

## ASI Nature Working Group – Call 5 – Meeting Notes – 24 September 2025

### Agenda points:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Recap of feedback received over July/August: auditability review, feasibility review, and technical expert feedback
3. Air Quality
4. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
5. Next steps

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### Discussion Notes:

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Recap of feedback received over July/August: auditability review, feasibility review, and technical expert feedback**
  - ASI gave an update on the results of the feasibility review, auditability review, and technical expert feedback.
  - On 'significant spills' in outcomes-based requirements to show 'no significant spills: there was a broad agreement that 'significant' must be anchored in location/type of material/impact/containment, as opposed to just a volume threshold. **Action:** Secretariat to draft objective guidance around what a significant spill could be.
3. **Air Quality**

- On minimum requirements: there was agreement to replace ‘activities generating significant amounts of dust’ (5.3.1.2) and adjust language to use ‘material risks related to dust emissions’.
- There was a discussion on whether to reference the impact on workers when considering risks from dust mobilisation. There were mixed views: some prefer to keep H&S separate as it often involves different teams in an organisation, others felt keeping this in the same section could encourage a cross-disciplinary approach. ASI proposes to keep reference to workers for now and get further input through public consultation.
- On dust deposition thresholds – it was discussed that the current indicator is very specific. Some Entities are not measuring dust deposition at all; others measure airborne dust as general practice. Appropriate levels of dust may vary significantly by region and climate. It was also noted that there are several overlaps between the dust related indicators and broader air quality management plan.

**Action:** ASI to revise this section to focus on demonstrating continual improvements in dust emissions/ impacts as per targets set in the overall air quality management plan – with guidance suggesting different methodologies or metrics that could be used. This will allow for flexibility depending on context.

**Action:** ASI to look at including broader public disclosure on air quality targets (and monitoring) as part of the air quality plan (including dust where material). This could include consultation and continual engagement with affected communities (especially for mines) in terms of how targets are set and whether they deem those levels to be appropriate.

#### 4. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

- The WG discussed the options to hardwire materiality for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services vs allowing Entities to assess their own risk level. The Secretariat explained that there would also be a high-level derogation process could be introduced for Entities that fall into a ‘high risk/high impact’, but for exceptional reasons, do not have that impact. This would need to be made very clear in the public audit report.
- **Action:** ASI to maintain hard-wired approach for public consultation draft but with some adjustments to remove Smelting specifically and allow this to be addressed by ‘*other Entities with material risks to Biodiversity*’
- **Action:** ASI to consider whether simple standardised screening questions/assessment on Biodiversity risk could be developed as part of the Self-Assessment (for those Entities that are not hardwired as high materiality), i.e. IUCN Red List Species

#### 5. Next Steps

- Upcoming call: 20th of October, 15:00–16:30 CEST. This will be the last call for Phase I of the Working Group, aiming to wrap up and discuss any last open questions (tbd based on feedback received)
- Draft access: current version remains open until the end of the week. After that, the Secretariat will close the comments and work on incorporating feedback received through the 24th of September meeting and any feedback in the draft. This will be the

last round of opportunity to give feedback before drafts are finalised ahead of public consultation.

- First phase of public consultation is tentatively anticipated for Q1 2026, to be confirmed