



BRAND: IKEA

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Based on the review of the "IKEA Sustainability Report FY23," here is an evaluation of IKEA's corporate biodiversity performance using the specified DeTrust Lab Biodiversity Methodology:

Stage 1: Biodiversity Pressures and Priority Areas (30%)

1. Summary of Biodiversity Pressures (15%)

- **Score: 4**
- **Justification:** The report highlights IKEA's recognition of the environmental impacts of its operations, including resource use, waste management, and the effects on natural ecosystems. It mentions efforts to reduce deforestation, protect ecosystems, and mitigate the impact of their supply chain on biodiversity. The identification of pressures such as deforestation and resource depletion is evident, though a more detailed quantitative analysis would strengthen this section.

2. Priority Species, Habitats, and Ecosystem Services (15%)

- **Score: 4**
- **Justification:** IKEA has outlined specific initiatives like the global wood supply map and biodiversity assessments in FSC-certified forests. They focus on key resources and habitats affected by their operations and have established guidelines for forest management and biodiversity protection. However, a detailed list of priority species and ecosystem services is not explicitly provided.

Stage 2: Vision, Goals, and Strategies (40%)

1. Corporate Biodiversity Vision (10%)

- **Score: 4**
- **Justification:** IKEA's sustainability strategy, "People & Planet Positive," includes a clear commitment to protecting ecosystems and improving biodiversity. Their vision is integrated into broader sustainability goals, aiming to regenerate resources and lead in sustainable business practices. The vision is well-articulated but could benefit from more specific biodiversity-focused goals.

2. Scalable Biodiversity Goals and Objectives (15%)

- **Score: 3**
- **Justification:** The report outlines broad environmental goals and specific targets related to reducing emissions and resource use. While these indirectly support biodiversity, more precise, measurable biodiversity goals are needed. The commitment to the Science Based Targets Network (SBTN) is a positive step towards setting specific biodiversity objectives.



3. Key Strategies to Deliver Goals and Objectives (15%)

- **Score: 4**
- **Justification:** IKEA employs strategies such as sustainable sourcing, circular economy initiatives, and renewable energy use. These strategies are linked to their overall sustainability vision and contribute to biodiversity conservation. The report details several innovative projects and partnerships aimed at reducing environmental impact.

Stage 3: Indicator Framework and Strategic Plan (20%)

1. Framework of Core Indicators (10%)

- **Score: 3**
- **Justification:** The report includes various sustainability indicators related to resource use and emissions but lacks a comprehensive framework specifically for biodiversity indicators. Indicators such as species abundance or habitat quality are not detailed, which limits the ability to measure biodiversity-specific outcomes.

2. Elements of a Biodiversity Strategic Plan (10%)

- **Score: 3**
- **Justification:** While the report mentions strategic actions related to resource conservation and environmental impact reduction, it lacks a detailed biodiversity-specific strategic plan. A comprehensive plan with clear actions, timelines, and biodiversity metrics would improve this area.

Stage 4: Monitoring and Reporting (10%)

1. Monitoring Plan (5%)

- **Score: 3**
- **Justification:** The report indicates some monitoring activities related to environmental sustainability, such as tracking emissions and resource use. However, it lacks a detailed biodiversity monitoring plan. Specific indicators, data collection methods, and responsibilities should be detailed.

2. Database of Relevant Data (2.5%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** There is no mention of a dedicated biodiversity database integrating multiple relevant data sources to track biodiversity indicators comprehensively.

3. Monitoring and Reporting Systems (2.5%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** The report lacks detailed information on standardized biodiversity monitoring and reporting systems. Developing systems to present biodiversity data in formats like maps or dashboards would be beneficial.



Summary of Scores

Stage	Sub-element	Weight	Score (0-5)	Weighted Score
Stage 1	Biodiversity Pressures and Priority Areas	30%		
	Summary of biodiversity pressures	15%	4	0.60
	Priority species and habitats	15%	4	0.60
Stage 2	Vision, Goals, and Strategies	40%		
	Corporate biodiversity vision	10%	4	0.40
	Scalable goals and objectives	15%	3	0.45
	Key strategies	15%	4	0.60
Stage 3	Indicator Framework and Strategic Plan	20%		
	Framework of core indicators	10%	3	0.30
	Elements of a strategic plan	10%	3	0.30
Stage 4	Monitoring and Reporting	10%		
	Monitoring plan	5%	3	0.15
	Database of relevant data	2.5%	2	0.05
	Monitoring and reporting systems	2.5%	2	0.05
Total	100%			3.50

Concluding Summary

- **Total Weighted Score: 3.50 out of 5**
- **Overall Justification:** IKEA demonstrates a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and biodiversity management, with notable efforts in sustainable sourcing, resource conservation, and circular economy initiatives. The main strengths lie in their strategic actions and broad environmental goals. However, there is a need for more specific, measurable biodiversity targets, a comprehensive biodiversity strategic plan, and robust monitoring and reporting systems dedicated to biodiversity outcomes. Improvements in these areas would further enhance their overall biodiversity performance.