

Putting Nature on the Balance Sheet

1. Background

We measure capital, labour and financial assets in detail, but the natural systems that make these business fundamentals possible remain largely invisible in conventional accounting.

To help address this gap, The Circle is running a bootcamp series exploring the why, what, and how of accounting for nature.

Delivered over four months, this series will enable Partner participants to:

- Identify and measure natural capital assets and ecosystem services
- Link nature-related data to financial and strategic decisions
- Build the case for incorporating nature into balance sheets and reporting.

2. Purpose

To support the practical application of natural capital accounting within Aotearoa New Zealand through a collaborative, cross-sector process.

3. Objectives

- To facilitate cross-industry collaboration on best practices for natural capital accounting and nature-related financial disclosure.
- To increase understanding, awareness and capability within Aotearoa New Zealand around natural capital concepts, ecosystem services and related global frameworks.
- To equip participating organisations with tools, data and practical skills to begin, or consider, incorporating nature into their balance sheets and reporting processes.

4. Core content

- How to recognise our natural capital assets.
- Accounting for our impacts and dependencies on nature.
- Key global frameworks (e.g. TNFD, ISO 14054, GRI, SDGs, Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, SEEA).
- Relevant NZ frameworks and tools (e.g. Natural Infrastructure: Multiple Benefits Evaluation Framework).

5. Learning Experience

- Practitioner case studies drawing on real-world experience.
- Cross-framework connections and integration.
- Hands-on use of the Data4Nature (D4N) training platform

6. Data4Nature Platform Access

- Training version provided to all participants
- Pre-loaded national and regional geospatial data
- Supports practical understanding of natural capital data, analysis and reporting

7. Participation Interest

Building a shared understanding of how to account for nature benefits us all. That's why our Bootcamp series is complimentary for Partners of The Aotearoa Circle, while non-Partner organisations are welcome to participate for a nominal fee.

To express interest, or find out more, please email **info@theaotearoacircle.nz**