



Terms of reference for Research Consultant, Nature Finance (NF)
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About NatureFinance

NatureFinance (NF) is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to aligning global finance with equitable, nature positive outcomes and thereby accelerating climate goals and a just transition to sustainable development. Its work spans initiatives that are building and using biodiversity data to better manage nature related risks, developing purposeful nature markets, advancing financial innovations including in sovereign debt markets, and strengthening nature related liabilities and citizen action on nature.

Research Consultant Role

NatureFinance (NF) is seeking a Research Consultant to support research and writing across several projects related to our work on Nature Markets. This should be someone who has a level of pre-existing subject matter expertise in related fields and is also able to write well and translate complex ideas for non-expert audiences in a compelling way. The Research Consultant will work closely with NF's Executive Director, Managing Director and Senior Associate, Nature Markets to help research and draft briefs and reports in the following areas, in addition to engaging with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders:

- *Paper on Nature Finance*: 15-page report on the changing role of finance in relation to Nature Markets, with an emphasis on fiduciary responsibility for nature risk and impacts, nature-related disclosure for financial institutions, corporations, sovereigns and MDBs, nature-risk and transition implications for central banks, regulators, ratings agencies and the insurance industry, and the role of emerging fintech and data innovations to support nature-positive finance. This will involve harnessing existing in-house knowledge and work on these areas as well as some original research/analysis/synthesis of substantial existing material in this area.
- *Scorecard on G20 Nature Economy performance*: A short piece of work for a larger Task Force on Nature Markets Report, where the Research Consultant will help refine and apply a framework for analysing G20 country performance on advancing a nature economy, including nature-positive markets.
- *Research Support for drafting of final Task Force on Nature Markets (TNM) Final Report*: supporting the TNM final report drafting team with ad hoc pieces of research, including creating breakout boxes on existing data and literature. This could include topics such as addressed by the paper on Nature Finance (see above)

Skills and Qualifications:

- Exceptional research and writing capabilities;
- Familiarity with financial markets and global economic policy/governance landscape;



- Familiarity of ecological concepts, biodiversity, nature-based solutions and climate change strategies;
- Self-directed and action-oriented;
- Collaborative work ethic;
- Excellent English skills;
- Passionate about global challenges like biodiversity loss and the climate crisis.

This role will require around 20-30 hours a week, for the coming 4.5 months (through September 2023). There is the possibility of this evolving into a full-time, long-term position. We are looking for someone to start as soon as possible.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample [here](#).