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Across more than a decade of work IUCN NL has designed, implemented, and assessed Nature-based Solutions (NbS) at every scale, from community-led landscape restoration to policy frameworks.

We have mobilised €19.5 million in NbS finance, supported twelve investment-ready business cases, contributed to wetland restoration roadmaps feeding into EU climate and biodiversity targets, designed NbS assessment tools based on the IUCN Global Standard, and helped partners across sectors understand what good NbS looks like in practice.

Our work covers the full NbS cycle: from design and assessment, through implementation and monitoring, to knowledge sharing and policy advocacy. As a member of the IUCN network and a promoter of the IUCN Global Standard for NbS, we bring both the knowledge of international standards and the direct on-the-ground experience.

FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

Nature-based Solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems in ways that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously benefiting people and nature. IUCN NL engages with this approach as a programme implementer, knowledge partner, and independent advisor. Our core capabilities include:



NbS quality assessment and gap analysis using the IUCN Global Standard, including the development of assessment tools



Training and capacity building for organisations wishing to design and implement NbS that meet international standards



Landscape and inclusive governance approaches to develop business cases and NbS strategies that engage local communities, governments, and the private sector



Ecosystem-based adaptation to support communities and organisations in implementing climate adaptation measures through NbS



Conservation finance and innovative funding models, including nature-based carbon projects and investment facilitation



Policy engagement to mainstream NbS at national, EU, and international levels

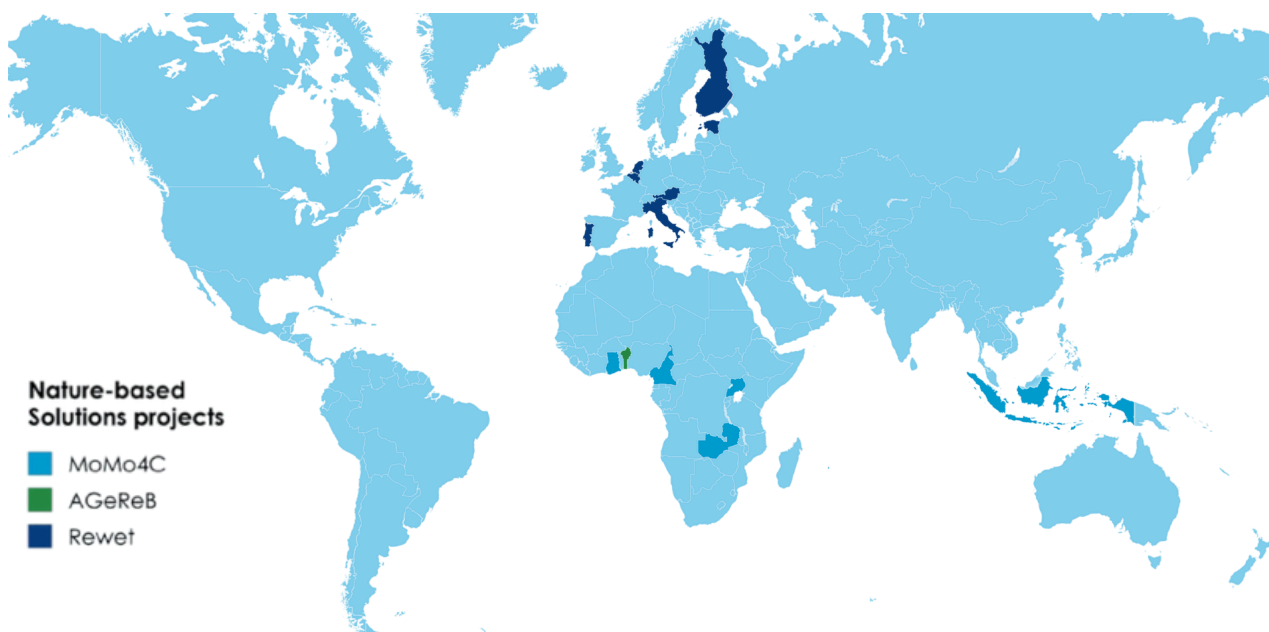
Our trusted capabilities, knowledge and experience are put to use in the Netherlands, Europe and even worldwide.

CREATING DOMESTIC SOLUTIONS

In the Netherlands, IUCN NL contributes its NbS expertise to [NL2120](#), a large-scale national programme bringing together governments, civil society organisations, companies, and knowledge institutes to develop knowledge for upscaling Nature-based Solutions in the Dutch delta.

In our advisory role, IUCN NL was commissioned by the Dutch water company Waternet to assess the NbS quality of the Blue Deal partnership portfolio against the IUCN Global Standard. We designed and applied a tailored assessment tool across diverse projects, providing each with concrete recommendations to better align with the Standard's eight criteria, helping partners understand what strong NbS looks like in practice.

SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBAL NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS



Mobilising More for Climate (MoMo4C)

Through [Mobilising More for Climate \(MoMo4C\)](#), IUCN NL and partners supported social organisations and entrepreneurs across six countries and different landscapes to design and implement nature-based solutions in biodiverse, climate-resilient landscapes.

Applying a landscape and inclusive governance approach, we helped develop early-stage NbS business cases attracting public, philanthropic, and private finance across sectors including agri-food, biodiversity, water, forestry, and landscape regeneration.

The programme leveraged €19.5 million in public, philanthropic, and private finance, sustainably managed 148,716 hectares, and reached 157,325 people through successful business cases, demonstrating that investing in NbS can deliver tangible benefits for both people and the planet.

- Find more info on our website [MoMo4C](#)

AGeReB

We work with local partners to restore and protect mangrove ecosystems as a nature-based solution for climate mitigation, coastal resilience, and community livelihoods.

Our role covers NbS business case development, community engagement, and the design of a blue carbon project component, applying the IUCN NbS Standard and free, prior, and informed consent principles throughout.

A feasibility study supported by IUCN NL projected certification potential of approximately 402,841 tonnes of CO₂-equivalent over 30 years.

- Find more info on our website [AGeReB](#)



Within this EU-funded programme with 17 consortium partners, IUCN NL has led the policy workstream and contributed to investigating the potential of wetlands for sustainable restoration and conservation as a nature-based solution for climate mitigation and adaptation. This included biodiversity monitoring, greenhouse gas measurement, and carbon absorption analysis. The work was done across seven open field laboratories, including 1,000 hectares of peatland in National Park Weerribben-Wieden. We have also created numerous policy briefs and restoration roadmaps feeding into EU 2030 climate and biodiversity targets.

- Find more info on our website [REWET](#)



Want to know more?

Visit our website for all information on Nature-based Solutions [IUCN NL](#)



Work with us

IUCN is the worldwide authority on the status of nature and the necessary conservation measures. Through its contacts, IUCN NL bundles the experience, knowledge and network of over 1400 authorities, social organisations, knowledge institutions and over 15,000 experts.

Contact us to let you know how we can help you realise your Nature-based Solutions.



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