

Nature Positive through a Just Transformation



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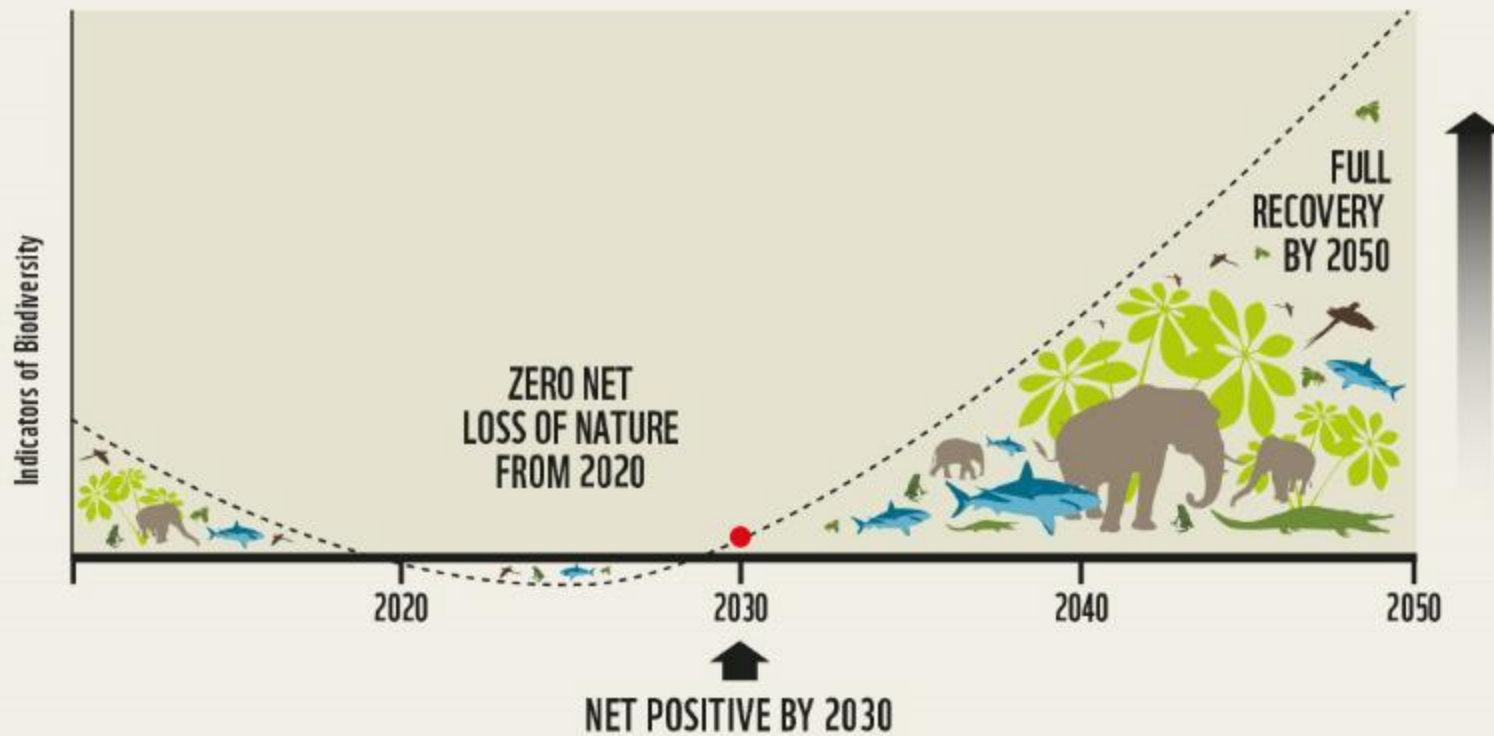
Our presentations

1. Introduction – **Amrei von Hase**, WCS
2. Advances in policy and practice on the mitigation hierarchy in Mozambique - **Hugo Costa**, WCS
3. Involving local communities in delivering conservation and compensation in Guinea - **Suzanne Cotillon**, Biotope
4. Ørsted's approach to delivering biodiversity net positive renewable energy - **Samir Whitaker**, Ørsted
5. Biodiversity credits – what are they and how can they be used? **Steve Edwards**, South Pole



Nature Positive: what does it mean?

Global Goal for Nature: Nature Positive by 2030

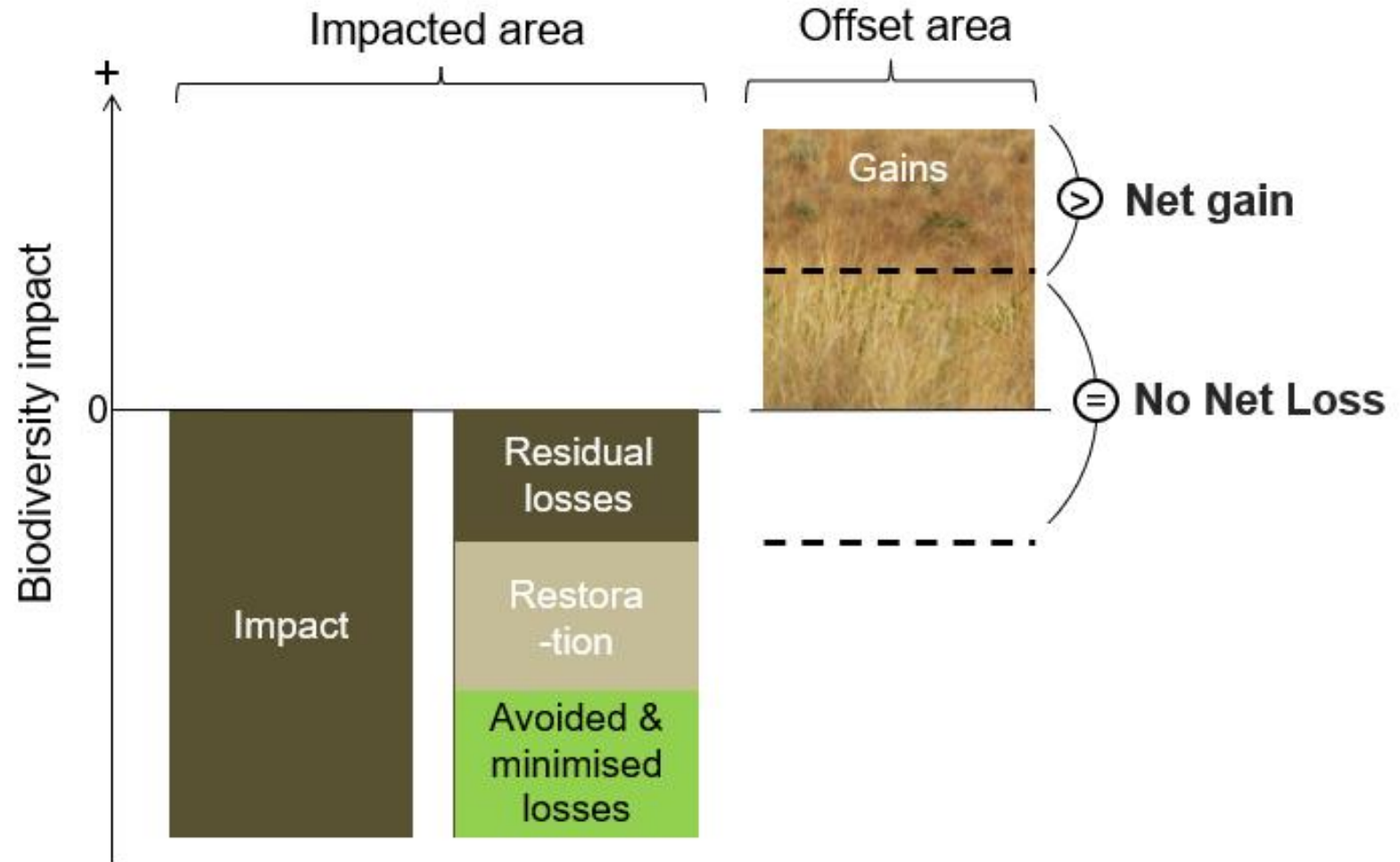


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- More nature in future than we have now
- A societal goal
- Aligns with ambitions in the CBD's Biodiversity Plan: *'to halt and reverse nature loss .. and put nature on a path to recovery..'*
- It is NOT a replacement of the Mitigation Hierarchy but rather builds on and extends this!

What is the Mitigation Hierarchy?

- AVOID, MINIMISE, RESTORE and only after those steps are exhausted and if feasible, OFFSET residual impacts
- This is not new. It just needs to be done better (esp. avoiding losses). Part of this includes tight regulation
- AND, to support Nature Positive:
 - Expand to the value chain
 - Invest in further conservation outcomes



Nature positive and the Mitigation Hierarchy



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Don't dilute the term Nature Positive

E. J. Milner-Gulland

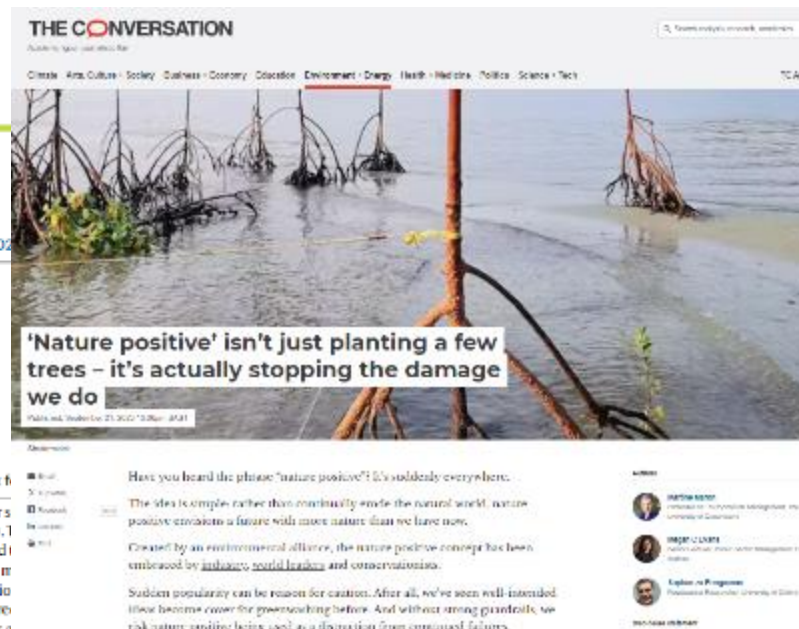
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Nature Positive is an aspirational term that is increasingly being used by businesses, governments and NGOs, but there is a danger that its meaning is being diluted away from measurable overall net nature, argues E.J. Milner-Gulland



<https://www.impactmitigation.org/about-imec>



<https://theconversation.com/nature-positive-isnt-just-planting-a-few-trees-its-actually-stopping-the-damage-we-do-213075>



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'Nature positive' must incorporate, not undermine, the mitigation hierarchy

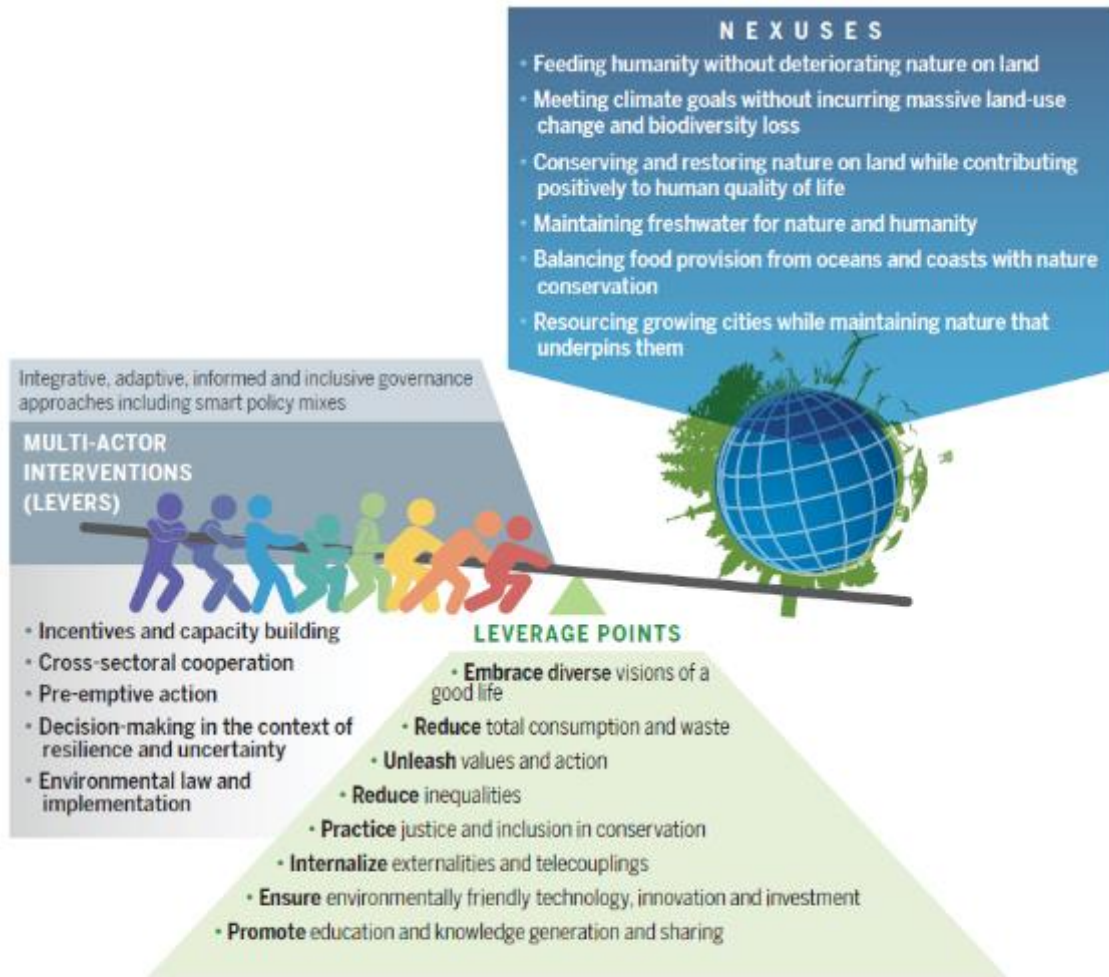
Martine Maron, Fabien Quétier, Mariana Sarmiento, Kerry ten Kate, Megan C. Evans, Joseph W. Bull, Julia P. G. Jones, Sophus O. S. E. zu Ermgassen, E. J. Milner-Gulland, Susie Brownlie, Jo Trewick & Amrei von Hase

For the concept of nature positive to succeed as the lodestar for international action on biodiversity conservation, it must build upon lessons learned from the application of the mitigation hierarchy – or risk becoming mere greenwash.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-023-02199-2>

The concept of nature positive takes matters further: nature positive means more nature in the future than we have now, but that even the impacts we have already had on nature need to be reversed – we certainly cannot afford to accumulate more overall. Because of this, nature positive relies on a foundation of compliance with the mitigation hierarchy. Meeting that and then expanding beyond it towards nature positive is a challenge for all sectors, operations, activities and projects. Whereas the mitigation hierarchy has typically been applied at the level of individual

A Just Transformation



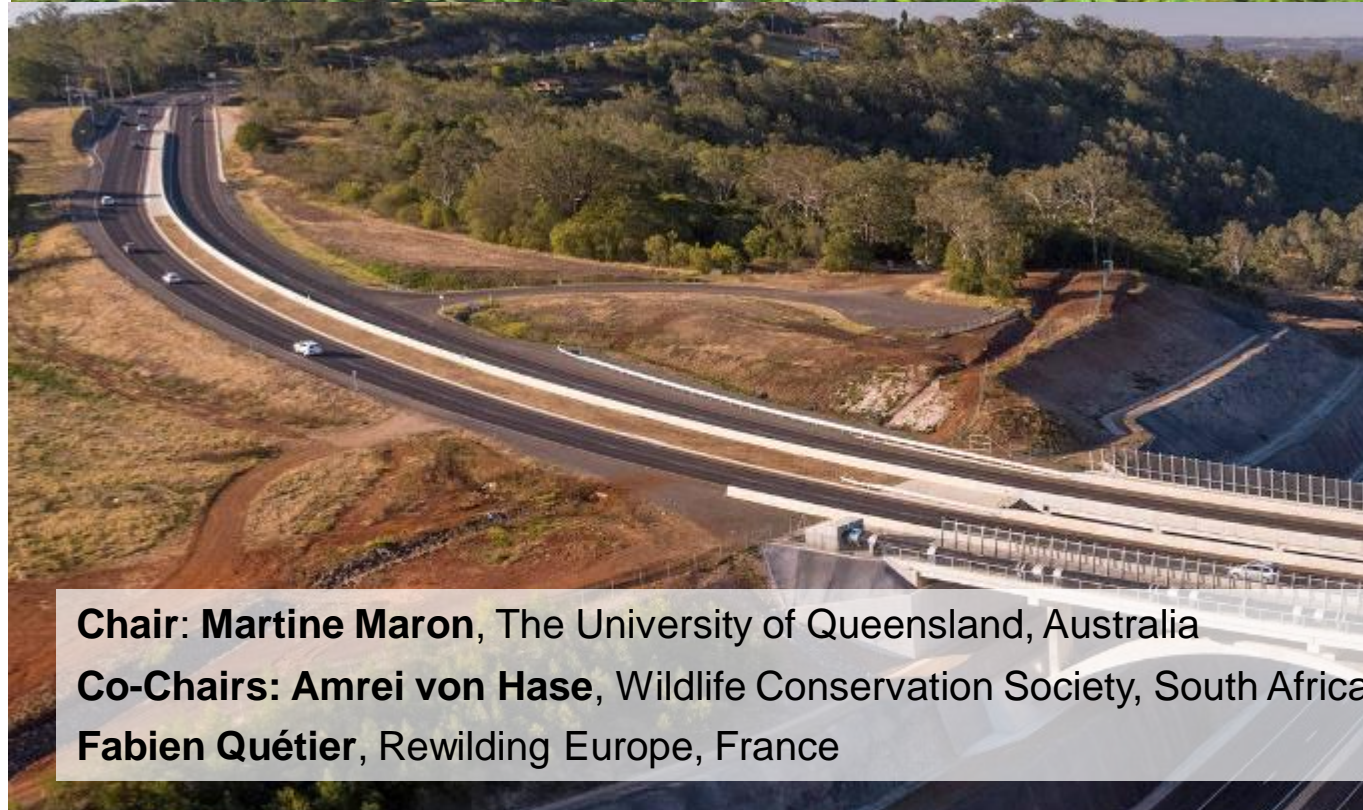
- As called for by the 2019 IPBES Assessment on Biodiversity and ES
- System-level change to achieve outcomes such as Nature Positive
- All actors need to act
- All actors need to be involved in a fair and equitable way (rights and responsibilities shared)

Fig. 7. Enabling transformative change. Collaborative implementation of priority interventions (levers) targeting key points of intervention (leverage points representing major indirect drivers) could enable transformative change from current trends toward more sustainable ones. Effectively addressing these levers and leverage points requires innovative governance approaches and organizing the process around nexuses, representing closely interdependent and complementary goals (1, 94). [Modified from (1).]

Impact Mitigation and Ecological Compensation (IMEC)

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*Guiding best-practice application of the
mitigation hierarchy, and improving
alignment of impact mitigation and
ecological compensation practice with
biodiversity targets*



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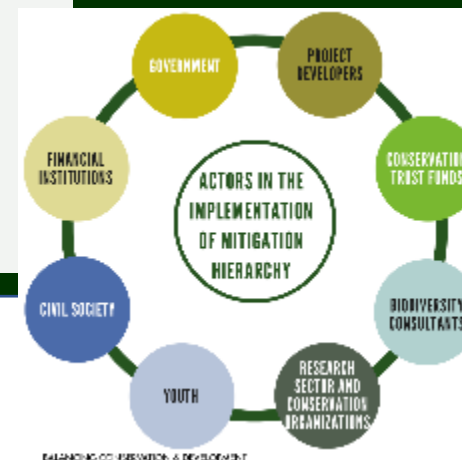
Aims to reconcile economic development and biodiversity conservation



Strategic objectives:

1. **Strengthen policy and governance systems** to support best practice application of the mitigation hierarchy (MH)
2. **Integrate biodiversity data into planning and decision-making** to support impact mitigation and conservation
3. **Develop**, with partners, **models and operational protocols** to implement the MH, incl. offsets
4. **Help build capacity on the MH** and aligning mitigation and biodiversity objectives (national / global goals)

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