

## Mitigation Hierarchy News

Dear IMEC members and friends,

This is a brief update for the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management's **Impact Mitigation and Ecological Compensation** (IMEC) thematic group. A more comprehensive update will follow next month, including information on the webinar program for the year. If you've any items to include in the next newsletter, please share them with me: [m.maron@uq.edu.au](mailto:m.maron@uq.edu.au).

As always, feel free to share this email with colleagues and encourage them to become members. They can do this by joining the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management [here](#) and select IMEC as a group of interest. If already a member of the CEM, you can join via the Union Members Portal, [here](#).

### IMEC UPDATES

#### IMEC Webinar series

Our final webinar for 2022 featured Mariana Sarmiento of Terrasos in Colombia, and Andréia Mello from FUNBIO in Brazil, sharing their extensive experience on Implementation of habitat banking: a South American perspective. The [recording is available here](#) for anyone who missed it – thank you Mariana and Andréia for leading such a compelling session!

#### Nature Positive Working Group

[Mark Johnston](#) represented the work of the Nature Positive working group at CoP 15, sharing the **attached** summary paper prepared by the group. The group is close to finalising their report on Nature Positive for business. IMEC is planning a post-CoP discussion session to examine the result of the Global Biodiversity Framework negotiations and the implications for nature positive, impact mitigation and ecological compensation – stay tuned for details soon.

#### Proposed new IUCN Task Force on Dams

The CEM has been asked to provide feedback and input to the implementation of [IUCN Resolution 134 - Protecting the Lower Congo River from large hydro-electric dam developments](#), and more specifically the concept of an [IUCN Task Force on Dams](#). If any IMEC members have expertise/interest in these matters, please contact me and Commission Chair Angela Andrade: [angela.andrade@iucn.org](mailto:angela.andrade@iucn.org)

#### Other updates

##### Position available at TotalEnergies

Antoine Escalas shares that TotalEnergies is looking for a Biodiversity and Net Gain Specialist - see [advert](#). They seek people with experience at the interface of the industry and

biodiversity conservation, typically someone from the consulting space, with experience supporting large extractives to meet lender standards, in various geographies.

### **Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership**

A new feature on the GIZ-UNEP [Sustainable Infrastructure Tool Navigator](#) includes a database of case studies that highlight the use of some of the tools available on the site. The new case study feature is available here: <https://sustainable-infrastructure-tools.org/case-studies/>

### **New Publications**

- Joël Houdet has shared a new position paper on [Quality biodiversity footprint assessments in practice: Why organisational biodiversity accounting matters](#), setting out fundamentals of sound biodiversity measurement and accounting.
- Diego Juffe Bignoli shares a new paper published in Nature Scientific Data: [The African Development Corridors Database: a new tool to assess the impacts of infrastructure investments](#) Led by Jessica Thorn, Diego, Ben Mwangi and Rob Marchant, the paper was developed under the [Development Corridors Partnership project](#)
- Nicole Shumway has led a new paper on [Exploring the risks and benefits of flexibility in biodiversity offset location in a case study of migratory shorebirds](#), which looks at what we'd need to know to be able to confidently exchange biodiversity losses and gains over long distances (and whether we can ever really know it).
- Liisa Varumo and colleagues from Finland published a paper on the "[social acceptance of biodiversity offsetting](#)" in Finland. From 21 semi-structured interviews with developers and companies, municipal planners, and government agencies, they found that ecological and economic considerations were predominant in offsetting policies and practice, and that acceptance would be improved with more consideration for local and social values issues. This is particularly true for community acceptance, which is critically important for the long-term success of offset implementation.
- Also from Finland, Nina Nygren, Ville Kankainen and Lucas Brunet developed a "serious game" to model how offsetting policies could play out. The way offsetting was framed, including the key "players" and the "resources" they play with, has considerable impact on the game design. They describe this in the paper [Offsetting Game—Framing Environmental Issues in the Design of a Serious Game](#).