



ISO 17298:2025 Biodiversity in strategy and operations

A new international standard to help organizations take action for nature

Biodiversity is essential – for life on earth, for healthy ecosystems and for resilient economies. Yet global biodiversity is declining at unprecedented rates.

ISO 17298 provides a practical framework to help organizations of all types and sizes understand how they depend on and impact nature – and take concrete action to address it.

Developed by ISO's expert committee on biodiversity (ISO/TC 331), this is the first international standard that guides organizations in embedding biodiversity into their core strategies, operations and decision-making processes.

ISO 17298 HELPS YOU MOVE FROM INTENTION TO ACTION.

Whether you're a business, local authority, NGO or public institution, this standard supports you to:

\$44 trillion

Over half the world's GDP is moderately or highly dependent on nature. As biodiversity risks grow, so do regulatory, reputational and operational pressures.



IMPLEMENTING THE STANDARD

Assess how an organization's activities interact with biodiversity.

Integrate biodiversity into broader sustainability efforts (e.g. ISO 14001, ISO 26000).

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Prioritize actions at both operational and landscape levels.

Set measurable objectives and monitor progress.

The approach is iterative and adaptable – designed to evolve with your organization and its context.

BENEFITS OF ISO 17298:2025

- Aligns strategy with emerging biodiversity policies and disclosure requirements.
- Supports risk reduction and resilience across supply chains and operations.
- Unlocks green finance, investor confidence and new market opportunities.
- Enables transparent reporting of nature-related performance.
- Builds institutional capacity especially for SMEs and public entities in developing countries.

FAQs

Who is 1SO 17298 for?

Any organization — public or private, large or small — seeking to reduce biodiversity-related risks and improve sustainability performance

How does it relate to the GBF?

ISO 17298 helps operationalize Target 15 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by enabling organizations to assess, disclose and act on nature-related impacts.

Can it used with other standards?

Yes. It complements ISO 14001 (environmental management), ISO 26000 (social responsibility) and other nature-related frameworks.

What's new in ISO 17298:2025?

This is ISO's first International Standard on biodiversity. It builds on consensus-based best practices to support action across sectors and geographies — especially in developing countries.

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