Baseline assessment worksheet

Category	Sub-category	Questions	Suggestions	Comments
Context	Birds-eye-view	What habitats are there on your site? Where does your site sit vis-à-vis natural assets and institutions in the wider landscape?	Use Google Maps, or similar, to contextualise your site in the wider landscape.	
	Ecoregion	In which Ecoregion is your site located?	Use the UN Biodiversity Lab 'Terrestrial Biomes (Ecoregions2017)' dataset.	
		What are the key ecological characteristics of this Ecoregion?	Search Wikipedia for a concise description of your Ecoregion.	
	Protected Areas	What are the names and sizes of the nearest protected areas?	Use the UN Biodiversity Lab 'Protected Areas' dataset.	
		How could your site connect to these protected areas and help advance their conservation objectives?	Consider strengthening ecological corridors, buffer zones and stepping stones.	
	Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)	Are there any KBAs nearby? What species or habitats do they support?	Use the KBA Database to find details on local KBAs.	
		How can your site contribute to KBA conservation priorities?	Consider planting native flora to support local pollinators.	
	Climate and disaster risks	What are the main climate and disaster risks facing your site?	Visit PREPdata or WWF Water Risk Filter to explore the implications of a range of climate scenarios.	
	Citizen science data	What species have been spotted on or near to your site?	Visit iNaturalist for local records of rare and common wildlife.	
		What is the quality of local freshwater bodies?	Visit FreshWater Watch for data on freshwater pollution.	

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Natural assets	Natural and semi-natural habitats	What existing green spaces, vegetation, or water features are present on your site or nearby?	Look for woodland, meadows, gardens, ponds and rivers.	
	Wildlife observations	What species or wildlife activity have been observed at your site?	Listen for bird calls and buzzing. Look our for burrows and tracks. Use PlantSnap, Google Lens, and Merlin Bird ID.	
Pressures	Degradation	Are there degraded areas, invasive species (e.g. non-native weeds), or pollution sources near your site?	Look for evidence of soil erosion, trampling, litter, and overuse of pesticides.	
	Human pressures	What human activities at and around your site might impact biodiversity negatively?	Look for excessive mowing, lighting disturbances, noise pollution or barriers to movement.	
Opportunities	Habitat enhancement	Are there unused or degraded spaces that could be revitalised for biodiversity?	Look for underused or neglected areas.	
	Species conservation	How can your site support native species or habitats identified in the desk-based research?	For example, creating pollinator pathways or installing bird boxes.	
	Partnerships and collaboration	Are there any institutions or venues nearby that could present opportunities for collaboration?	Look for schools, public institutions, and other sports clubs.	

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