

UNDP BIOFIN – TNFD Training

Nature and your organisation – the purpose of the TNFD

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In this video…

1. Introduction to the TNFD

Key Objectives

- Understand the background of the TNFD – and what guidance and value it provides to your organisation.

Introduction to the TNFD

What is the TNFD

Recommendations and guidance on the globally recognised approach to assessing, managing, and reporting nature-related issues

Despite their economic and financial importance, few organisations have been systematically assessing and disclosing their nature-related issues – that is, dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.

The Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) recommendations and additional guidance provide a way for organisations to disclose their nature-related issues, aligned with the global sustainability reporting baseline, existing and emerging regulatory requirements and in response to growing demands from investors for more information.



How does the TNFD fit in the regulatory landscape?

The TNFD builds upon existing frameworks, and provides the guidelines and frameworks for future regulations



- The TNFD builds upon existing frameworks such as the TCFD, GRI, and IFRS standards
- It draws from scientific bodies, international NGOs, established metric sources, and best practice guidance for aspects such as scenario planning and stakeholder engagement.
- It provides the go-to nature-related risk disclosure guidelines on a voluntary basis and will be the foundation for future nature-related regulations.

How the TNFD can help your organisation

Assessment and disclosure of nature-related issues can build organisational and market resilience

The TNFD recommendations and additional guidance provide companies and financial institutions of all sizes with the tools to **identify**, **assess**, **manage** and, where appropriate, **disclose** their nature-related issues.

Internal assessment of nature-related issues by organisations enables:

- improved understanding of nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities
- better corporate strategy, governance and risk management and capital allocation decision-making
- repositioning of business models and value chains to build resilience
- taking action to avoid and minimise negative impacts on nature and contribute to nature-positive outcomes
- the ability to stay ahead of evolving regional and global regulations and policies

Nature-related financial disclosures by organisations enable:

- improved accountability on corporate strategy, governance and risk management decision-making
- more informed investment decisions and active ownership strategies
- the inclusion of nature when looking at potential impacts on future cash flow and the value of a company
- transparency on alignment with relevant regulations

Core principles of TNFD

The TNFD was established with 7 core principles behind it

Market usability
Directly usable and valuable to market participants, corporates and financial institutions

Science based
Scientifically anchored approach, incorporating well-established and emerging scientific evidence

Nature-related dependency, impacts, risks and opportunities
Focus on dependencies and impacts on nature as well as risks and opportunities to organisations

Climate-nature nexus
Reflect the inherent connectedness of climate and nature challenges and the importance of nature-based solutions

Globally inclusive
Ensure the framework and approach is relevant, just, valuable, accessible and affordable worldwide, including in emerging and developed markets

Purpose driven
A bias towards enabling organisations to act sooner rather than later

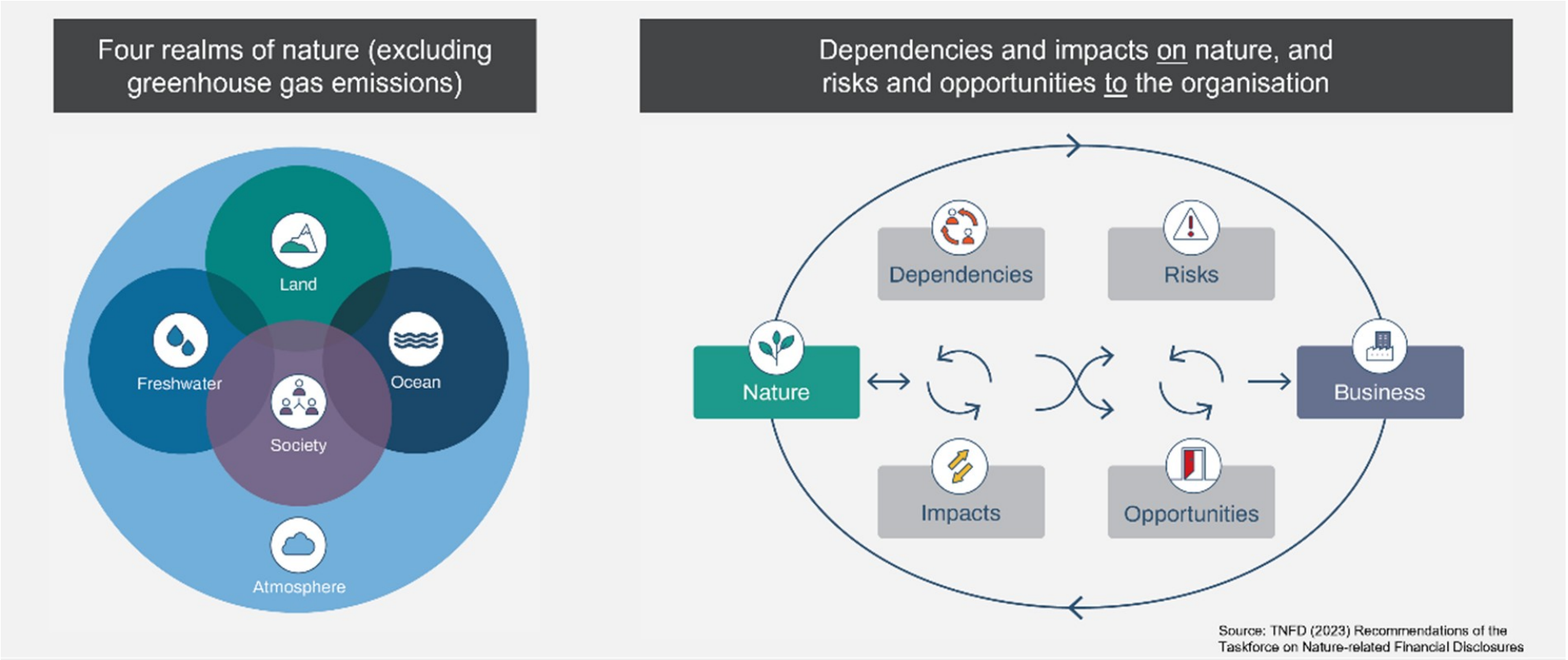
Integrated and adaptive
Designed to work with existing risk management processes in business and finance

Source: TNFD (2023) Recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures



What does the TNFD cover?

An organisations nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities



Relevance of the TNFD – who's interested?

The TNFD recommendations have been designed to be used by a wide range of stakeholders

The TNFD recommendations are designed to be used by organisations seeking or needing to provide decision-useful sustainability information to investors and other stakeholders

- **Investors and financial institutions**
- **Corporates**
- **Stock exchanges**
- **Assurance and accounting firms**
- **Regulators**
- **Data providers, credit rating es and financial service ers**

Conceptual foundations for the TNFD disclosures

The TNFD recommendations align with and support the global nature policy and disclosure landscape



Materiality as the basis of disclosure



Recognise different approaches to materiality



Encourage a comprehensive approach to the identification and assessment of nature-related issues



Support for increasing the breadth and depth of disclosure ambition over time, consistent with both the ISSB and GRI standards and the global policy goals and targets in the Global Biodiversity Framework

Source: TNFD

To disclose or not to disclose

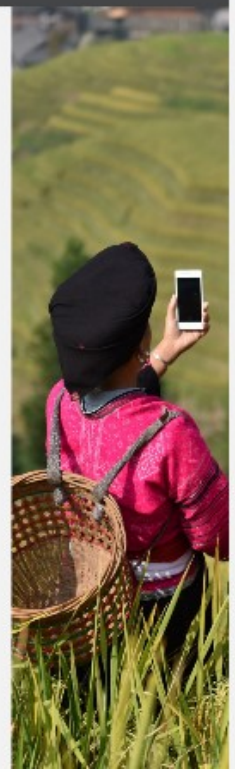
*All organisations should assess their nature-related issues even if they do not **disclose** them*

Who needs to **assess** their nature-related issues?

All organisations – large or small – publicly owned or privately held – should assess the nature-related issues associated with their operations and business model because:

- the acceleration of nature loss and the declining resilience of nature can have negative impacts on any business
- all businesses can lighten their footprint on nature and help contribute to nature-positive outcomes

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Who needs to **disclose** their nature-related issues?

Many organisations need to disclose their nature-related issues to comply with current and future regulatory requirements by governments and to meet the growing needs for decision-useful data from the likes of stock exchanges and investors.

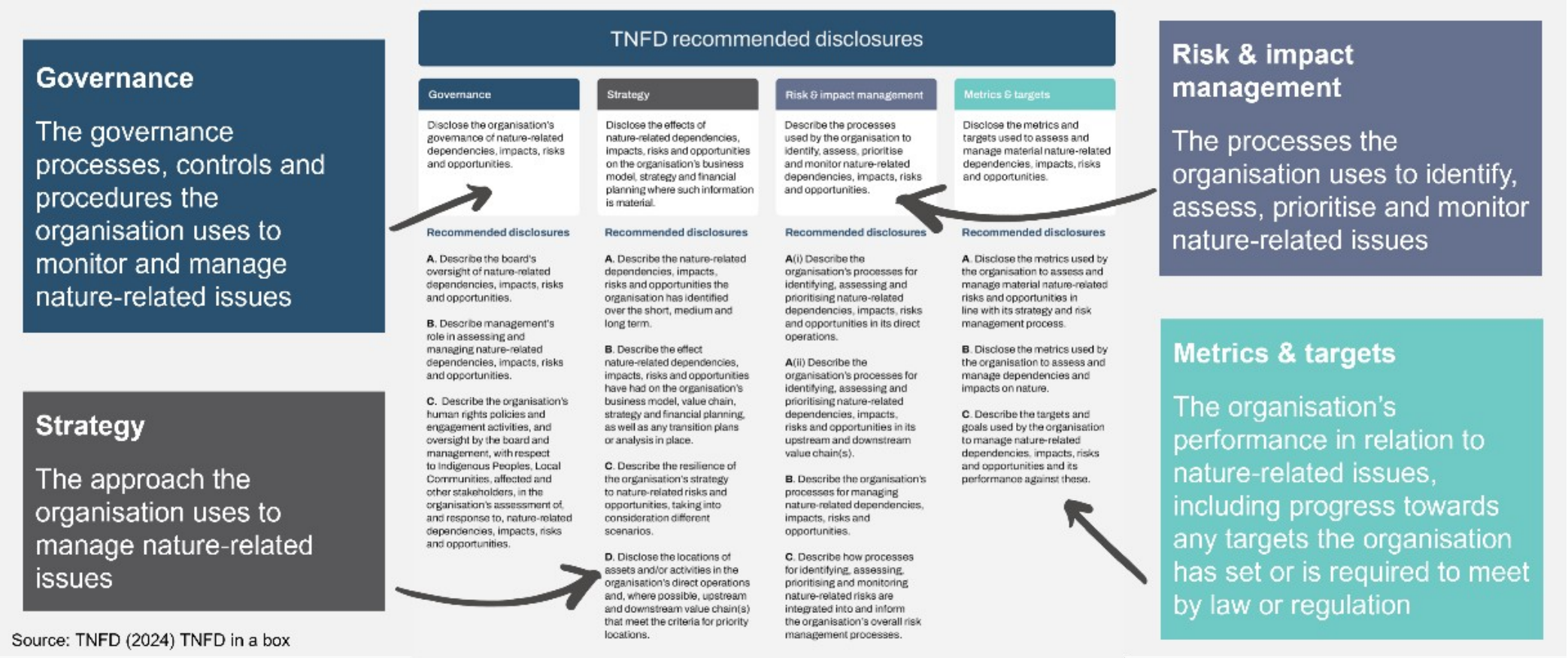
Some organisations may wish to voluntarily disclose their nature-related issues to show their commitment to sustainability and/or industry leadership position.

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What are the recommended TNFD disclosures?

14 recommended disclosures across four pillars



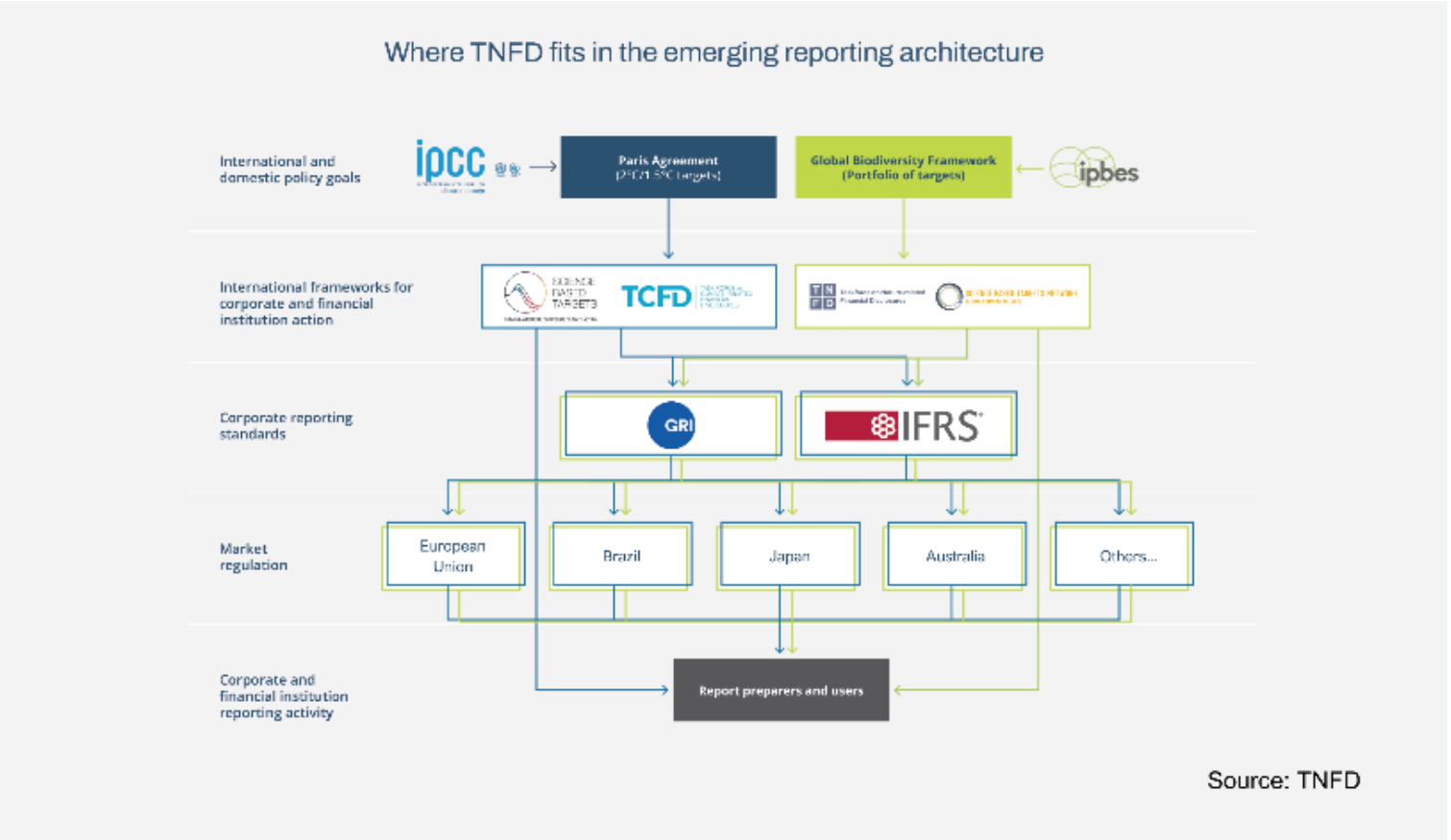
Source: TNFD (2024) TNFD in a box

How is the TNFD being used in practice?

Market participants are getting started with the TNFD on a voluntary basis while regulation evolves

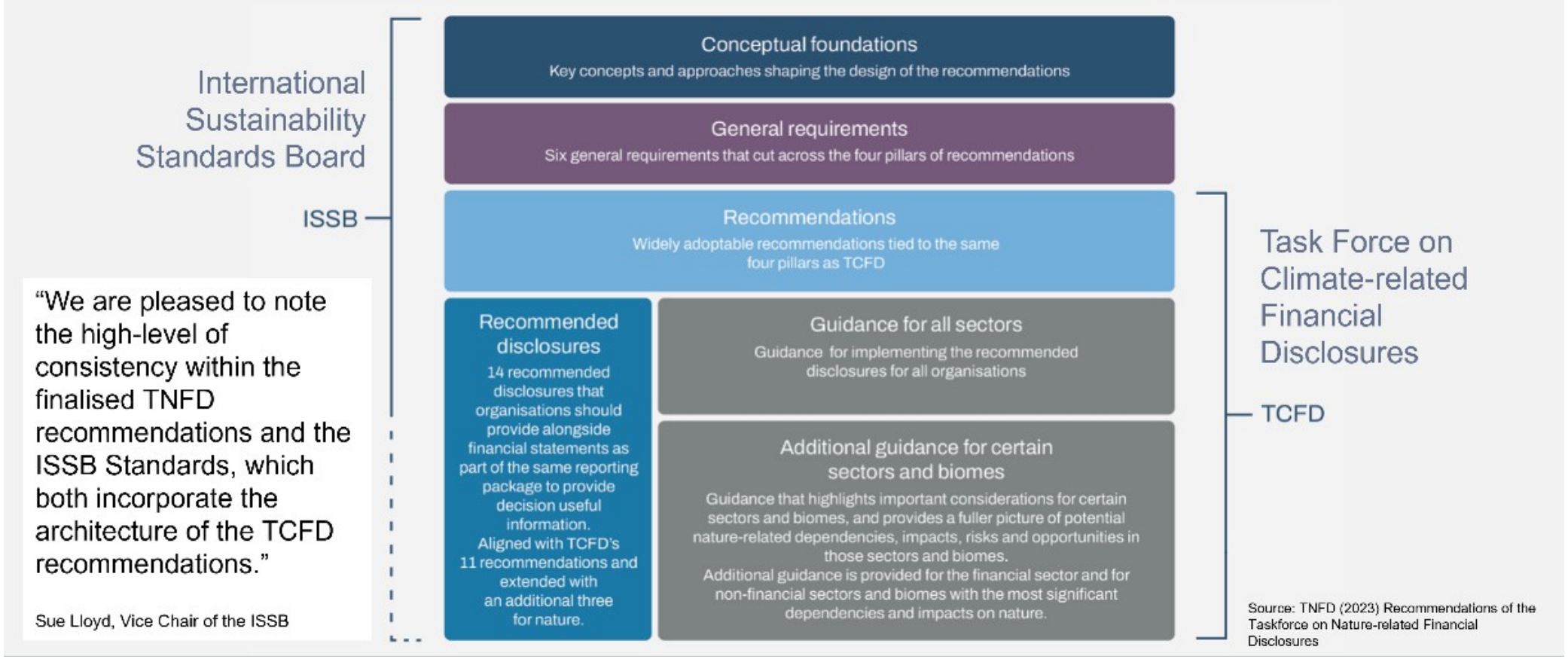
- **Pathways to adoption**

1. Financial institutions and companies start adopting on a voluntary basis while nature-disclosure standards develop further.
2. The TNFD recommendations inform further standards development.
3. The TNFD recommendations inform regulatory developments.



Alignment of the TNFD with ISSB and TCFD

Close alignment enables a joined-up approach to climate and nature-related disclosures



Double Materiality vs Single Materiality

How the TNFD views materiality

A key difference between the TNFD and the regulations of the future is the concept of **double materiality.**

Existing regulations such as the ISSB standards require financial institutions to disclose on single materiality → *How climate change / nature loss can financially affect the firm.*

The TNFD (and other best practices disclosures such as the EU CSRD) instead incorporate double materiality → *How climate change / nature loss can financially affect the firm* **and** *how the firm can affect climate change / nature.*

Single Materiality

"Outside-in", how climate/nature affects the FI



Double Materiality

The FIs impact on climate/nature



Climate/nature's impact on the FI

Step-by-step assessment guidance: the LEAP approach

An optional approach to help organisations identify and assess nature-related issues



Source: TNFD (2024) TNFD in a box

Four phases broken down into 16 analytical components, each framed by a set of guiding questions

Extra guidance – sectors and biomes

Additional sector-specific and biome-specific guidance is available for organisations operating across a range of sectors and biomes

Additional guidance has been produced for the following sectors:

Final guidance & metrics

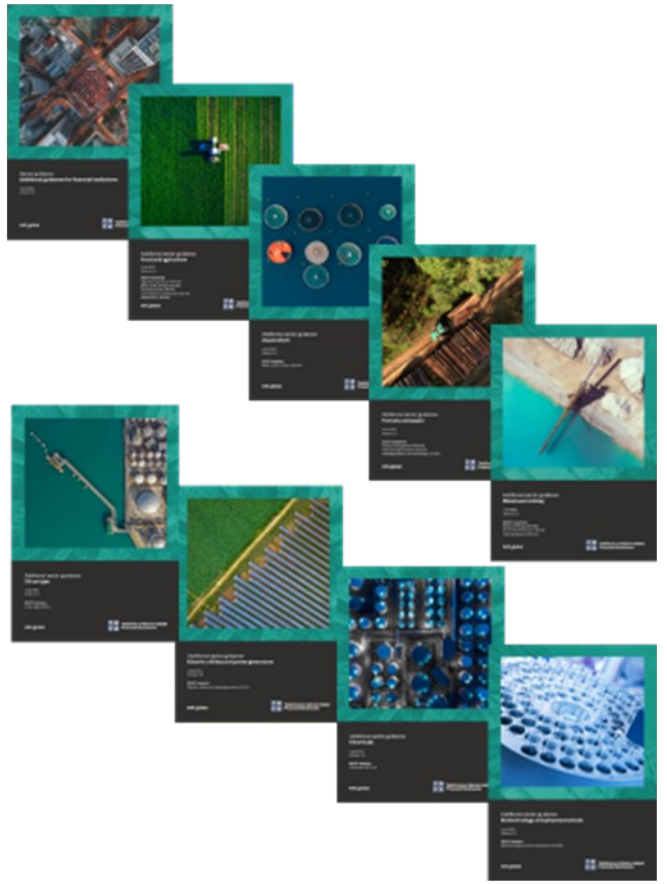
- Apparel, accessories & footwear
- Aquaculture
- Beverages
- Biotech & pharma
- Chemicals
- Construction materials
- Electric utilities & power generators
- Engineering, construction & real estate
- Financial institutions
- Food & agriculture
- Forestry & paper
- Metals & mining
- Oil and gas

Draft guidance and metrics has been produced for:

- Fishing
- Marine transportation & cruise lines
- Water utilities & services

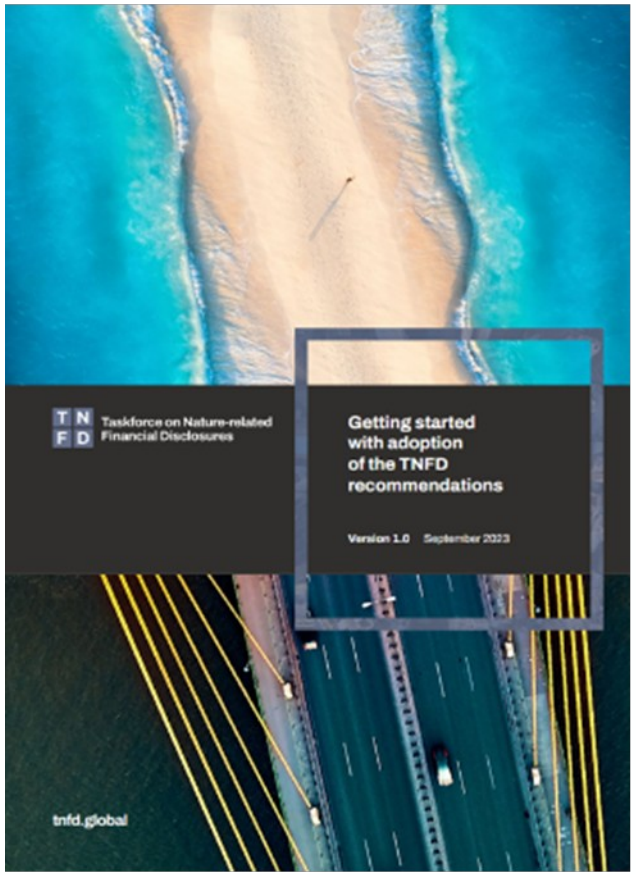
Guidance has also been developed for companies that are producing, operating or sourcing in the following biomes:

- tropical forests
- savannas and grasslands
- intensive land-use systems
- rivers and streams
- marine shelf



Extra guidance – getting started

There is guidance to support your organisation to get started with the TNFD recommendations



Seven key steps to get you started and increase your TNFD disclosure ambition over time



Key take-home messages

1

There is a range of tools and datasets available that corporates and financial institutions can use to assess, disclose and manage nature-related issues.

2

Organisations should familiarise themselves with the relevant tools applicable to their sector(s) and the biomes that they either directly or indirectly interface with.

3

Organisations should not hesitate to get started by assessing how they can access the necessary data, identifying what nature-related data could be covered using primary, secondary or proxy data, and then setting out plans for how they can improve access to quality data over time.

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