synthesise how firms, institutions and societies understand biodiversity, emphasising integrated, multidisciplinary frameworks capable of linking ecological knowledge with economic practice.

Related publications: Drupp et al. (2024), Stenseke (2024, 2025), Crawford et al. (2025).

Special Issue COSUST

In 2023, Mistra BIOPATH invited the Mistra programme FinBio to act as co-editors of the Special Issue (SI) in Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability (COSUST) Biodiversity Finance. The Special Issue explores how financial systems can address biodiversity loss and highlights emerging research across four themes: biological, market, governance, and ethical dimensions of linking finance and nature.

Mistra BIOPATH researchers Nils Droste and Lena Gippert edited the SI, together with Mistra FinBio researcher Joakim Sandberg, providing an opportunity for collaboration between the two Mistra programmes.

"The collaboration with the Special Issue was particularly valuable as it provided us with an opportunity to gain insights into the two programmes' research agendas", says Lena Gipperth. "There is a growing awareness that financial resources must be diverted towards meeting the global threat of biodiversity loss. But how can we make financial markets speak the language of natural ecosystems?

"In this special issue, we mapped the current and fast-paced developments of research on biodiversity and finance. We brought together a range of scholars from different disciplines and different regions to showcase a selected portfolio of questions and methods", says Nils Droste.

The four sub-themes and list of articles by Mistra BIOPATH researchers

The aim of the SI is to provide a reference point and an overview of what is currently being researched, as well as to look ahead and point towards new interesting directions. More specifically, the collection is organized around four sub-themes:

1. A biological theme including questions of suitable indicators, data challenges, and links to other types of sustainability issues,
2. A market theme including analyses of biodiversity markets, relevant accounting and reporting frameworks, and suitable business models,
3. A governance theme including questions of the role of the state and regulation, public finance, and community-based approaches, and
4. An ethical theme including questions of the value of biodiversity, the ethics of commodification, and the challenges of neoliberalism.

A selection of publications:

Editorial overview: Biodiversity finance
Nils Droste, Lena Gipperth, Joakim Sandberg, Feb 2026, Article 101592

The 30 by 30 biodiversity commitment and financial disclosure: metrics matter
Daniele Silvestro, Stefano Goria, Ben Groom, Thomas Sterner, Alexandre Antonelli, Dec 2025, Article 101587

Defining and operationalizing 'nature-positive' – a question of power | Marie Stenseke, Johanna Alkan Olsson, Susanne Arvidsson, Nils Droste, Victor Elliot, Lena Gipperth, Henrik G. Smith, Dec 2025, Article 101581

Off the charts? Reasons to be skeptical of the growth in biodiversity finance | Jens Christiansen, Audrey Irvine-Broque, Jessica Dempsey, Sara Nelson, Elizabeth Shapiro-Garza, Patrick Bigger, Mine Islar, August 2025, Article 101544

What do we (not) know about biodiversity finance governance? | Jesper Svensson, Julia Qian Mao, Nils Droste, August 2025, Article 101541

The biodiversity–finance nexus: a future research agenda Kristina Jonäll, Ylva Baeckström, Viktor Elliot, Susanne Arvidsson, February 2025, Article 101504

Cross Disciplinary Insights and a Reality Check on Biodiversity Finance

During 2025, BIOPATH researcher Jens Christiansen, Postdoc, Lund University, advanced his work at the intersection of sustainable finance and biodiversity, benefiting from the project's strong emphasis on cross disciplinary collaboration. Working with colleagues from environmental economics and related fields has enabled him to combine diverse methods, theories, and empirical materials in new ways – an approach he describes as "shaking things up" and creating space for innovative research designs.

A central component of his work has been the collaboration with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund. Their engagement in the project has given Jens access to interviews with sustainable finance professionals as well as valuable insights into the evolving political and financial landscape surrounding biodiversity related investments. Additional interviews are currently underway and will help finalize this line of inquiry.

In 2025, Jens also published the paper Off the Charts, which takes a closer look at what actually counts as biodiversity finance today. Together with his co-authors, he examined the investments that international initiatives often highlight as contributing to biodiversity goals. Their findings reveal a more sobering picture: many investments that are categorized as biodiversity related have only shallow or indirect links to biodiversity outcomes and reported financing volumes are frequently overstated due to insufficiently detailed data. Instruments such as green bonds or debt for nature swaps often include biodiversity components that represent only a fraction of their total value – yet the full amounts are counted.

These insights highlight the need for clearer standards and definitions to ensure credibility in the biodiversity finance field. At the same time, the research underscores the structural challenges involved, such as high monitoring costs and the complexity of ensuring real environmental impacts. Jens notes that while market based mechanisms have potential, public and civil society funding continues to play a crucial role in protecting and restoring biodiversity.



Jens Christiansen, Postdoc, Lund University

Together, these strands of work illustrate how BIOPATH's interdisciplinary approach has contributed to deepen the understanding of the opportunities and limitations in the rapidly evolving field of biodiversity finance.

Off the charts? Reasons to be skeptical of the growth in biodiversity finance

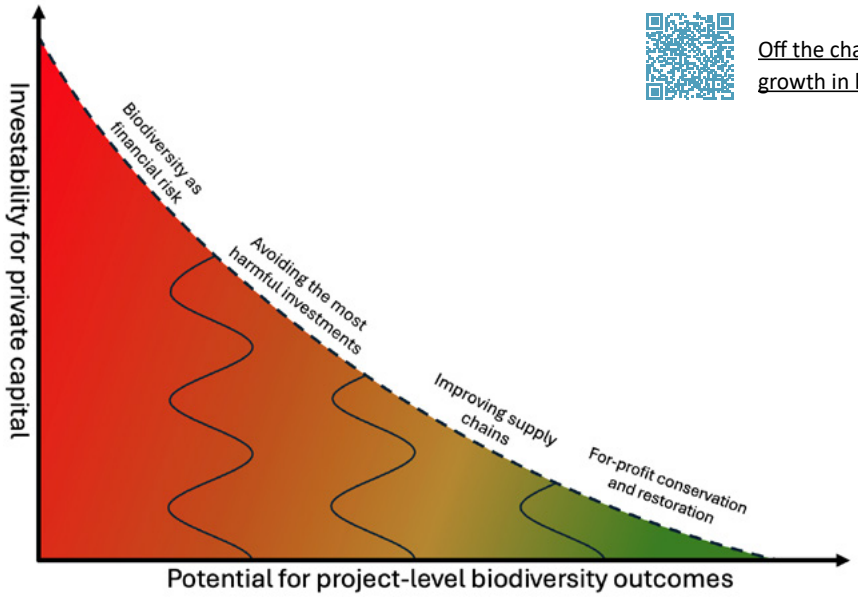



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Developing a New Indicator to Track Forest Biodiversity Change

Understanding how biodiversity develops over time is essential for effective environmental policy – but difficult to measure. Unlike economic performance, which is tracked through internationally accepted indicators like GDP, biodiversity lacks a single comparable measure. Existing metrics focus on isolated dimensions, such as species richness or land cover change, making it hard to evaluate outcomes or compare across regions.

Within Mistra BIOPATH, José Ganhane, Postdoc, University of Gothenburg, is addressing this challenge by developing a new aggregated biodiversity indicator. Using three systematically collected Swedish datasets – the National Forest Inventory, long-term bird monitoring, and CORINE land cover data – he combines multiple dimensions of biodiversity into one composite index. Inspired by the ecological concept of gamma diversity, the indicator provides a more comprehensive view of how landscapes, species, and habitats change together over time.

The goal is to create a practical tool for policymakers: a way to track biodiversity trends, assess the effects of conservation measures, and compare biodiversity developments across Sweden's counties. The study also shows how forest biodiversity can be reported inline with the international biodiversity reporting standards.


José Ganhane
Postdoc, University of Gothenburg

A research paper is nearing completion, with ecological experts reviewing the method before submission. By integrating diverse data sources into a single indicator, the project offers a promising step toward more transparent, comparable, and actionable biodiversity assessments.

Closing the Funding Gap: Biodiversity Finance Mechanisms

In 2025, Julia Qian Mao, Ph.D at Lund University, published a chapter of the book Biodiversity Finance: The Economic, Operational, and Societal Impacts of Biodiversity Loss. The content is useful to financial decision-makers who can learn how different mechanisms interact across public and private sectors, and why "innovation" should include improving efficiency and coordination of existing mechanisms rather than only creating new ones. They can learn about the emerging trends of mechanisms.

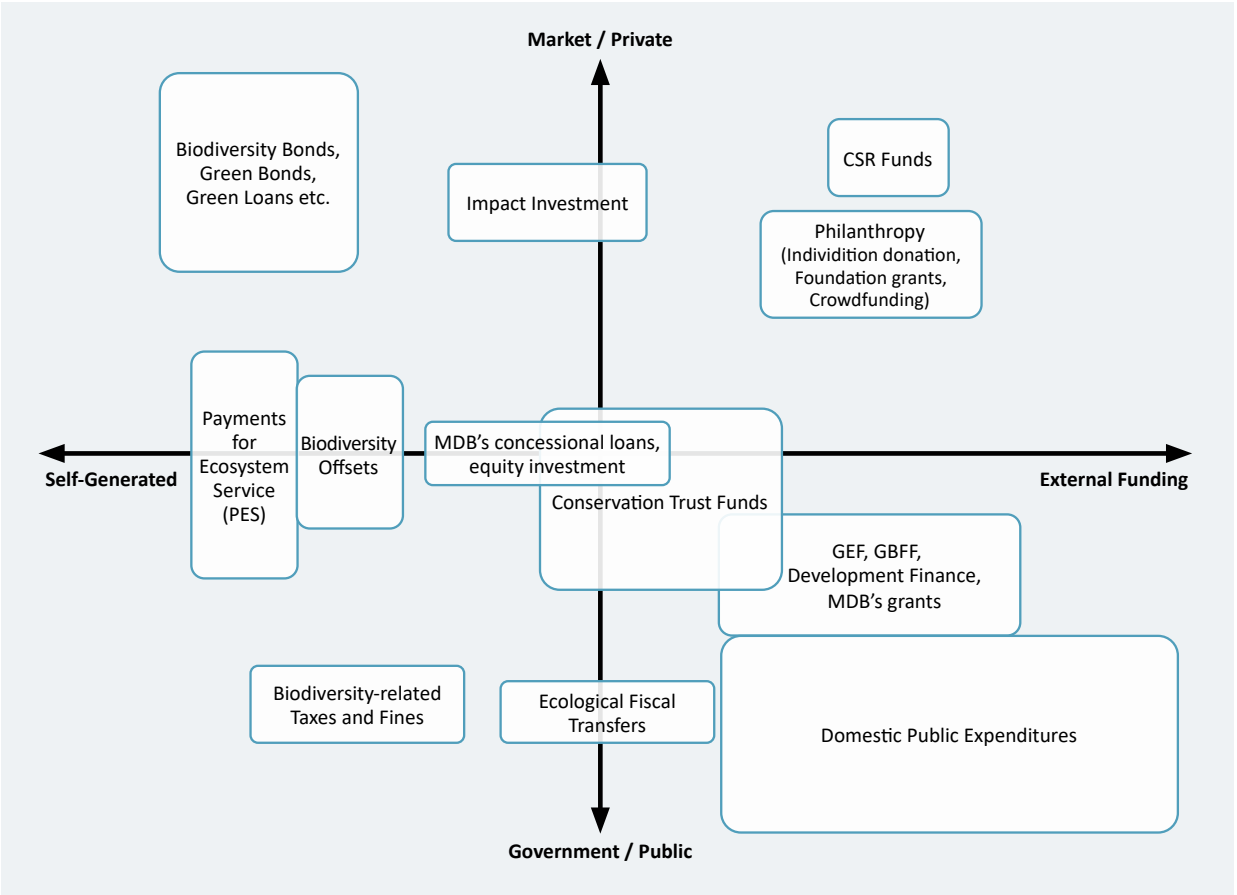
The findings provide clarity by translating the complex biodiversity finance landscape into a pragmatic typology, presented in a clear framework for policymakers and practitioners. It helps policy makers to understand the diversity of mechanisms for different situations.

The chapter underscores that public policy remains central in enabling, regulating, and de-risking biodiversity finance. Policies must ensure that innovative financial mechanisms are context-appropriate, equitable, and aligned with public objectives, rather than driven solely by market trends. It also highlights cross-sectoral integration, linking biodiversity with climate and infrastructure finance, can multiply impacts.



Julia Qian Mao
Ph.D, Lund University

Closing the Funding Gap: Biodiversity Finance Mechanisms





Viktor Elliot and Susanne Arvidsson moderating a panel on Biodiversity Finance Pathways: Perspectives from Sweden.

Transformative change – from knowledge to action

At Sweden´s first Biodiversity Symposium Mistra BIOPATH was active in both organising and presenting research findings, cross-sector panels, open sessions and workshops. The theme throughout the three days was the recent IPBES Transformative Change Assessment.

The three days of the symposium were themed so that the first day focused on “What is the problem” which meant a strong emphasis on the natural sciences and challenges with the loss of biodiversity and ecosystems. The second day was more concerned with “What can we do about it” and offered a mix of perspectives from economics, business, law and governance. The third day concluded with the spotlight on “Who can do something about it” and provided examples of mobilisation and initiatives to bring knowledge to action.

The conference provided extensive opportunities for dialogue, both among researchers from different disciplines and between academia and other societal actors, including businesses, public agencies and non-profit organisations.

“We managed to create a good meeting place for many diverse aspects of biodiversity, and we received a lot of positive feedback”, concluded Marie Stenseke, University of Gothenburg who was part of the organising committee and co-leader of the Mistra BIOPATH Task Force.

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Kimberly Nicholas and Marie Stenseke in dialogue with a participant at Swedish Biodiversity Symposium.

Read more about Mistra BIOPATH at SBS 2025

ABOUT the Transformative Change Assessment

The Transformative Change Assessment demonstrates that profound change is achievable – provided that strategies and measures for the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity are inclusive and address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss.

Read more about IPBES Transformative Change Assessment report

UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS | IMPACT PATHWAY 2

Mistra BIOPATH works towards long-term impact in four identified pathways: Scientific Novelty, Understanding & Awareness, Co-development of Innovative approaches, and Policy & Capacity Building. A main barrier for the integration of biodiversity considerations into financial decision-making is a limited awareness and understanding of biodiversity's relevance to society. Mistra BIOPATH addresses this challenge by developing learning pathways, and materials designed with relevant stakeholders to meet the diverse needs of our key target groups.

Understanding biodiversity challenges through collaboration and dialogue

Our activities around the Biodiversity Collage continued to gain momentum. A key focus was the development of a Swedish-language version of the workshop kit, including the integration of ecosystem examples relevant to Swedish conditions. The translated material and proposed adaptations were submitted to La Fresque de la Biodiversité, the French organisation that initiated the concept and who will promote the Swedish ecosystems examples globally.

As part of Lund Sustainability Week in Lund, Mistra BIOPATH offered a Biodiversity Collage workshop, attracting two fully booked groups of participants. The audience represented a diverse mix of global companies, local organisations, and students and staff from Lund University. Once again, the workshop confirmed the strength of the Collage as a capacity-building tool – fostering not only individual understanding of biodiversity loss, but also collective learning through dialogue and interaction.

"*The strength of the Collage as a capacity-building tool is fostering not only individual understanding of biodiversity loss, but also collective learning through dialogue and interaction*"

There is flexibility in how the collage can be assembled but key ecological dependencies and impacts provide a factual backbone that facilitators and participants explore together. In a playful yet thought provoking role-play module, participants gain concrete insights into how a wide range of societal actors must engage to halt and reverse biodiversity loss.



Johanna Generosi facilitates workshop with company representatives.

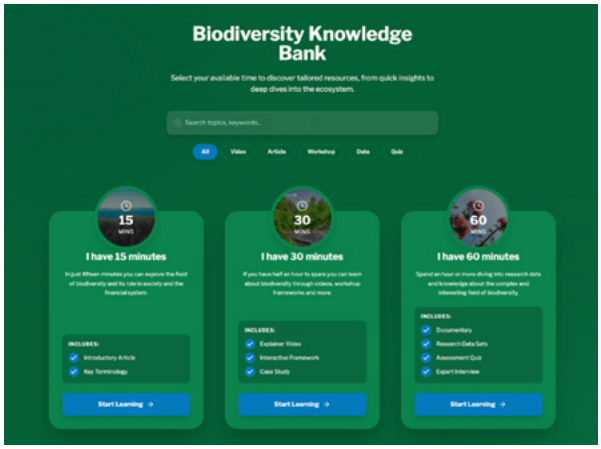
The Swedish adaptation was carried out with a team from SamBio– a regional project focused on biodiversity collaboration and communication targeting schools and companies in western Sweden. Looking ahead, 2026 will mark the broader launch of the Swedish Biodiversity Collage.

ABOUT
This "Biodiversity Collage" workshop offers a participatory and creative experience that promotes awareness of biodiversity and encourages participants to reflect on their role in its preserva tion. The workshop provides a tool to understand the challenges and pressures around biodiversity, through a fun, collaborative, visual and accessible workshop, based on the IPBES report 2019.

Open-source Knowledge-hub

To ensure that our efforts, targeting awareness and understanding are of benefit to our various target groups, we started the development of an open-source Knowledge Hub in 2025. The Hub is designed to increase the access to learning and capacity material and activities that can enable understanding of biodiversity's role and needs across society.

The Hub provides accessible learning resources and case-based materials that can be used by practitioners, students, and the public. While most of the content is developed collaboratively with BIOPATH's partners to ensure practical relevance, part of it also targets university students, encouraging engagement with biodiversity and sustainability from an early stage in their careers.



Building bridges with society and stakeholders

More biodiversity in the city – for Malmö and the planet

At Ystad Summit 2025, Mistra BIOPATH participated in a panel discussion on the economic, social, cultural and ecological values and opportunities of integrating nature and biodiversity into urban environments at a local and regional level, together with the departments of Culture, Environment of Malmö City Council, the Malmö libraries, Intelligence Watch and a birder and author.

There were some original ideas on how this could be achieved, such as copying the innovative approach by the library to offer visitors not only to borrow a book, but you can also borrow a cultural experience. How about doing the same for Nature and offer an experience with Biodiversity?



Other examples looked at how Malmö and Skåne become pioneers and examples from how research can support further development.

Let's work together more for biodiversity!

At Almedalen Week, Sweden's premier annual political forum, Mistra BIOPATH participated in a seminar with the communications and collaborations project on Biodiversity, SamBio, run by the Gothenburg Global Center for Biodiversity GGBC, and with Bee-Go, the regional alliance in western Sweden between academia, business and public authorities.

The main topic was how to work on biodiversity issues within your organisation – how to go about it in practice? Inspiring examples where collaboration and action to boost biodiversity were shared, promoting the upcoming first Swedish Biodiversity symposium and launching a new guide for the business sector. The latter was developed by researchers at the University of Gothenburg together with Azote, a communications agency specialising in science communication and outreach, especially on Sustainability and Nature-related topics.



From the left: Marie Löf (Azote), Viktor Elliot (Mistra BIOPATH), Johan and Petra Cyrillus (Azote).

Arcadia and BIOPATH on how can we finance a climate-resilient landscape?

During 2025, exploratory meetings were held to identify opportunities for collaboration between ARCADIA and Mistra BIOPATH. These discussions resulted, among other outcomes, in a joint seminar organised within Lund Sustainability Week 2025. The seminar highlighted shared interests in landscape-level approaches to governance and implementation of nature-based solutions. Continued collaboration may be the development of a testbed and a joint policy lab.

ARCADIA is an EU-funded initiative that brings together European regions and communities to accelerate the uptake of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) through access to evidence-based knowledge, tools, and services. The partnership includes both model regions and fellow regions across Europe. Swedish participants include the cities of Lund, Malmö, and Helsingborg, Region Skåne, the Sustainability Hub, and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).



Johanna Alkan Olsson, Lund University, represented Mistra BIOPATH and emphasised the importance of addressing biodiversity and sustainability challenges at the landscape scale to enable systemic and long-term impact.

https://www.youtube.com/live/GUN2ByBIb-c8?si=mrkN51N3mDAaG6l9

Building bridges with society and stakeholders

Bee-Go, a handshake for Biodiversity in Gothenburg

The City of Gothenburg and four large companies based in the region of western Sweden – AstraZeneca, Skanska, Vectura Fastigheter and Volvo Cars – decided to take decisive action to promote biodiversity and ecosystem services and invited others to join them in this effort. On 20 February 2025, this coalition signed a joint letter of intent, a handshake agreement, in which each party undertakes to implement various measures to safeguard and enhance biodiversity.

"The handshake for biodiversity and ecosystem services in Gothenburg is a statement that we want to work together to protect and increase biodiversity for a sustainable urban environment, better health for residents and increased resilience to climate change. It is inspiring to see the commitment of the parties involved, and I believe that this initiative is very good for residents, businesses and the environment alike, emphasised Viktor Elliot, senior lecturer in Business Administration at the School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg.

Measurable goals and support from scientific council

Through the agreement, the committed actors undertake to increase knowledge about – and action for – biodiversity and ecosystem services in order to promote sustainable development in the Gothenburg region. Each stakeholder will set two goals, which must be measurable and contribute to real improvements in biodiversity and ecosystem services. The action plan will be reviewed by a scientific council appointed by the Gothenburg Centre for Global Biodiversity Studies (GGBC), which will act as a support for the work on this agreement.

'The interaction between academia and industry is important,' underlined Henrik Smith. We can contribute with evidence and tools to help distinguish the small from the large and act as a watchdog against simplifications and greenwashing. For me, collaboration with industry is about making a difference and giving us researchers insight into how different businesses work in practice.

More information about the project:





To the left: Victor Elliot, University of Gothenburg, and Vanessa Butani, Sustainability Manager at Volvo Cars opened the seminar on biodiversity at the signing of the agreement in Gothenburg on 20 February 2025. To the right: Henrik Smith, Lund University.

Business and biodiversity – a sustainable future, sustainable success?

In September 2025, Formas, the Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development, organised a breakfast seminar on Business and biodiversity – a sustainable future, sustainable success? Awareness of the specific risks and business opportunities posed by threats to our ecosystem services varies greatly. A question raised was how research can support the business sector in safeguarding the biodiversity that is crucial to its operations?

Experts with different perspectives discussed how we can understand and value the ecosystem services provided by biodiversity, how companies can develop innovative solutions and create sustainable business models that protect and promote biodiversity, and how research can support these efforts.

The seminar was moderated by Magnus Tannerfeldt, Formas. Viktor Elliot and Henrik Smith from Mistra BIOPATH contributed to the panel that also consisted of Andreas Gyllenhammar, Chief Sustainability Officer, Sweco, Kristina Atkisson, Expert Business & Nature, WWF and Åsa Knudsen Sterte, Head of Climate & Sustainable Finance, Sustainable Banking SEB.

Näringsliv och biologisk mångfald – hållbar framtid, hållbar framgång?

POLICY AND CAPACITY-BUILDING | IMPACT PATHWAY 3

Mistra BIOPATH works towards long-term impact in four identified pathways: Scientific Novelty, Understanding & Awareness, Co-development of Innovative approaches, and Policy & Capacity Building. Reaching biodiversity targets requires a coherent interplay between public and private governance systems. While the public sector traditionally assumes responsibility for nature conservation and regulation, the private sector increasingly shapes biodiversity outcomes through investment, production, and consumption patterns. Mistra BIOPATH investigates complementary ways to promote biodiversity, emphasizing the design of governance mechanisms that foster alignment between regulatory frameworks, corporate strategies, and financial decision-making. Central to this effort is the development and dissemination of best practices demonstrating how biodiversity considerations can be effectively integrated into institutional processes and decision-making structures.

BIOPATH Forestry Policy Lab 2 – Advancing Biodiversity in the Forest Sector



Photo: Pexels

A central driver of the programme's policy and capacity-building are the BIOPATH's Policy labs, collaborative arenas where researchers, policymakers, and market actors jointly explore pathways for integrating biodiversity into financial and land use decision-making.

These labs serve as dynamic spaces for identifying policy gaps, co-designing innovative instruments, and testing new approaches through scenario planning and experimental applications.

In 2025, a second policy lab focusing on the forestry sector was held in Lund based on the latest findings on forest owners' willingness to adopt biodiversity-friendly practices through payment schemes and exploring how potential funding mechanisms could incentivize biodiversity conservation in Sweden's forests.

Strengthening Policy Lab Capacity

As the programme enters a new phase, the focus is on consolidating this work through a more structured and scalable approach to policy labs, and on strengthening the translation of insights into policy-relevant outputs and practical guidance for decision-makers.

A policy lab coordinator was recruited in the end of 2025. Douglas Bjäresten was appointed to the position, contributing expertise in biodiversity, environmental policy, and sustainable finance, as well as extensive experience in stakeholder engagement. He initiated planning for interdisciplinary policy lab activities to be implemented in 2026, aligning research, policy, and industry perspectives.

The main takeaways from the policy lab 2025

- **Encouraging interest:** the majority of forest owners surveyed are willing to accept payments for biodiversity conservation when given a degree of freedom in their decision-making.
- **Shared responsibility:** Forest owners shouldn't bear the full financial burden; responsibility should extend across the entire value chain.
- **Market mechanisms:** The need for a transparent and credible market for biodiversity credits was highlighted, though challenges remain in ensuring ecological benefits and investor trust.

BIOPATH Dialogue series

The Mistra BIOPATH Dialogue seminar series serves as a key platform for knowledge exchange and capacity-building within the programme. Initially designed as an internal forum for consortium partners, the Dialogues have focused on sharing insights on standards, frameworks, and emerging instruments relevant to integrating biodiversity considerations into financial decision-making.

In 2025, selected Dialogue seminars were opened to a wider audience, extending the programme's outreach and contributing to broader understanding beyond the consortium. A highlighted event during the year was the Dialogue with Professor David Hill in October 2025, Founder and President of the UK-based Foundation for Nature.

Professor Hill's talk addressed central challenges in biodiversity finance, including the importance of making nature economically visible and clarifying the concept of the nature–finance gap. The Dialogue also explored the United Kingdom's experience with Biodiversity Net Gain, examining early outcomes and lessons learned, as well as the role of the Environment Bank in pioneering habitat and biodiversity banking. Through practical examples, the seminar illustrated how ecological restoration can be structured and scaled as an investable asset.

Other public Dialogue seminars: Swedish Institute for Standards (SIS) and their work on Biodiversity, presented by Laura Linnala, Project Manager Circular Economy, DPP and Biodiversity Standardisation of Biodiversity – Dialogue seminar with SIS – MISTRA BIOPATH



BIOPATH Dialogue seminar with Professor David Hill, moderated by Viktor Elliot.

B4B – Building for Biodiversity

Building 4 Biodiversity (B4B) is an internal seminar series within Mistra BIOPATH, designed to strengthen capacity-building, interdisciplinary dialogue, and professional development among the programme's PhD students and early career researchers. The initiative provides an informal yet structured platform for learning and exchange across disciplines spanning biodiversity science, finance, governance, policy, and law.

B4B featured a series of inspirational talks delivered by senior BIOPATH researchers and external experts in 2025. Topics covered included biodiversity information for decision-making, nature's contributions to people, interdisciplinary research for policy impact, legal frameworks for biodiversity protection, and pathways for aligning financial systems with biodiversity objectives. The sessions emphasised both scientific advances and real-world applications, offering young researchers insight into how their work connects to policy processes, industry practice, and societal impact.

B4B has contributed to building a shared understanding of key concepts, methods, and challenges at the biodiversity–finance nexus, while also fostering a supportive research culture that encourages discussion, critical reflection, and collaboration. By lowering barriers between disciplines and career stages, the seminar series has strengthened BIOPATH's integrative approach and supported the development of a new generation of researchers equipped to operate in complex, transdisciplinary policy and decision-making environments.

Planned B4B activities in 2026 will further expand the range of perspectives and continue to support long-term capacity-building within the programme.

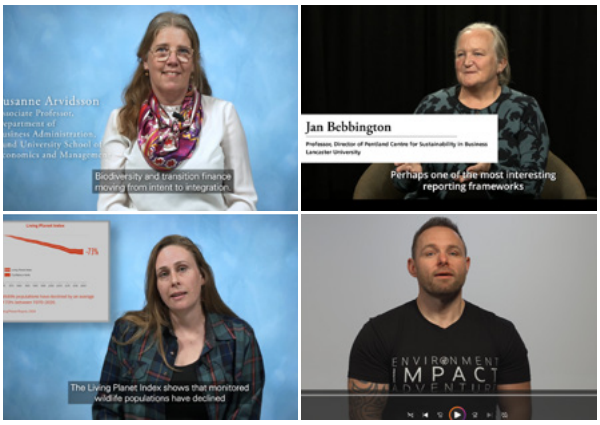
Building capacity through open digital learning

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on biodiversity, business, and finance. The course translates key insights from the Mistra BIOPATH research programme into accessible learning for students, professionals, and decision makers across sectors.

The MOOC covers core themes such as biodiversity fundamentals, the measurement of impacts and dependencies, and the implications of emerging regulatory and disclosure frameworks, including CSRD, ESRS and TNFD. Complementary modules address biodiversity governance and emerging opportunities linked to nature positive business models and financial innovation.

Course development has been a collaborative effort, involving researchers from multiple disciplines together with experts from industry and public institutions. The content combines short lectures, case studies, interviews, and practical analytical tools, designed to support applied learning and relevance for professional practice.

By offering the MOOC as an open educational resource, Mistra BIOPATH aims to extend the reach of its research and contribute to long-term capacity-building in public and private organisations. Once launched, the course will serve as a shared learning platform supporting organisations in navigating the rapidly evolving biodiversity policy, risk and decision-making landscape.



Four screenshots from video clips in the MOOC testbed in 2025, providing insights and findings from Mistra BIOPATH researchers and external experts.



BIOPATH Guru – a useful AI guide

In 2024 and 2025, the development of BIOPATH Guru has focused on creating a user-friendly, knowledge-based support tool for individuals and organisations needing to navigate the rapidly expanding and complex landscape of requirements and guidance related to biodiversity, particularly the TNFD, CSRD and ESRS E4.

The starting point was a clear and broad challenge: relevant information is often scattered across extensive and technically advanced frameworks, best practice examples and research findings, whilst few users possess specialist expertise in both biodiversity and financial regulation. To meet this need, BIOPATH Guru has been developed as a tailored AI-based solution.

The user initially provides a brief description of their organisation, their regulatory situation and their main needs, after which the system uses a curated collection of official frameworks and research publications to deliver relevant, transparent and source-verified answers. Development has taken place in stages through needs analysis, scoping, prototyping and the ongoing improvement of both the knowledge base and the user flow. The overall aim is to make complex guidance more accessible and practically useful for the project's partner organisations, whilst laying the foundations for broader application in the future.

Two new cross-fertilising academic courses

The courses offer complementary competencies, creating opportunities for cross-fertilisation between natural sciences and economics. It offers thematic modules and guest lectures shared between the courses, fostering dialogue between students from diverse academic backgrounds. Mistra BIOPATH has also initiated the development of a Summer School in co-creation with BIOPATH's PhD students and Postdocs.


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Sustainability reporting, Transition Finance and Business transformation

This new course from the Department of Business Administration at Lund University School of Economics and Management, is inspired by Mistra BIOPATH, developed and led by Susanne Arvidsson. It will give students the tools to understand and support the green transition.

What the course is about

The course introduces how sustainability reporting, transition finance and business transformation can help address the major challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.
After completing the course, students will be able to:

- Understand key theories, policies and frameworks linked to sustainability reporting and the green transition.
- Identify opportunities and challenges in integrating sustainability into financial decision-making.
- Analyse strengths and weaknesses in different sustainability frameworks and apply them in various transition contexts.
- Reflect on different perspectives within sustainability frameworks and how they can be combined to address real-world problems.

What the course covers

Students will explore how the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss are linked and how they need to be regarded in combination. They will be introduced to policy and regulations such as the The EU Green Deal, CSRD, ESRS, CSDDD and more. Furthermore, they will acquire an understanding on how industry, finance and policy shape societal and business transitions and the balance between compliance and real business transformation.



X-Course: Climate, Culture & Biodiversity – Interwoven Challenges in a Changing World

This new course from Lund University explores how climate, culture and biodiversity are deeply connected. The course is inspired by Mistra BIOPATH and led by Johanna Alkan Olsson. It also includes collaborations with the Botanical Garden, Skissernas Museum and the Historical Museum in Lund.

What the course is about

This course looks at how climate change and biodiversity loss shape our world, and how art and culture can help us understand and respond to these challenges. Students will learn about biodiversity and its values, the main drivers of biodiversity loss, and how creative methods can be used to communicate complex environmental issues and spark change.
By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain biodiversity and its different values.
- Identify human activities that threaten biodiversity.
- Describe the links between climate change and biodiversity loss.
- Understand how different actors work to address the biodiversity crisis.
- Use artistic and cultural tools to communicate environmental challenges and shift perspectives.

What the course covers

The course is structured in three modules. The first module is theoretical – learning about the key concepts in biodiversity and its relationship to climate. The second module emphasises practice and offers a mix of games, excursions and seminars where students apply the concepts. In the third module the students conduct small group projects using artistic or cultural narratives to address biodiversity challenges.

CO-DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES | IMPACT PATHWAY 4

Mistra BIOPATH works towards long-term impact in four identified pathways: Scientific Novelty, Understanding & Awareness, Co-development of Innovative approaches, and Policy & Capacity Building. To reach the long-term goals, we develop strong collaboration structures between academia, decision-makers, and other actors. To this end, BIOPATH has developed innovative approaches with its partners to support them in navigating the complexity of biodiversity impacts across value chains and throughout the financial system. The outcome is a transdisciplinary space for co-production of knowledge, where researchers and partners collaborate to design, test, and refine approaches for integrating biodiversity into decision-making.

Annual programme meeting: sharing progress, challenges and future needs

The annual Mistra BIOPATH programme meeting serves as a key platform for sharing progress, strengthening collaboration, and aligning future priorities across the consortium.

The spring meeting provided updates on research progress across the programme's three work packages, ensuring a shared understanding of emerging results and ongoing activities. Equally important, partner organisations were invited to reflect on their current challenges and needs related to biodiversity, finance and decision-making. These discussions highlighted data and metric gaps, misaligned incentives, regulatory complexity and increasing business risks linked to nature loss, providing valuable input to the programme's continued development.

A central focus of the meeting was to promote and support young researchers. PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers and students presented their work and demonstrated how BIOPATH research is translated into applied studies, educational tools and innovative formats. Student projects and award winning theses illustrated the programme's role in building the next generation of expertise at the biodiversity–finance interface.

By combining knowledge exchange, partner dialogue and dedicated space for early career researchers, the programme meeting also functioned as an important networking arena. It strengthened relationships across sectors and created opportunities for new collaborations, reinforcing BIOPATH's role as a transdisciplinary platform for learning, co creation and long-term impact.



Andreas Barkman and Susanne Arvidsson opening the 2025 Spring Meeting in Lund.



Panel discussion with financial partners on How to finance nature and upscale biodiversity efforts.



Graphical artists specialised in Patterns of Biodiversity.



Kim Svedberg and Martin Elovsson, Malmö University, Gamification in MOOC.



Photo: Pexels

COMMUNICATION

The external communication channels are mainly the Mistra BIOPATH website, newsletter and social media accounts as well as physical events and workshops.

Research portraits and sharing knowledge

Some new features were launched on the website in 2025. As mentioned already, two masters students shared insights and inspiration from their five-week field trip to Brazil, including a visit to the Araca project site. As the COP30 was held in Brazil in 2025 there was extra focus on how the country is working on climate and biodiversity-related issues.

A series of researcher portraits also gave more faces and personal touches to the journeys and drivers of our broad and transdisciplinary research team as they produce more knowledge, learn from working with stakeholders and attempting to have an impact on halting and reversing biodiversity loss at scale.

See more research portraits and short articles on published papers at Mistra BIOPATH website



BIOPATH profile portraits:
Giovanna Michelon

Giovanna Michelon is Professor of Accounting at the Department of Economics and Management of the University of Padova (Italy), and Honorary Professor at the University of Bristol (UK). At the University of Gothenburg, she is currently holding an *Erik Malmstens gästprofessur* position and she is a researcher in Mistra BIOPATH WP2.

Professor Giovanna Michelon, University of Gothenburg (Erik Malmstens gästprofessur)

Her work has explored how corporate governance drives corporate social responsibility activities and reporting, and the role of sustainability information for market participants and other stakeholders. Recently, she is interested in investigating the role that finance plays for sustainability, and how sustainability reporting and sustainability disclosure regulation affects firm's actual behavior and impacts.

What is currently going on in your research field?

I work in sustainability accounting and reporting, which studies how measurement, disclosure and assurance shape what organizations pay attention to and how they act. A key topic right now is how the wave of transparency mandates and reporting expectations influence what organizations actually do, and whether they drive real changes or symbolic compliance. I'm especially interested

Exploring Biodiversity Finance in practice

During five weeks in February and March 2025, two master´s students at the University of Gothenburg explored the role finance can play in conserving and restoring biodiversity in Brazil. For their joint master thesis, Hanna Kysela and Jennie Utterberg conducted a field study at the ARAÇÁ project and through interviews with different stakeholders from various sectors deepened their understanding for conservation and restoration of tropical forest and how financial strategies work in practice.

Through a blog on BIOPATH's homepage, one could follow Hanna and Jennie on their journey in Brazil and read about their findings, that were later presented at BIOPATH programme meeting in May 2025.

The study has been acknowledged, among others by Mistra BIOPATH partner AP2, that awarded their thesis with the motivation:

"The thesis stands out by combining quantitative analysis with qualitative interviews and field studies to highlight the financing gap for biodiversity in developing countries, with Brazil as a case study. It demonstrates considerable academic maturity, methodological breadth and societal relevance. By identifying concrete obstacles and solutions for private investment in biodiversity, the work contributes insights that are directly applicable to both policy and practice."

Bridging the financing gap for biodiversity in emerging and developing markets – a case study on Brazil



Hanna Kysela (to the left) and Jennie Utterberg (on screen) were awarded by AP2 for their master´s thesis work on Biodiversity and Finance from a field study in Brazil 2025.




Photo:Christer Johansson

At Midsummer – why is knowledge of flowers important?



The popular radio presenter Louise Epstein has a programme on Swedish Radio in which she explores common and unusual phenomena, drawing on the expertise of researchers and specialists. Ahead of Midsummer 2025, she asked: what is the point of getting to know Midsummer's flowers? One of the experts was Johanna Alkan Olsson, senior lecturer at the Department of Environmental and Earth Sciences (MGeo) at Lund University and WP1 leader in Mistra BIOPATH.

Are flowers particularly magical at Midsummer?

– They are at their most magnificent then, but both our landscapes and seasons have changed since Sweden was a country characterised by rural life and its traditions. What once bloomed in pastures and meadows may now only be found on roadsides, and flowers may bloom earlier or later now due to climate change, explains Johanna Alkan Olsson.

Don't miss the magical night-scented violet

Among all the species she knows, Johanna Alkan Olsson singles out the night-blooming jasmine as particularly magical, even though it may look unremarkable. Knowing the names of flowers means you notice them and miss them when environments change and are affected. We are part of nature, and it does us good to take pleasure in their splendour.

– Being able to see all the variations that exist in nature evokes the same sense of wonder as gazing up at an endless starry sky, says Johanna Alkan Olsson, urging listeners to start learning at least two species every summer and become more knowledgeable about them.

The point of getting to know Midsummer's flowers
Poängen med att lära känna midsommarens blommor

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Arvidsson, S. Biodiversity Finance Pathways: Perspectives from Sweden, co-organiser of the session, at the Swedish Biodiversity Symposium, Gothenburg, 21–23 October 2025

Arvidsson, S. Navigating sustainability: CSRD as Drivers of Innovation, Managerial Practices and Transformation. Co-organiser of and presenter at the session at Academy of Management Conference, 25–29 July, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Coelho, C. R. V., Molander, S., Smith, H. G. Assessing impacts of land use and biodiversity - Reflections on the framework, PDFs, and other normative choices. Oral presentation. From Less Bad to Good Enough Conference. Helsingør, Denmark, 30 September – 2 October 2025

Elliot V., Arvidsson S. Biodiversity finance pathways: Perspectives from Sweden. Swedish Biodiversity Symposium. Gothenburg, 21–23 October, 2025.

Gipperth, L., Moksnes, P-O., Laas, K. How to fund protection and restoration of marine habitats. Oral presentation. Swedish Biodiversity Symposium, Gothenburg 22 October 2025.

Gipperth, L. Funding protection and restoration of marine habitats. Oral presentation. International Agriculture Innovation Conference. Uppsala 8 September 2025.

Groom, B. Valuing carbon removals' effect on tipping points and technical change. Oral presentation. XXVI Annual BIOECON Conference, University of Cambridge, 1-2 September 2025.

Groom, B. Keynote on nature-based solutions to climate change and how to price biodiversity for public appraisal. Oral presentation. Latin American Association of Environmental and Resource Economists. 19-21 March 2025, Bogotá, Colombia. https://live.eventtia.com/en/congress-laere

Groom, B. Keynote on Biodiversity pricing. Oral presentation. Paris School of Economics, 25 February 2025. https://www.parisschoolofeconomics.eu/en/events/natural-capital/

Paananen, M. Environmental Disclosures in Earnings Calls: Double Materiality and the impact on cost of capital. Nordic Accounting Conference (NORACC) 2025. Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, 13-14 November 2025

Paananen, M. Environmental Disclosures in Earnings Calls: Double Materiality and the impact on cost of capital. 20th EUFIN – The Conference of Accounting in Europe 2025. University of Bristol Business School, Bristol (UK), 28-29 August 2025.

Smith, H. Species adaptation to environmental change: the need to integrate genetic diversity into monitoring, spatial planning, and restoration. Panel discussion at the Swedish Biodiversity Symposium. Gothenburg, 21–23 October, 205.

Starkey, A. Poster presentation & winner of the Olivia Norfolk Poster Prize 2025. Optimising Farmland Biodiversity Conservation – The Search for Synergies and Tradeoffs between Climate Actions, Biodiversity Conservation and Farmland Characteristics. British Ecological Society Symposium. Nature, Farming and Food: How we value our land. Oxford University, 19 June 2025.

Sahlin, U. Invited talk "Are you sure? How to become better in being (un)certain". Oral presentation. Durham University, UK, 18 February 2025.

Winberg, J. Poster presentation at BES Symposium "Nature, Farming and Food". University of Oxford, UK. 19 June 2025.

Presentations 2025

Arvidsson, S. CSRD and sustainability reporting: Fokus ESRS E4 Biosideversity and Ecosystem services, at the seminar on financing nature based solutions for climate mitigation and other ecosystem services organised by the municipality of Helsingborg, Helsingborg, 17 September 2025.

Alkan Olsson, J. Participation in "Morning seminar: How can we finance a climate-resilient landscape?" Lund University Sustainability Week, Lund, 6 May 2025.

Alkan Olsson, J. Presentation of BIOPATH at meeting within the EU project Urban Biodiversity Parks, 15 May 2025.

Alkan Olsson, J. Opportunities and challenges for measuring biodiversity footprints. Presentation at CSR network at Hållbar Utveckling Skåne, theme Biodiversity, 25 September 2025.

Alkan Olsson, J. Nature conservation and restoration within the corporate sector. Presentation at BECC - Biodiversity and Ecosystem services in a Changing Climate meeting, 26 August 2025.

Antonelli, A. Accelerating finance of net-zero solutions and net zero value chains. Presentation and panel discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. 21 January 2025.

Antonelli, A. Using Artificial Intelligence and remote sensing to innovate on conservation and support new financial mechanisms. Presentation and panel discussion at the World Wide Fund for Nature's Global Conference, Portugal. 19 February 2025.

Antonelli, A. Presentation and discussion with environmental ministers from Brazil, Colombia, etc. on the 30x30 commitment and biodiversity credits. London Climate Action Meeting, London. 23 June 2025.

Baeckström, Y. Women, finance and sustainability. The Responsible Business Salon, King's Centre for Sustainable Business, King's College, London. 21 January 2025.

Baeckström, Y. Finding the right balance: How should we regulate sustainable investments? Round Table, King's Centre for Sustainable Business. King's College, London. 14 May 2025.

Börjesson, P. Presentation at the Swedish Bioenergy Association Spring Conference (Svebio), 9 April 2025, Stockholm.

Elliot, V. Tvärvetenskaplig forskning. Sea and Society Day, Gothenburg. 16 January 2025.

Elliot, V., Smith, H. G. Presentations at launch event Bee-Go: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in the Gothenburg Region. 20 February 2025.

Elliot, V. Finansiering av biologisk mångfald. Lagans vänner, Gothenburg. 25 March 2025.

Elliot, V. Företagens arbete med biologisk mångfald. Näringslivet och havets biologiska mångfald, Gothenburg. 9 April 2025.

Elliot, V. Biologisk mångfald och stadsutveckling. NÄST inauguration, Gothenburg. 24 April 2025.

Elliot, V. Tekniker för att mäta biologisk mångfald. DI: Business and Biodiversity, Stockholm. 29 April 2025.

Elliot, V. Att finansiera biologisk mångfald. Event with Arcadia. Lund University Sustainability week, Lund. 6 May 2025.

Elliot, V. Företagens arbete med biologisk mångfald. Reväst Seminar, University of Gothenburg. 19 May 2025.

Elliot, V. Target and indicators of Bee-Go. Handslaget för Biologisk Mångfald och Ekosystemtjänster i Göteborgsregionen (Bee-Go). 26 May 2025.

Elliot, V. Participation in panel debate "Från ord till handling - partnerskap för biologisk mångfald och framtidens samhällen" organised by Trelleborg municipality. Almedalen, Visby. 26 June 2025.

Elliot, V., Loor, M. Moderation and participation in panel debate "Samverka mer för biologisk mångfald!" organised by the University of Gothenburg, Almedalen, Visby. 26 June, 2025.

Fransson, L. Presentation on how it is to be PhD-student within MistraBiopath on Gothenburg university's Sustainability Career Day. 15 May 2025.

Groom, B. Presentation on pricing biodiversity for nature positive impacts in finance at Deloitte Climate & Sustainability Competency Lab 2025. 20 February 2025. Nature positive impacts in business organisations: measuring and valuing biodiversity | Deloitte Italy

Qian Mao, J. Participation in the UNDP Nature Finance Pillar Global Team Meeting. 13-17 January 2025.

Smith, H. G. Climate and Biodiversity. Two Crises – One Solution? Invited lecture at Landskrona City Library organized by the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation. 18 February 2025.

Winberg, J. Räcker marken till för både klimatarbete, biologisk mångfald och andra samhällsbehov? LU Land breakfast seminar, online. 5 March 2025.

Winberg, J. Finance a climate resilient landscape. Participation in workshop on the opportunities and barriers for climate and biodiversity resilient financing. Lund University Sustainability Week, Lund. 6 May 2025.

Winberg, J. Discussions with farmers, stakeholders and industry on design of biodiversity price premiums and actions. Field day Absolute Farmers. 21 May 2025.

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Samulesson, S. Miljöövervakning som grund för miljöcertifiering - Ett steg mot resultatbaserade miljöcertifiering-ar av primärproduktionen. Supervisor: Johanna Alkan Olsson. Lund University, September 2025. https://lup.lub.lu.se/luur/download?func=downloadFile&recordOId=9210985&fileOId=9210986

Thomsen, H. A Second Chance for Marine biodiversity. Exploring Incentives for Reclaiming the Marine Environment – A Case Study of Malmö, Sweden. Supervisor: Lena Gipperth. University of Gothenburg, June 2025.

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Dela, E. Levande skogar – en genomgång av skogsindustrins påverkan och åtgärder för biologisk mångfald enligt hållbarhetsrapporteringen. Supervisor: Josefin Winberg. Lund University, 2025. https://lup.lub.lu.se/luur/download?func=downloadFile&recordOId=9196516&fileOId=9196529

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Teaching activities

BIOPATH MOOC under development, first pilot expected in early 2026.

Integration of ESG and biodiversity in the Corporate finance module delivered to 150 MSc students at King's Business School, King's College London (YB, WP2)

Created a new course, titled Research frontiers in financial economics, for approx. 110 Bachelor's students at Stockholm Business School, with a focus on integrating ESG factors and biodiversity into asset pricing and corporate governance practices (LL, WP2).

Global Doctoral Course in Financial Economics of Climate and Sustainability. Class 3 Lund, March 2024. Climate and product market networks with additional notes on biodiversity (HA, WP2)

Master students are being recruited to be involved in BIOPATH research and outreach activities. Request from strategic reserve made during Y1.

GOLD - developing interactive and engaging educational concept for high school students to be launched and pread to schools and science centres. https://visualarena.lindholmen.se/projekt/guld-visualisering-att-lara-hogstadieelever-om-biologisk-mangfald

Scandinavian perspectives on sustainability: history and ways forward, part of course Sustainability Management. November 2024 and November 2025. LUSEM, Lund University. Course for Master students (SA).

EAERE Biodiversity Winter School. 21-24 January 2025. A week of teaching and PhD presentations on Biodiversity Economics and Finance in Annecy, France. https://dragonchair.org.uk/2025-eaere-winter-school/

Biodiversity. University of Gothenburg. Course for professionals (VE, WP2).

Financial Institutions and Markets. University of Gothenburg. Course for Master students (VE, WP2). Mistra BIOPATH progress report 2022-2025 Appendix A

Digitalisering och Styrning. University of Gothenburg. Course for Bachelor students (VE, WP2).

Tillämpad miljörätt. University of Gothenburg. Course for Master students within environmental and natural science. Autumn 2023, Spring and Autumn 2024, Spring 2025 (LF, WP3).

Förvaltningsrätt (inkl. miljörätt). University of Gothenburg. Course for Bachelor students within the law programme. Autumn 2023 and Autumn 2024 (LF, WP3).

Gatsby Summer School. First-year undergraduate biology students from 30 universities in the UK. Summer 2025 (AA, WP1).

Life cycle assessment – module. Gothenburg University. Course for Master students, 2023 (CC, WP1).

Life cycle assessment. Lund University. Course for Master students, Autumn 2025 (PB & CC, WP1), and lecture on Impact assessment in LCA – Land Use Deep Dive (CC, WP1).

Terrestrial ecology - Agriculture seminar module. Lund University. Course for Bachelor students, 2025 (CC & JW, WP1).

Environmental science software- Excel and GIS exercises. Lund University. Course for Bachelor students, 2025 (CC, WP1).

Global Environmental Governance. University of Copenhagen. Course for Master students, 2025 (JC, WP3).

CSRD – a driving force in the new (sustainability) reporting landscape, lecture at the master course Organizing Sustainability (SA), 15 April 2025, Campus Helsingborg, Lund University.

CSRD – the reporting landscape of combatting climate change and biodiversity loss, lecture at the master course Organizing Sustainability (SA), 15 April 2025, Campus Helsingborg.

Climate, Culture and Biodiversity - Interwoven Challenges in a Changing World, 3 credits. X-course at Lund University, 2026 (JAO, WP1).

Sustainability reporting, transition finance, and business transformation, 5 credits. X-course at Lund University, 2026 (SA, WP2).

ORGANISATION

Mistra BIOPATH – Work Packages and Teams

Work Package 1

WP1 systematically map and evaluate available methods, metrics, and tools that link decisions in industry and the financial system with impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services/nature's contribution to people, as well as evaluate how useful, transparent, relevant, and credible they are. In addition, WP1 considers issues of limitations regarding systems understanding and data. The mapping serves as a baseline for guidance for use, refinement of existing, and innovation of new approaches tailored to inform decision-making that directly and indirectly affects land-use change and management on consequences for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The tasks include rapid self-assessments salient to decision-makers and possible to apply at low cost, adapted Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) suitable for financial and industrial decision-making, and a novel advanced tools that exploit big data using artificial intelligence and BIG data capturing spatially explicit biodiversity impacts and risks. Approaches are tested in joint case studies with our partners, to identify gaps in information and metrics used, determine their usability and when possible, ground-truth outcomes, so that they can advise on further developments and ultimately to user-friendly tools for use in financial decision-making.

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Work Package 2

WP2 systematically map best practices for integrating biodiversity consideration among financial market actors as well as land-using industrial firms in their decision-making processes across the value chains of agriculture, forestry and energy, and evaluate them based on their usability for actionable decision-making. The mapping is conducted in close collaboration with WP1 and WP3 and serves as a baseline for our development of an online-based configurator for efficient integration of biodiversity into financial decision-making and novel approaches (methods, metrics, tools) accounting for biodiversity impacts and restoration for example in investment decisions, portfolio analyses, capital acquisition, insurance, and lending.

The methods, metrics and tools are tested with selected partners to ensure usability including compliance with existing regulatory requirements, operational efficiency, and scalability. These approaches will also be tailored to and tested in a wider context to analyse the financial performance of investments that promote biodiversity, whether portfolios can be altered to reduce nature-based risks/impact at low cost to return, and whether these investments have a de facto positive impact on biodiversity or only a reduced negative impact.

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Work Package 3

WP3 deliver scientific knowledge about the current state of the regulatory system regarding the financial system and land-using industries in relation to how they consider the needs of biodiversity. A key focus is improving the informational basis for public regulation and monitoring of market-based approaches for biodiversity, through the development of (sub)national accounts for biodiversity and an assessment of the alignment of public finances with biodiversity.

This development of decision supporting approaches provide the basis for co-creative policy labs, through the establishment of a transdisciplinary research network with our partners. These policy labs constitute co-creative spaces in which experiences from the markets, the regulators, and science come together and jointly identify gaps and innovate solutions to improve the overall system performance to protect biodiversity. The most promising solutions are brought to fruition for pilot testing through either imaginative scenario planning or experimental applications that pave the ground for larger scale transformations.

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The Programme Management Team

The Programme Management Team (PMT) consists of one partner leader and one academic leader from each Work Package, the Programme Director and Coordinator. The PMT acts as the advisory/supporting group for the Programme Director. Their role is to approve the task groups' actions plans, ensure progress and fulfilment of the milestones, evaluate quality of work performed, promote interactions between the WPs and suggest how the programme may be further improved.

The members of the PMT may suggest upcoming opportunities for enhancing the programme, a research task or subtask, promoting further interaction and collaboration between the WPs on certain topics, promoting and communicating a specific BIOPATH result or solving conflicts when needed. The PMT is supported by our Co-creation Task Force, which is responsible for coordination and integration across the WPs, research tasks, as well as among researchers and partners based on the BIOPATH Steering Agenda.

The Co-Creation Task Force

To achieve the vision of BIOPATH, it is important to have integrated structures that enables a close collaboration and an active dialogue, between researchers and partners, within and between WPs, research tasks, as well as between the BIOPATH consortium and its target groups in society.

The BIOPATH Steering Agenda is structured around promoting collaborative research and innovation processes along our four pathways – Scientific Novelty, Understanding & Awareness, Co-production of Innovative Approaches, and Policy & Capacity-Building that will lead towards BIOPATH's desired short- and long-term impacts.

The Co-creation Task Force is responsible for the implementation of the Steering Agenda and safeguards the continuous adjustments, modifications and improvements of the execution across work packages and provides assistance and guidance to the management team.

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