



Measuring nature and biodiversity – Supporting nature positive outcomes

Biodiversity economics and finance

- **Tuesday 1st October 2024**
12.00pm – 1.30pm (Australian Western Standard Time)

ONLINE EVENT

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As Australia prepares to host the [Global Nature Positive Summit 2024](#) in Sydney in October, we put a spotlight on the challenges in how nature and biodiversity can be valued and measured.

This event explores critical areas of need such as:

- How do we boost investment in nature repair and regeneration and establish effective natural capital financial structures to support sustainable biodiversity management?
- What are the considerations for quantifying gains in the journey from net zero to nature positive?
- What tools and measurement approaches are required to report on the value and benefits to nature and how can community values and traditional knowledge be incorporated into this measurement?

WABSI is developing a timely, new Biodiversity Economics and Finance Program that will work towards answering these and other key science questions. This will help position Western Australia as a leader in natural capital and will enable organisations to have greater clarity for prioritising the environment in management decisions.

Registrations are essential.

Speakers

SPEAKER



Associate Professor Ram Pandit

Research Director, WABSI Biodiversity Economics and Finance Program

Ram is an environmental and resource economist with over 20 years of teaching, research and professional experiences in the field of conservation and development in both developing and developed countries.

In addition to his role at WABSI, Ram is an Associate Professor at the UWA School of Agriculture and Environment where he teaches courses on environmental, resource, and development economics. He has an active research agenda in biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services fields, including economics of threatened species conservation, and socio-economic impacts of protected area policies.

Ram has contributed to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Assessments as an expert in different capacities, including as a Coordinating Lead Author of Land Degradation and Restoration Assessment (2018) and as a Lead Author of Values Assessment (2022). He currently contributes to IPBES's ongoing Transformative Change Assessment as a Lead Author.

Ram is a member of the Editorial Boards of journals *Forest Policy and Economics* (Elsevier), *Ecosystems and People* (Taylor & Francis), and *Wetlands Ecology and Management* (Springer). He is the founding coordinator of the Unit 9.04.05 Economics of Biodiversity and Protected Areas of the International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO). He also holds a visiting faculty position at the Hokkaido University in Japan.

Speakers (cont'd)

FACILITATOR



Professor Owen Nevin

Chief Executive Officer, The Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute (WABSI)

Owen is an experienced conservation biologist and research leader and is the Chief Executive Officer of The Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute (WABSI). Owen's research work has focused on advancing the conservation of threatened species and their habitats through developing better management and understanding of behaviour and ecosystem function, and human impacts including ecotourism and resource. Owen is a member of the Biosecurity Council of Western Australia. Previous positions include Head of the National School of Forestry (UK), Dean of Graduate Research and Associate Vice-Chancellor at CQUniversity Australia.

Owen has served on the Society for Conservation Biology's European Board and on the Global Board of Governors. He was elected as a Fellow of the Zoological Society of London and appointed as Anniversary Visiting Professor of Conservation Biology at the University of Cumbria.