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TNFD launches recommendations for upgrading the nature data value chain for market participants

(Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 1, 2025) The Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) has finalized its pilot program *Recommendations for upgrading the nature data value chain for market participants*. The Centre for Agri-Food Benchmarking contributed to this work through the direct involvement of our Environment Block committee members. The findings—including a publicly available set of recommendations—mark an important milestone for collaborative data efforts.

“Our Coalition Partners came together to ensure that the agri-food sector had a voice in this important conversation,” said Amanda Richardson, Executive Director at the Center for Agri-Food Benchmarking. “The project produced eight key recommendations to guide future efforts. More than 40 data providers contributed to the pilot, submitting a total of 120 datasets. Through its Coalition of Partners, the Centre actively contributed 10 datasets.”

During May and June of this year, members of the Environment Block committee convened to identify potential datasets for inclusion. Following engaged discussions, members proposed, reviewed and selected 10 relevant datasets. Between August and September, participating partners completed forms and provided detailed information to support the project.

These collaborative efforts culminated in eight key recommendations designed to guide future work. For the Centre, they offer valuable guidance in developing technical specifications through its data sourcing protocol. They also help position Canadian agri-food organizations and datasets within a global context—supporting alignment and standardization across jurisdictions.

The following partners contributed their valuable time and expertise to this initiative:

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute
- Government of Alberta – Environment and Protected Areas
- Government of Alberta – Agriculture and Irrigation
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- Birds Canada

Read TNFD’s complete report [here](#).

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