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Knowledge platform investigates positive impact on biodiversity of investments

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On initiative of ASN Bank the Partnership Biodiversity Accounting Financials (PBAF) was recently established. With this knowledge platform ASN Bank together with five financial institutions (ACTIAM, FMO, Robeco, Triodos Bank en Triple Jump) will focus on impact measurement of investments with a positive effect on biodiversity. Within PBAF it will be investigated how a bank or investor could contribute to the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity and how the impact of these investments could be calculated or measured. Financial institutions could use this knowledge to formulate investments policies that considers biodiversity.

Roel Nozeman, Senior Advisor Biodiversity ASN Bank: *'With the establishment of PBAF the members will share knowledge and experience on biodiversity open source and wish to answer important questions about biodiversity impact measurement.'*

PBAF will work on a report, in which a common ground on measuring positive effects on biodiversity will be described. A number of cases of real investments in e.g. reforestation, forestry and landscape restoration will be calculated or measured. The goal is to complete this work in May 2020. On the basis on this common ground other financial institutions in the Netherlands and abroad will be invited to join this initiative. The goal is to create a commonly accepted and supported common ground and methodology.