

*Dear respondent,*

You are invited to respond to a survey on biodiversity and financial-decision making conducted by Lund University in Sweden and the research programme BIOPATH (Pathways for an efficient alignment of the Financial System with the needs of Biodiversity).

The project is funded by *The Swedish foundation for strategic environmental research supports research of strategic importance for a good living environment and sustainable development* (Mistra) and aims at developing novel and innovative tools to assist firms in Europe to integrate biodiversity considerations into their decision making. An important part of the program is to assess status and progress of the integration of biodiversity consideration. Therefore, we would appreciate your participation in the first BIOPATH Survey. Follow-up surveys will be distributed every second year to respondents from industry and the financial system.

This survey is made possible with the assistance of SWESIF. All responses will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes. Aggregated findings will be shared with all respondents through policy briefs and practical guides for practitioners, as well as at [www.mistrabiopath.se](http://www.mistrabiopath.se) in due course.

By answering this survey, you agree that the information you provide can be used for research purposes. All information will be treated confidentially. This means that you and your company will never be identified in any publication or other research-related material. The data is stored securely and only the top-level researchers in the BIOPATH research programme have access to the information. The survey participants have the right to withdraw consent to participate in the study at any time, which can be done by informing the project team via email ([info@mistrabiopath.se](mailto:info@mistrabiopath.se)). Note that this withdrawal will only apply to not yet conducted studies.

BIOPATH ([www.mistrabiopath.se](http://www.mistrabiopath.se)) is a research programme that consists of an interdisciplinary group of researchers with expertise in biodiversity research, life-cycle assessment, biodiversity prioritisation approaches, sustainable finance, economics, political science, accounting, policy processes, law and governance, and digital innovation. The aim of BIOPATH is that the knowledge and innovations generated in BIOPATH are widely integrated into decision-making in industry and the financial system, thereby contributing to a transformative change that will turn the financial system into an important driver for halting and reversing the loss of biodiversity. With the help of AI techniques, we will together with partners from industry and the financial system develop novel and innovative tools.

The **strict** deadline for answering the survey is **August 31, 2023**.

If you want to preview the survey, please use the “Preview & Print” function on the first page of the survey.

Start answering the survey:

<https://reply.surveymethods.com/go.aspx?u=51213i6oYZK8PCwLk3oyn>

If you cannot use the link above, go to: <https://reply.surveymethods.com/go.aspx?l=2>

and log in with the user name: 51213i6oYZK8PCwLk3oyn

If you have any questions, please contact: [info@mistrabiopath.se](mailto:info@mistrabiopath.se) or [van.cao@fek.lu.se](mailto:van.cao@fek.lu.se)

*Best regards,*

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