The Global Biodiversity Standard

Certification Terms & Conditions

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The Global Biodiversity Standard (TGBS Ltd)

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TGBS certification policy

TGBS certification is awarded to successful applicants subject to defined terms and conditions, including compliance with eligibility requirements, adherence to the approved assessment methodology, and conditions governing the award, validity and renewal of certification.

TGBS Certification is awarded to successful Applicants on the following terms and conditions:

1. Applicants must agree to comply with the TGBS Exclusion List, including by acceptance of the applicable Service Level Agreement.
2. Applicants must acknowledge and accept the TGBS Privacy Policy, including by acceptance of the applicable Service Level Agreement.
3. All TGBS assessments shall be carried out by certified TGBS assessors using the methodology designed by TGBS technical partners and outlined in the TGBS manual[1]. No other methodologies shall be valid for the purposes of TGBS certification.
4. TGBS certification shall be dependent upon applicants achieving a satisfactory assessment score and fulfilling all applicable certification requirements. Where multiple Sites are assessed together under a single agreed assessment scope, the overall certification decision may be based on an area-weighted assessment score, subject to the applicable TGBS methodology and certification procedures.
5. Certification shall be granted for an initial period of five (5) years, after which certified parties may apply to renew their certification. Certification status may be upgraded or downgraded if assessment scores (e.g. relating to an increase in native species diversity) have increased or decreased over time.
6. Any concerns by Applicants about the application of the TGBS methodology should be made following the TGBS Certification Appeals Policy.
7. Intellectual property rights relating to The Global Biodiversity Standard, including its methodologies, templates, scoring tools, databases, trademarks, copyright, names, and logos, shall remain with The Global Biodiversity Standard Ltd and/or the relevant intellectual property rights holders, as applicable. Applicants shall not acquire ownership of such intellectual property through participation in the assessment process. Any use of TGBS trademarks, names, or logos shall require prior written approval from The Global Biodiversity Standard Ltd and, where applicable, the relevant rights holder. Use of assessment reports and results shall be governed by the applicable Service Level Agreement.

[1] Bartholomew and Mosyaftiani et al. (2024). The Global Biodiversity Standard: Manual for assessment and best practices. BGCI, Richmond, UK & SER, Washington, D.C. USA