



A LITTLE BLUE RESEARCH CASE STUDY

Identifying environmental impacts and dependencies in the supply chain

Client name: 'Big four' consultancy

Client size: 16,000+ Employees

Little Blue Research assisted a 'Big four' consultancy in conducting a natural capital materiality assessment across its key suppliers

Service: Nature Readiness

Type: NATURAL

Assessment location: UK

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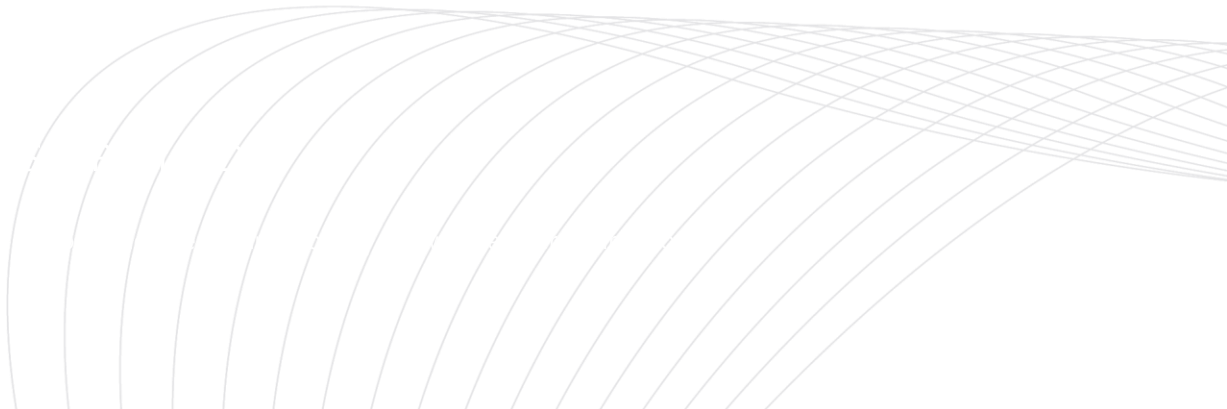
Case Study details

Client need

Little Blue Research supported a 'Big four' consultancy to gain a greater understanding of their impacts and dependencies on nature across their supply chain by undertaking a materiality based analysis. The project also aimed to provide an analysis of available supplier data to identify where gaps in information exist and to set out a series of next steps to support embedding nature-related issues into the procurement process.

The challenge

- Obtaining information and data availability on nature across the supply chain
- Converting internal procurement taxonomy to standardised industry classifications to enable screening based on nature-related impacts and dependencies
- Analysing biodiversity related responses to investor focused questionnaires from the Climate Disclosure Project (CDP) to benchmark supplier performance
- Selecting key suppliers for additional interviews and review of biodiversity and nature-related approaches to the sourcing of products.





Outputs and results

- ✓ Interviews with procurement and ESG teams to understand how nature related risks and impacts are identified and accounted for, and identify available data
- ✓ Setting out options for with a focus on key suppliers procurement criteria based on sector level impact and dependency screening
- ✓ Review of key suppliers using publicly available information to identify nature-related impacts and dependencies and further engagement with 3 selected suppliers
- ✓ Outputs of a screening process for nature-related impacts and dependencies using data from the Exploring Natural Capital Opportunities, Risks and Exposure (ENCORE) tool¹

What happened next

The consultancy firm are using the findings of this project to help support an update to their internal strategy in relation to sustainable procurement and to help develop an approach to mitigating nature-related risk within the supply chain.

¹ ENCORE Partners (Global Canopy, UNEP FI, and UNEP-WCMC) (2023). ENCORE: Exploring Natural Capital Opportunities, Risks and Exposure. [On-line], [2023], Cambridge, UK: the ENCORE Partners. Available at: <https://encorenature.org>. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.34892/dz3x-y059>



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