

## PRODUCT SHEET

# Biodiversity Audit



**As global environmental challenges intensify, the importance of biodiversity in sustaining our planet's ecological balance has never been clearer. Businesses today are increasingly held accountable for their impact on natural ecosystems, not only by regulators but also by consumers and investors who prioritise sustainability. DEKRA's Biodiversity Audit Services are specifically designed to help companies navigate this complex landscape. Our audits provide actionable insights into how businesses can protect and promote biodiversity.**

### DEKRA's Biodiversity Audit

Our services offer businesses a comprehensive assessment of their impact on local ecosystems, helping them meet regulatory requirements, enhance environmental stewardship, and align with global sustainability goals. Our audits are designed to identify areas for improvement in biodiversity conservation, from habitat preservation to sustainable landscaping practices.

By implementing our tailored recommendations the audit findings, companies can reduce risks associated with biodiversity loss, improve their supply chain resilience, comply with ongoing regulations and strengthen their brand reputation as leaders in environmental responsibility. Integrating onsite biodiversity initiatives can enhance a company's environmental stewardship and long-term viability. These initiatives help mitigate risks, such as resource scarcity and supply chain disruptions, and include habitat preservation, sustainable landscaping, policy development, and community collaboration.

By creating wildlife habitats, restoring native vegetation, and enhancing ecological corridors, companies can contribute to local biodiversity conservation and improve environmental performance and stakeholder relationships.



## Why are Biodiversity Audits so important?

Biodiversity is essential for our planet's ecological balance and health. Companies play a crucial role in protecting and promoting biodiversity, especially given the increasing environmental challenges and regulatory demands.

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) aims to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, with goals such as increasing natural ecosystems, restoring ecosystem integrity, reducing human-caused extinctions, and protecting indigenous knowledge.

Biodiversity loss poses significant risks to businesses reliant on natural resources, threatening raw material availability and supply chain stability.

The European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) now require companies to disclose the environmental and social impacts of their activities, including biodiversity.

### Selection of biodiversity related regulatory and standards



## Key Features and Components

Implementing effective onsite biodiversity measures involves a range of initiatives tailored to enhance and protect local ecosystems. Our audit solution offers a thorough assessment and guidance to ensure your company meets biodiversity goals and regulatory requirements.

Key actions include:

- Assessing current habitats for local plant and animal species on the company premises.
- Evaluating existing landscaping practices to identify opportunities for enhancing biodiversity.
- Reviewing biodiversity policies and potentially recommending employee training programs to raise awareness.
- Establishing a reporting framework to regularly monitor and document biodiversity metrics and progress.
- Integrating biodiversity goals into the company's overall environmental strategy and management systems.
- Developing communication strategies to promote biodiversity efforts internally and externally.



## Categories of the Audit:

The below provide an overview of some of the categories included in the DEKRA Biodiversity Audit services.

- ▶ Location and ecosystem analysis
- ▶ Habitat management and biodiversity promotion
- ▶ Water management
- ▶ Energy and resource efficiency
- ▶ Communication and stakeholder engagement
- ▶ Monitoring and reporting



## Biodiversity Audit Process

The biodiversity audit process begins with an initial information meeting, where the audit outline is presented, any open questions are clarified, and the next steps are jointly established. This ensures that all parties are aligned and prepared for the audit process. Following this, a documentation review is conducted to assess the organisation's readiness through a thorough analysis of relevant materials.

The core of the audit is the on-site certification process, where the current biodiversity status and practices of the organisation are examined in detail. This step also involves recognising related certifications and can also consider additional factors such as compliance with the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) or supply chain requirements.

Upon completion of the audit, the findings are summarised in a comprehensive audit report. Should any inconsistencies be discovered, the organisation is provided with optimisation suggestions, followed by a reassessment to address these issues.

To ensure ongoing compliance, regular monitoring is conducted, verifying that the biodiversity management system is maintained and continuously improved. This stage also emphasises the organisation's responsibility in upholding biodiversity standards.

Finally, every two years, the biodiversity certification is renewed. During this re-certification process, components of the most recent biodiversity audit are reviewed, ensuring the organisation remains committed to its biodiversity goals and continues to progress in its conservation efforts.



## Benefits

- Strengthening brand reputation through sustainable and environmentally friendly corporate governance.
- Risk mitigation through increased resilience to environmental crises and regulatory changes.
- Cost savings through more efficient use of resources and reduction of environmental impacts.
- Access to new business opportunities through the development of sustainable products and services.

## Why Choose DEKRA?

By choosing DEKRA's Biodiversity Audit Services, your company can confidently navigate the complexities of biodiversity reporting and compliance. Our comprehensive approach not only ensures regulatory compliance but also positions your business as a leader in sustainability and corporate responsibility.

## Are You Ready to Lead in Biodiversity Preservation?

Take the first step towards safeguarding biodiversity and enhancing your company's sustainability practices with DEKRA's **Biodiversity Audit** services.



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