

IPIECA & OGP and the Energy & Biodiversity Initiative (EBI)

The Biodiversity Working Group (BDWG), established by the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) and the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP), is working to increase awareness of biodiversity issues, encourage good practices and develop industry guidance.

The biodiversity tools, discussion papers and resources launched by the EBI in August 2003 are a valuable resource for oil and gas companies. Based on workshop discussions and feedback from member companies, IPIECA and OGP have agreed to work with the EBI representatives to carry out the following activities:

- Increase awareness of the EBI products within the oil and gas industry through dissemination at workshops, conferences and other association channels where appropriate;
- Review the EBI products relating to the business case for biodiversity action, environmental impact assessments and significant indicators for the industry; and develop additional guidance documents on these issues as needed;
- Act as a forum for those companies piloting the EBI products so they can share experiences, gather feedback and consider future refinement.

These activities aim to promote awareness of biodiversity issues and the EBI products, but do not imply IPIECA or OGP member company endorsement. If you would like to receive further information about the work of the BDWG, please contact Tessa Macnair at tessa.macnair@ipieca.org.