

DSM's position on Biodiversity

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At DSM, sustainability is our core value. It is also an important business driver that is fully ingrained in our strategy, business, and operations. Our approach for bringing about positive change is to improve, enable, and advocate. We are committed to create brighter lives for all, by providing sustainable solutions to global megatrends and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as population growth, malnutrition, climate change, and biodiversity loss. Accordingly, we believe that DSM has an important role to play in the conservation of nature.

What is biodiversity?

Biodiversity (= biological diversity) refers to all the variety of life that can be found on Earth (plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms) as well as to the communities that they form and the habitats in which they live.

Our responsibility

At DSM, we value biodiversity and ecosystems services and actively contribute to the preservation thereof, by:

- Building awareness about natural capital, biodiversity, and ecosystems;
- Setting targets that reduce the impact of DSM's operations;
- Assessing and monitoring DSM's impact on protected areas within its vicinity.
- Integrating the value of natural capital into investment decisions (e.g. internal carbon pricing);
- Cooperating in stakeholder dialogues; and
- Fully supporting the ambitions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which are (1) the conservation of biological diversity, (2) the sustainable and safe use of its components, and (3) the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from such use.

DSM's (future) portfolio contributing to preserve biodiversity?

As a leading life sciences company, DSM specializes in the development of new products and processes which use natural, renewable resources more efficiently and minimize environmental impacts. As an example, omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids have multiple health benefits. For the production of farmed fish with optimal omega-3 content, DSM offers microalgal oils obtained by fermentation. This solution reduces the dependency on marine fish (the traditional, main source of omega-3s) and thereby contributes to the preservation of marine biodiversity.

DSM also supports the preservation of biodiversity through sustainable sourcing of renewable raw materials such as palm oil, soy, glycerol, and wood fibers as well as through stakeholder engagement and certifications (e.g. RSPO).

Does DSM comply with the Nagoya Protocol and national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) laws?

DSM is committed to abide by the principles outlined in the Nagoya Protocol and – for genetic resources accessed after entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol – to abide by the applicable national ABS legislation. Still, both providers and users of biological materials face significant challenges in the day-to-day implementation of the associated compliance obligations. DSM is committed to address and timely resolve these challenges and engages in dialogues at an international level towards an effective, proportionate, and innovation-friendly framework that supports the ambitions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and that is best suited to address the global socio-economic challenges.