

Natural Capital: Into private sector business processes

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Business and natural capital



- **Natural capital** includes renewable resources (eg land, water, forests) and non renewable resources (eg mineral)
- Business **depends** on natural capital but also **impacts** on natural capital



Reporting, accounting and materiality of natural capital investment



- Many large companies have sustainability **reporting**
- Most focus on climate change, **less on natural capital**
- **Corporate accounting** for natural capital **limited** by companies
eg Olam



Risks to supply chains and consumer reputations from unsustainable natural capital investment



- Commodities, food, retailers mixed progress eg certification of oil palm
- Fisheries and textiles little progress
- Banks and financiers becoming more active



Opportunities for new products from sustainable natural capital

- Organic agriculture (eg certified rice, coffee, vegetables and other food products)
- Ecotourism
- Herbal products



ASEAN Natural capital initiative



- ASEAN Secretariat initiative supported by EU
- Natural capital platform
- Natural capital in private and public sectors
- Natural capital status review over next 5 months
- Natural Capital Forum on 27-28 November 2019
- Please share your experiences and suggestions

