

Reads

Valuing and accounting impacts on natural capital



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Improving environmental management and optimizing Sustainability's investments

Understanding the concept of Natural Capital

Natural Capital is the stock of natural resources (e.g., air, water, biodiversity) that **bring value to society**. Value can be expressed in **monetary terms**, but also in quantitative/ qualitative terms.

Natural Capital assessments can provide actionable information about the total value/net impact of individual entities and of portfolios.

Global Business Leaders are beginning to **measure and report** their impacts using **Natural Capital metrics**. This approach allows to answer questions

from partners, financial institutions, NGOs and governments.

The **increasingly important need to measure environmental impact**, and its repercussion on the economy, is leading to the **establishment of standards and methods** that incorporate the concept of **Natural Capital** accounting into decision making at all levels.





An internationally recognized Natural Capital solution

READS is an innovative digital tool **designed to improve corporate decision making** by valuing impacts on Natural Capital. Our solution enables improved management by providing several KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) for the economic analysis of projects and assets, focusing on 4 main pillars:

- Ecosystem services
 - Climate change
 - Water resources
 - Social well-being
- Intrinsically linked with Biodiversity*

Reads conforms to the **Natural Capital Protocol** and its Biodiversity Guidance, as well as the **ISO14008:2019** on Monetary valuation of environmental impacts.

Our valuation and accounting method follows a tiered approach:

-  **Identify impacts** on Ecosystem services & biodiversity, climate, water, and well-being
-  **Quantify impacts** in hectares, cubic meters, tons and decibels
-  **Value** loss or gain of natural capital, stated in USD(\$) and custom-built metrics
-  **Manage impacts** by applying the mitigation hierarchy based on cost-benefit methods

Our approach has been reviewed by the **UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre**, the **Capitals Coalition** and the **EU Business & Biodiversity Platform**. The Reads team is actively involved in the **Transparent and Align projects** in order to ensure the **scientific and technical robustness** of the solution.

The differential value of our Reads solution



Easier business decision-making

It incorporates sustainability into business strategy, facilitating decision-making based on the assessment and efficient management of the environmental impact of operations.



Transparency

It is a crucial support to boost transparency and accomplish

stakeholder expectations on natural capital impacts.



Support environmental compliance

Reads supports processes of impact assessment and justification of taxonomy requirements, as well as accounting for efforts to achieve "Nature Positive".



Access to finance

It facilitates access to finance and allows investors and stakeholders to assess the company's approach and progress towards action plans to manage natural capital risks.



Endorsed by international

organisations

It adheres to state-of-the-art sustainability protocols, having been

reviewed and endorsed by independent organizations.



Security and usability

It is a cloud application, built according to the highest security standards. Access is via website, and it is an easily usable tool for the user.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Our collaborators

The following companies and institutions have participated with **Minsait** and **Repsol** in the development of **Reads**

Advisian

ecoacsa

azentua

IHCantabria
UNIVERSIDAD DE CANTABRIA
I+D+i para un desarrollo sostenible

VNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA
CAMPUS DE EXCELENCIA INTERNACIONAL

CE Delft
Committed to the Environment

Reads has been peer-reviewed by:

UN environment programme WCMC

CAPITALS COALITION

European Business & Biodiversity Platform



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