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Definition

Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool

Description

The Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) is a biodiversity data provider licencing commercial access to global biodiversity datasets and derived data layers consisting of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™, the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) and the World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas (WDKBA). IBAT also provides access to biodiversity reports that offer fast, easy and web-based methods of querying these global datasets to gain site-specific insights on biodiversity risk and opportunities. IBAT Reports include a Proximity Analysis, IFC & World Bank PS6/ESS6 Report on Critical Habitat, Freshwater Report, Multi-site Analysis and Species Threat Abatement and Restoration Metric Report. Examples of all the reports and an extract of GIS data can be downloaded or requested on demand. IBAT is uniquely positioned to inform companies around a range of commercial applications including biodiversity risk and opportunity screening, corporate sustainability assessments, disclosure and certifications, project due diligence and more.

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The Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) is an Alliance and multi-institutional programme of work involving BirdLife International, Conservation International, IUCN, and UNEP-WCMC. IBAT is delivered by the IBAT Secretariat, a team of full time staff hosted by UNEP-WCMC, BirdLife International and IUCN.

Year of creation

IBAT was originally conceived in 2005 by staff across the IBAT Alliance organisations and launched at IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2008.

Coverage

Global, including Country Profiles

Business relevance

Access to IBAT Datasets and Reports is arranged through a subscription or Pay As You Go download, which automatically includes a licence to use the data for commercial purposes: i.e. (a) any use by, on behalf of, or to inform or assist the activities of, a commercial entity (an entity that operates 'for profit') or (b) use by any individual or non-profit entity for the purposes of revenue generation. IBAT provides data, tools and guidance that help commercial organisations act on biodiversity related risks and opportunities (for non-commercial applications by e.g., NGOs, Universities, Governments etc., the data can be accessed directly from the IBAT Alliance Partners). IBAT currently supports >12,000 users across 150 international companies to perform biodiversity assessments from site to portfolio level. Companies can analyse biodiversity risk and opportunities, plan nature-positive actions, answer biodiversity questions for disclosure mechanisms including TNFD (LEAP), SFDR, GRI 304, SASB, ASI, certification schemes and more.

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