



HIGH LEVEL INTEGRITY PRINCIPLES FOR BIODIVERSITY MARKETS

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

and long-term commitment, leading to enduring positive impacts that **strengthen the resilience of nature, people and climate.**

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

in how **benefits are equitably shared** with IPLCs* as well as in the trading of, and claims related to biodiversity credits/certificates.

NATURE POSITIVE

movement towards credits/certificates that are **not positioned to offset biodiversity loss** but to positively incentivise landowners and communities to conserve and restore important habitats.

NATURE

Real, robust & verifiable biodiversity benefits that accelerate progress towards achieving jurisdictional and global goals for the recovery of nature.

Align with national & local frameworks for the conservation of biodiversity.

Preventing biodiversity loss & displacement threats through appropriate action.

Ecologically relevant biodiversity monitoring for target ecosystems and biodiversity attributes.

Native species & ecosystems are prioritised for restoration and conservation.

PEOPLE

Rights of IPLCs* are respected & protected and result in locally appropriate, equitably distributed and positive social impacts.

Participatory & inclusive, with Free Prior, Informed Consent (FPIC) for IPLCs* who are engaged from the start of the project design as a comprehensive process of stakeholder engagement and consultation.

Equitable benefit sharing for IPLCs* through fair and equitable access to economic benefits from the sale of biodiversity credits/ certificates.

Resilience for communities through enhanced community livelihoods from locally relevant and sustainable activities.

CLIMATE

Rights Mitigation and adaptation activities deliver climate benefits in line with international agreements and national strategies enhancing or maintaining carbon pools.

Resilience towards climate change through biodiversity enhancement and approaches that increase climate adaptability.

Recognition of natural carbon sinks & stores with high biodiversity value are not funded through carbon markets.

Unlocking synergies between carbon and biodiversity markets whilst ensuring the need for additionality is met.