# [***Robeco pledges to tackle biodiversity loss***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:64V1-K6X1-F0GS-H52M-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Body**

Robeco has launched a position paper that seeks to address ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** to develop a ***biodiversity*** investment framework.

The environmental, social and governance (ESG) market leader said that it was partnering with the World Wide Fund for Nature Netherlands (WWF-NL) to integrate ***biodiversity*** across the business, as well as to co-develop ***biodiversity*** investment strategies.

Peter van der Werf, senior manager engagement at Robeco, commented: "The financial sector and the asset management industry in which we sit has a crucial role to play in helping to prevent further ***biodiversity*** ***loss***.

"This is not something that is simply 'nice to have' in the context of sustainable investing: it is in the long-term interest of our clients and our investment performance, along with our duty to do our best to use our leverage to protect the planet."

The position paper builds on the asset manager's ESG themes for 2022 that it unveiled at the start of the year.

Robeco said on Monday that it would also engage with clients and other stakeholders in the financial sector to build awareness of the issues and to encourage others to also integrate ***biodiversity*** into their policies.

The asset manager added that the rate of deforestation due to human activity is one of the biggest ESG-related challenges and thus, investors can play a crucial role through engagement and the integration of nature-related risks and opportunities into decision-making processes.

"It's no longer just a question of avoiding those companies that are responsible for ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** through their environmentally damaging operations.

"We must also embrace those companies that are striving to protect ***biodiversity***, directing more capital towards these sort of sustainable enterprises," added van der Werf.

Rotterdam-based Robeco's white paper outlined the urgency of ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** and unveiled how 29% of the asset manager's investments are in sectors that have potentially high impacts on key drivers of ***biodiversity*** ***loss***.

Subsequently, the asset manager said that greater collaboration is needed and that it has become one of the first signatories of the Task Force for Nature-related Disclosure.

This seeks to build a framework to allow financial institutions to incorporate nature-related risks and opportunities into strategic planning, risk management and asset allocation decisions.

Robeco also signed the Finance for ***Biodiversity*** Pledge in 2020 which seeks to protect and restore ***biodiversity*** through finance activities and investments by 2024.

Aviva Investors' chief executive officer Mark Versey has said the group's asset management arm would judge investee companies against expectations on ***biodiversity*** and human rights as much as on climate and executive pay.

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