

Biodiversity data for financial actors with **BIA-GBS™**

Biodiversity Impact Analytics powered by the Global Biodiversity Score™

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Introduction

A strategic partnership

Alliance based on an in-depth environmental and sectoral expertise

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screening

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CDC BIODIVERSITÉ



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Our approach



Robust, scientific and transparent methodologies



Support by methodological experts and analysts



Customized and adapted to Clients' needs

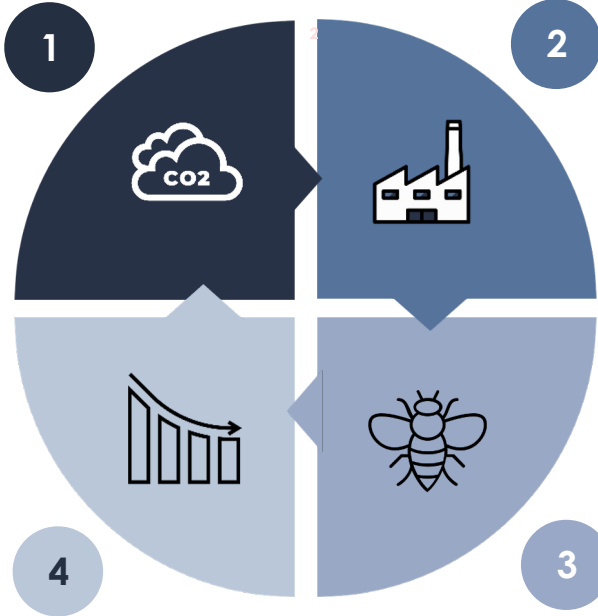
Carbon4 Finance

A climate and biodiversity data provider specialized in metrics for the financial sector

Our services

Assessment of transition risks (CIA)

Carbon footprint
Scope 1, 2 & 3
Saved emissions
Climate scenario alignment



Web platform & Datafeed

Issuer Analysis
Portfolio performance

Assessment of physical risks (CRIS)

7 climate Hazards
3 IPCC Scenarios
2 time-horizons

Assessment of Biodiversity risks and Impacts (BIA-GBS™)

MSA.Km2
Scope 1, 2 & 3
10 Terrestrial and Aquatic pressures

Our approach



An innovative bottom-up technology



An international coverage (c. 125,000 instruments, corporate and sovereign)



25 analysts, each specialized in specific sector



A multi-sector approach
Listed and unlisted Assets

Carbon4 Finance

Carbon4 Finance, a pioneer in measuring the carbon impact of financial institutions

Securities portfolio



Reporting requirements (TCFD-compliant, Article 29, SFDR)
 Transition and Physical risks
 Bottom-up data on 60 sectors (Equity, Sovereign, Green bonds)
 Additional sectoral data (energy, green/fossil shares, reserves, etc.)

Assets & Loan Book



Carbon footprint of Loan & Credit Portfolios
 Implementation of climate score into credit process
 Exposure's assessment of central banks assets
 Research papers on climate risk impacts on financial value

Other collaborations



Indices – Recast of Low Carbon 100, Euronext's low carbon index
 Fintech – positive impact financing and savings platforms
 Data integration into platforms
 Schools –conferences on the role of finance in climate mitigation, research paper

Climate data provider of the Eurosystem



European Central Bank +20 Central Banks in Europe

Carbon4 Finance

BIA-GBSTTM, trusted to assess the biodiversity impact of investment portfolio

Securities portfolio

Impact of an investment portfolio on biodiversity
Communicate impacts on biodiversity
Engagement with companies

Transparency & research

Regulatory requirements (Article 29 French Energy & Climate Act)
Research paper on biodiversity risk impacts on financial valuation
Reporting

CDC Biodiversité

Who we are

CDC Biodiversité is a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations Group and has a wide range of services for different stakeholders with the aim of protecting biodiversity



Long-term restoration and ecological management



Training and research



Studies and engineering

History of the GBS

2015

Beginning of the GBS project

2016

Launch of the B4B+ Club

01/2020

End of GBS first review committee

05/2020

Launch of GBS 1.0

07/2021

Launch of BIA-GBS 1.0

First biodiversity footprint assessments: Schneider Electric, Hermès, Nestlé Waters France... 8

CDC Biodiversité

The GBS ecosystem - Members and partners of the B4B+ Club

VALUE CHAIN



FINANCE



CONSULTANTS



PARTNERS



CDC Biodiversité


The GBS fits into the Global Biodiversity Framework

Reporting



Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (**TNFD**)

European **Taxonomy** & **CRSD** 

Article 29 Loi énergie-climat 

Methodology



European Commission ecosystem:

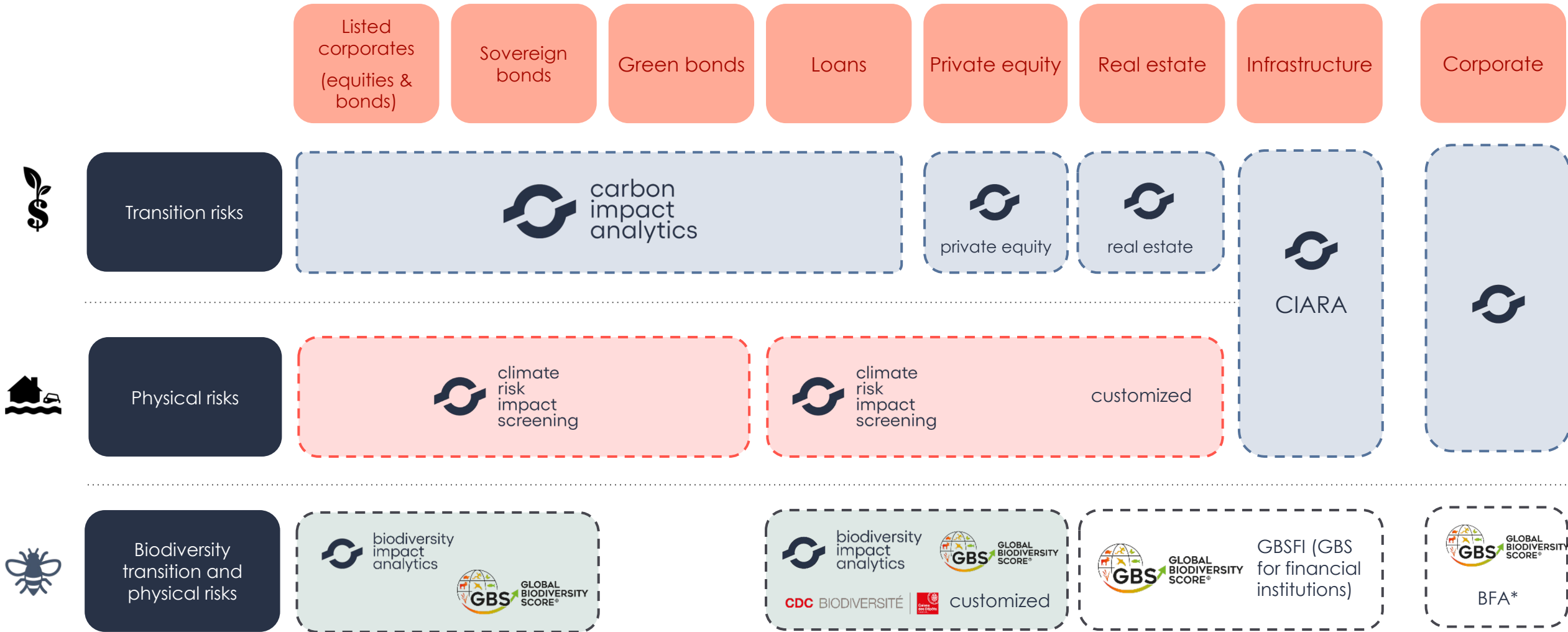
- Business @ Biodiversity (B@B) , including Finance @ Biodiversity (F@B) and Finance for Biodiversity Pledge

- ALIGN

SBTN

Coverage

A comprehensive service offering with common methodological principles for all asset classes



Common methodological principles for all asset classes: bottom-up logic, measurement of Scope 3 emissions and saved emissions, qualitative forward-looking assessment, etc.

*BFA = Biodiversity Footprint Assessment

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Methodology of the GBS™ tool and the BIA-GBS™ database

How to assess the biodiversity impact and dependency of a portfolio?

- 1. Impacts*
- 2. Dependencies*

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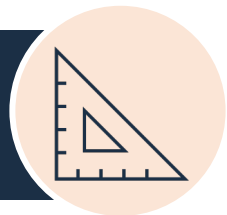
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1. Impacts

- A. The GBS key features
- B. The GBS functioning
- C. BIA-GBS functioning

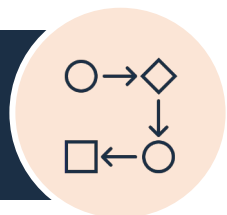
A. The GBS key features

01 Aggregated metric



The GBS evaluates impacts in **MSA.km²**, the fraction of biodiversity integrity lost on a given surface

02 Whole value chain



The GBS uses the **Scopes framework** to account for impacts along the value chain

03 Static & dynamic impacts



The GBS takes into account both **static** (stock of impact) and **dynamic impacts** (evolution of the stock)

04 Pressure-impact relationship



The GBS assess the impacts by modeling **pressures** on ecosystem, using the **GLOBIO** model

A. The GBS key features

Metric: the GBS uses the MSA metric which evaluates ecosystems ecological integrity on a scale from 0 % to 100 %

MSA : Mean Species Abundance

FOREST ECOSYSTEM



Pristine forest



Selective logging



Plantation



Urban area

100 %

Remaining biodiversity



Undisturbed pasture



Extensive cattle farming



Intensive cattle farming

0 %

Remaining biodiversity



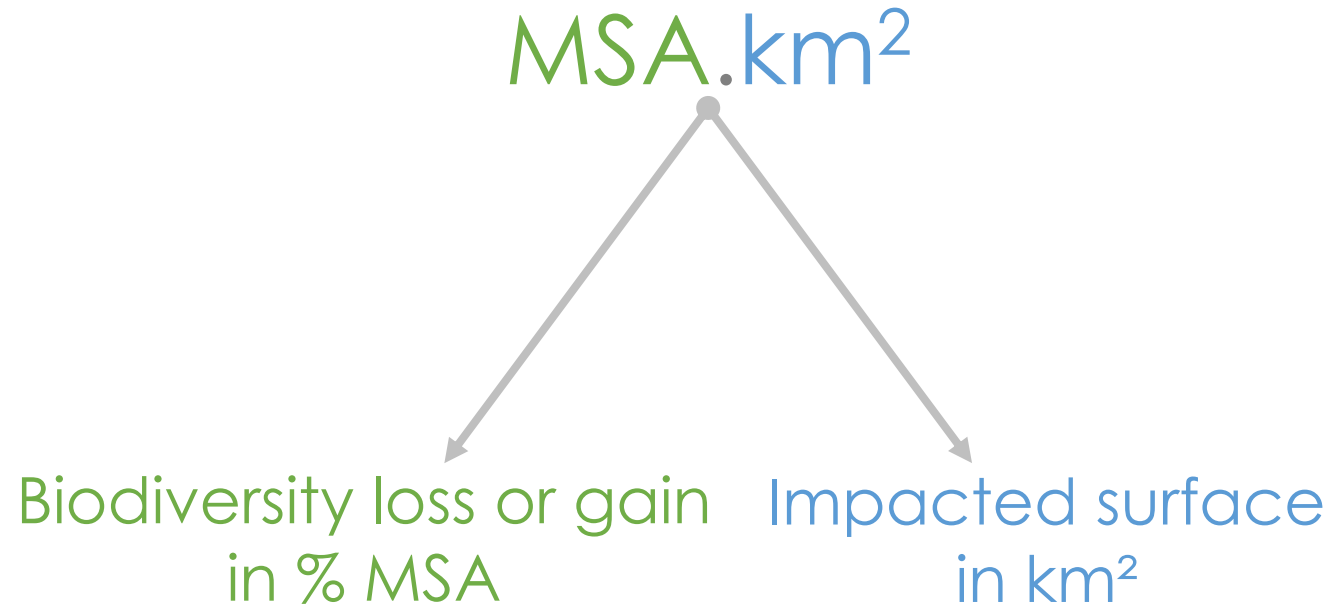
Urban area

PASTURE ECOSYSTEM

A. The GBS key features

The GBS evaluates impacts in MSA.km^2 , the fraction of biodiversity integrity lost on a given surface

The unit used by the GBS integrates the MSA on the impacted surface



An impact of 1 MSA.km^2 loss is equivalent to the destruction of 1 km^2 of undisturbed natural ecosystem

Example

Conversion of pristine forest into a plantation on 100 km^2



$\text{MSA} = 100 \%$



$\text{MSA} = 30 \%$

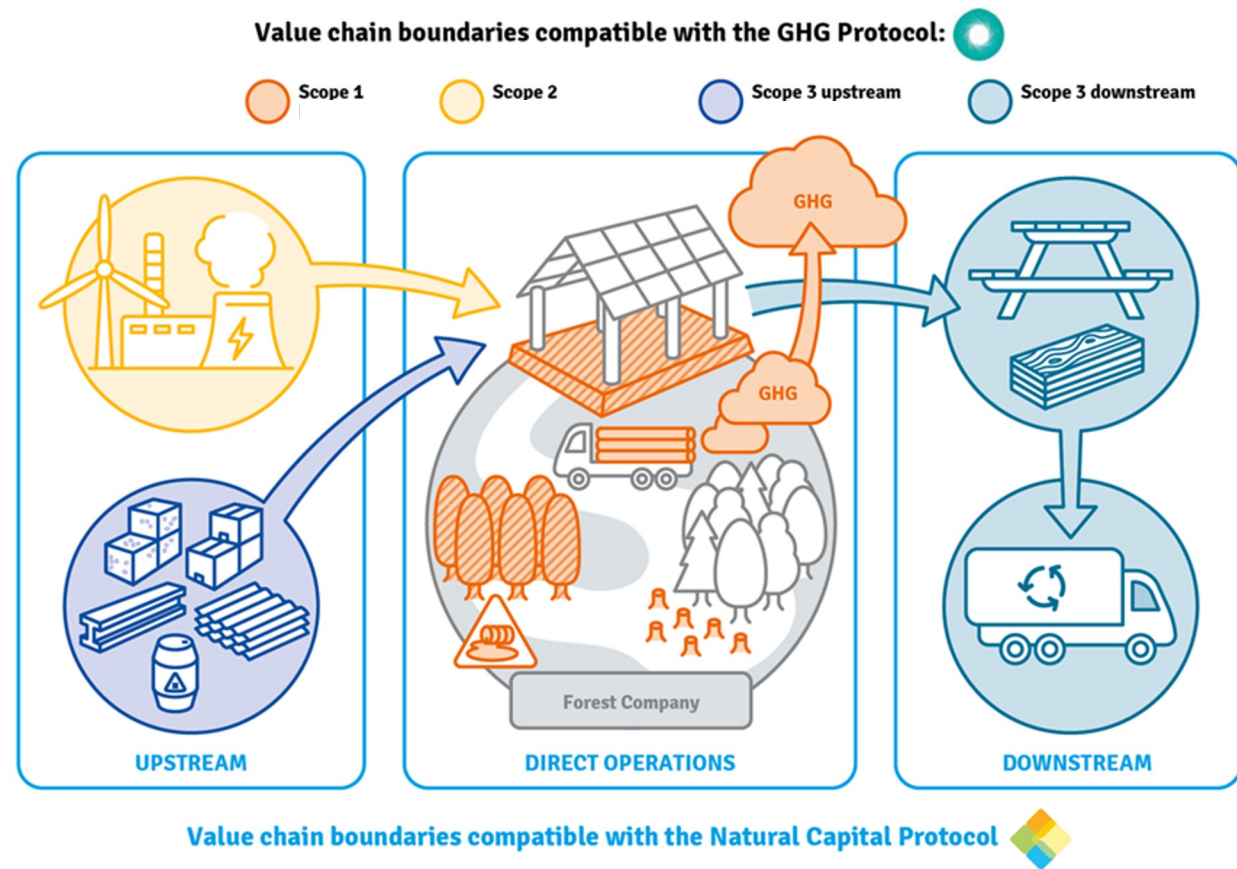
This conversion causes an impact of **70 MSA.km^2**

$$(100 \% - 30 \%) \times 100 \text{ km}^2$$

A. The GBS key features

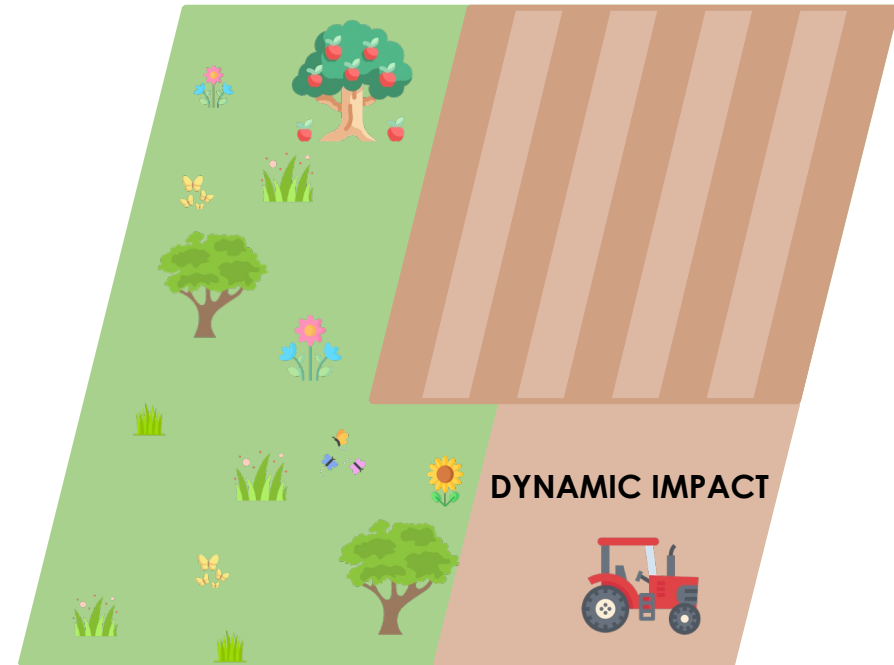
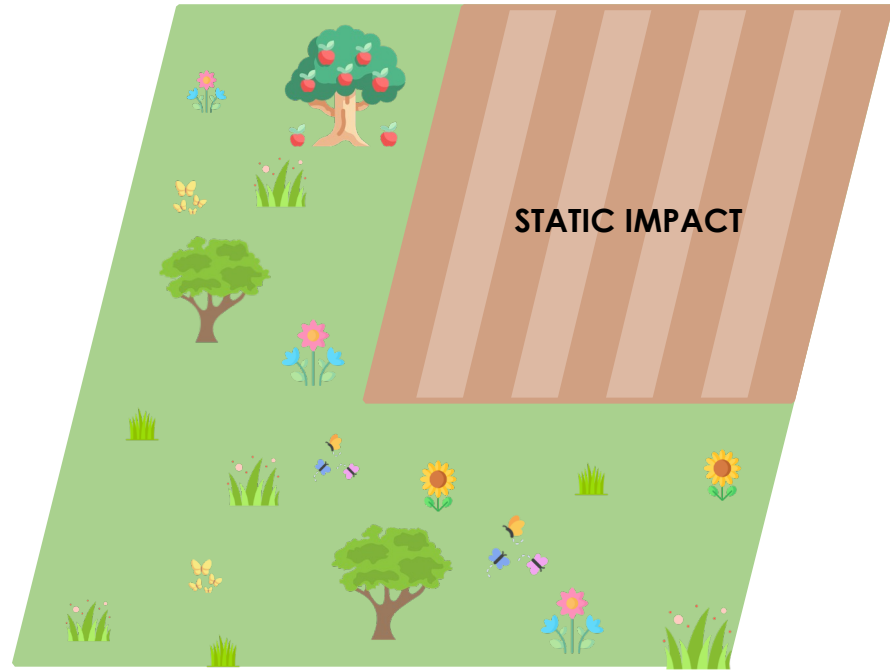
The GBS uses the Scopes framework to account for impacts along the value chain

- Scope 1** → Direct operations
- Scope 2** → Impacts due to energy purchases
- Scope 3 upstream** → Supplier value chain
- Scope 3 downstream** → Downstream activities



A. The GBS key features

The GBS accounts separately for permanent and additional impacts

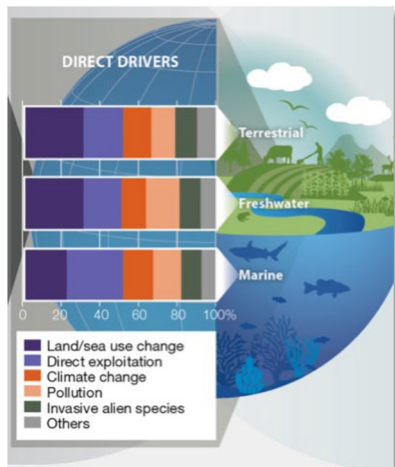


State of biodiversity at the beginning of the assessment
What is the area equivalent to the impact of the activities on biodiversity to date ?

Evolution of the impact during the evaluation period
What is the area equivalent to the new impact of the activities on biodiversity during the evaluation period ?

A. The GBS key features

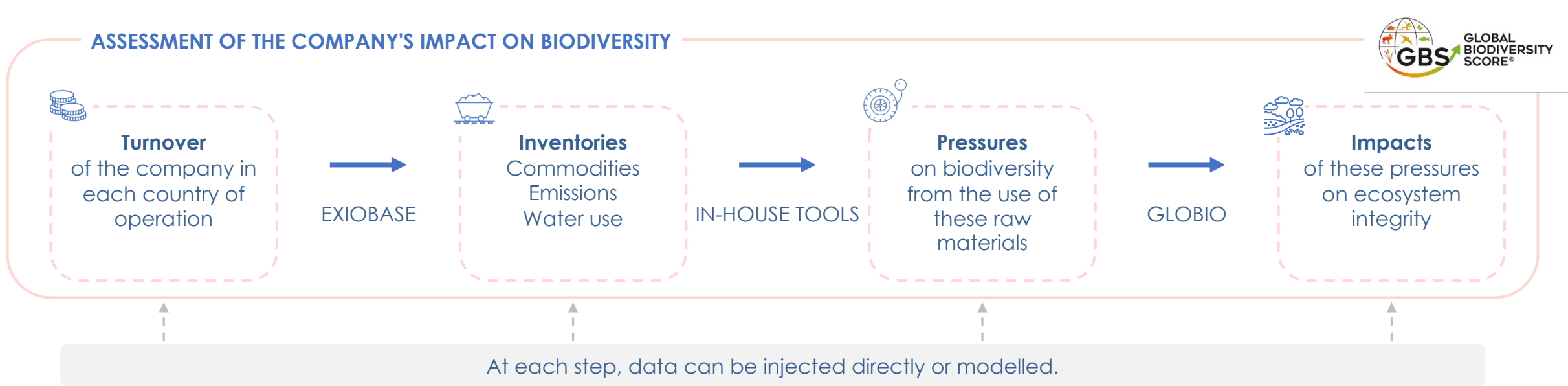
The GBS covers most of the IPBES pressures for terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity



IPBES PRESSURES	GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY SCORE (GBS) / GLOBIO PRESSURES		Marine
	Terrestrial	Freshwater	
Land/sea use change	Land use Fragmentation Encroachment	Wetland conversion	
Direct exploitation	Pressures due to resources extraction (crops, woodlogs, mining...)	Hydrological disturbance due to direct water use	
Climate change	Climate change	Hydrological disturbance due to climate change	Not yet covered
Pollution	Atmospheric nitrogen deposition Terrestrial ecotoxicity	Land use in catchment of rivers & wetlands Freshwater eutrophication Freshwater ecotoxicity	
Invasive alien species	Not yet covered		

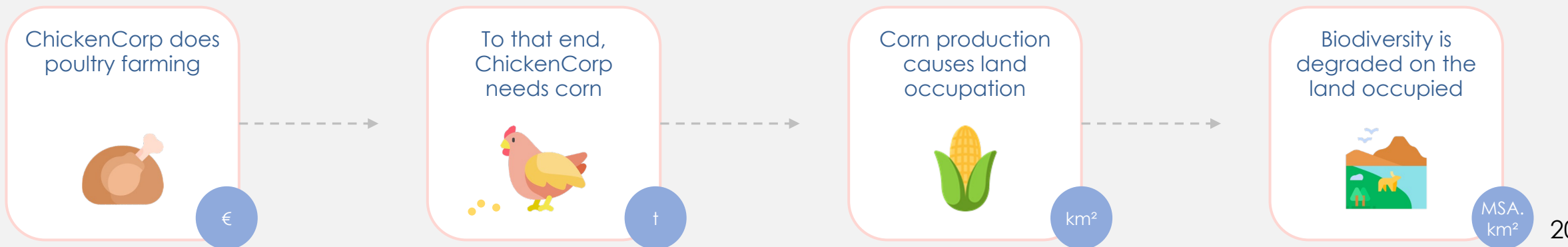
B. The GBS functioning

The GBS assesses the pressures on biodiversity and evaluates their impact on the state of ecosystems using the GLOBIO model



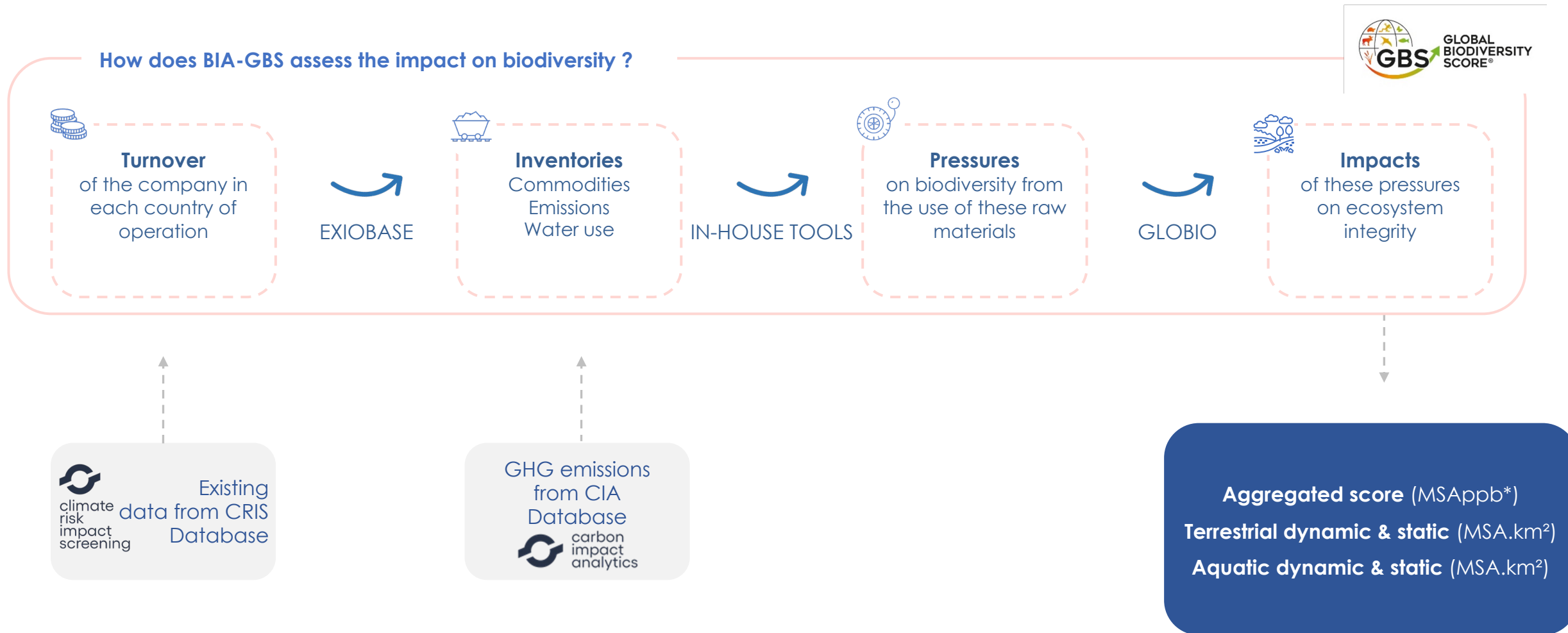
EXAMPLE

In the case of a poultry farming company, one of the impacts would be associated to poultry feed production



C. Functioning of BIA-GBS

Biodiversity Impact Analytics powered by the Global Biodiversity Score™: measurement of the impact



GHG emissions are filled for scope 3 upstream and downstream. The other pressures are only covered on scope 3 upstream. The financial data from CRIS are progressively replaced by company-specific data at the inventories level.

B

Methodology of the **GBS™ tool** and the **BIA-GBS™ database**

2. Dependencies

Dependencies

The GBS also assesses dependencies to biodiversity

The GBS assesses the dependency on ecosystem services for direct operations and the supply chain

- The score ranges from **0% (no known dependency) to 100% (very high dependency to ecosystem services)**.
- Results will be given according to the levels of reporting (**portfolio level, company level**) for the **Scope 1** and the **upstream value chain**.

FOCUS ON ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Ecosystem services are services provided by biodiversity that enable or facilitate human activities, particularly economic ones.

The ENCORE database lists 21 ecosystem services based on the CICES (Common International Classification of Ecosystem Services) classification. To obtain the definition of the 21 ecosystem services, click on [this link](#).

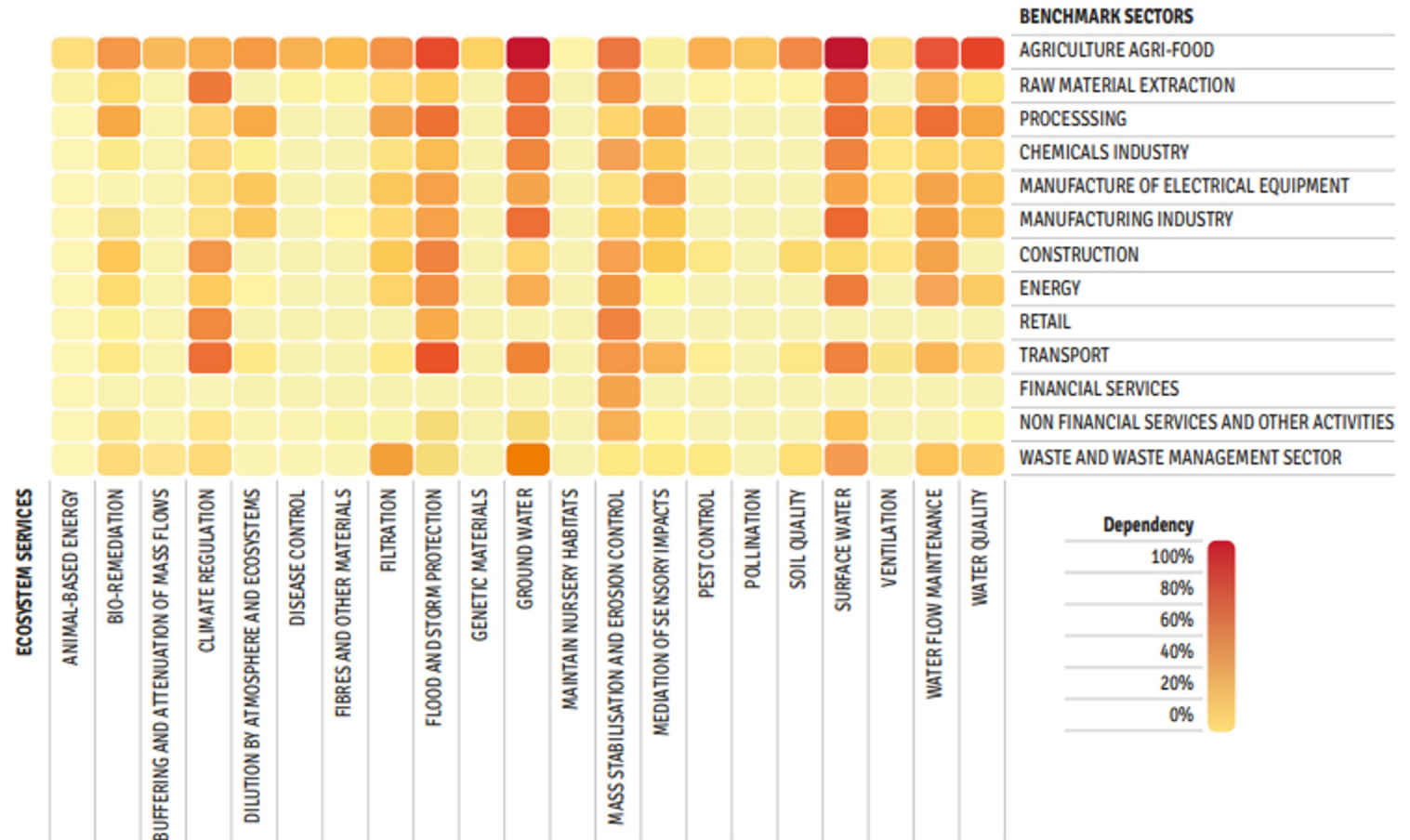


Figure 10: Scope 1 dependencies for all 13 “benchmark industries” distinguished by CDC Biodiversité

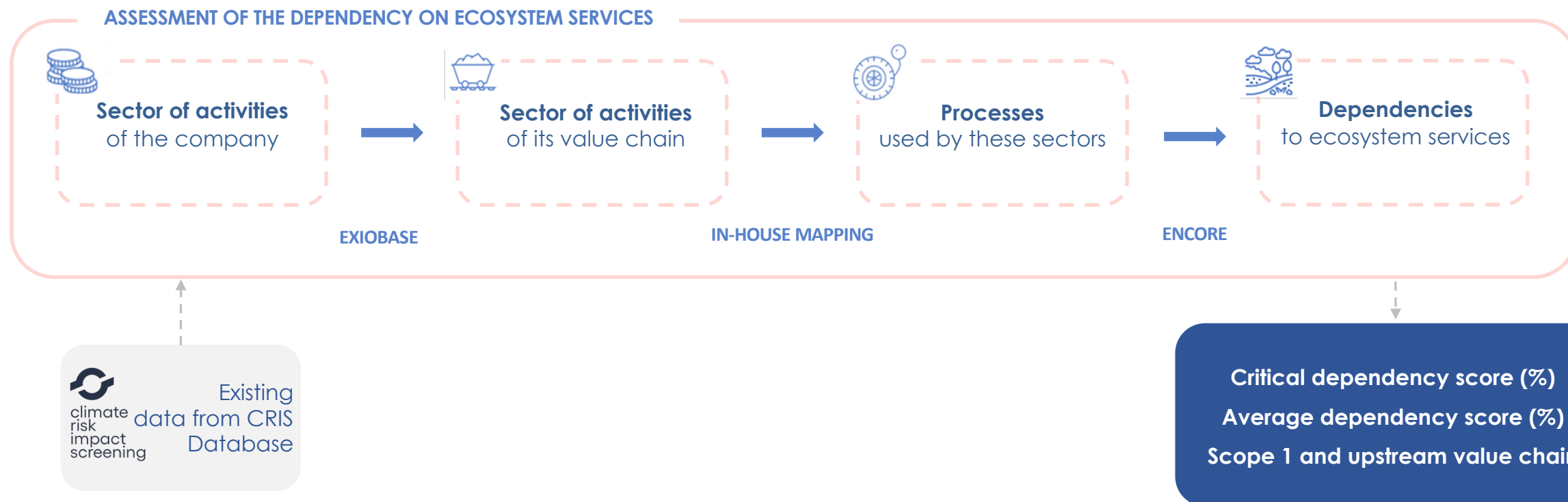
Dependencies

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The dependency score is calculated with two methodologies:

- **Average dependency score:** average dependency of a company or portfolio on all ecosystem services
- **Critical dependency score:** the share of a company or portfolio that is critically dependent, *i.e.* not substitutable, on at least one ecosystem service





BIA-GBS™ and the French **Article 29** of the Loi énergie-climat

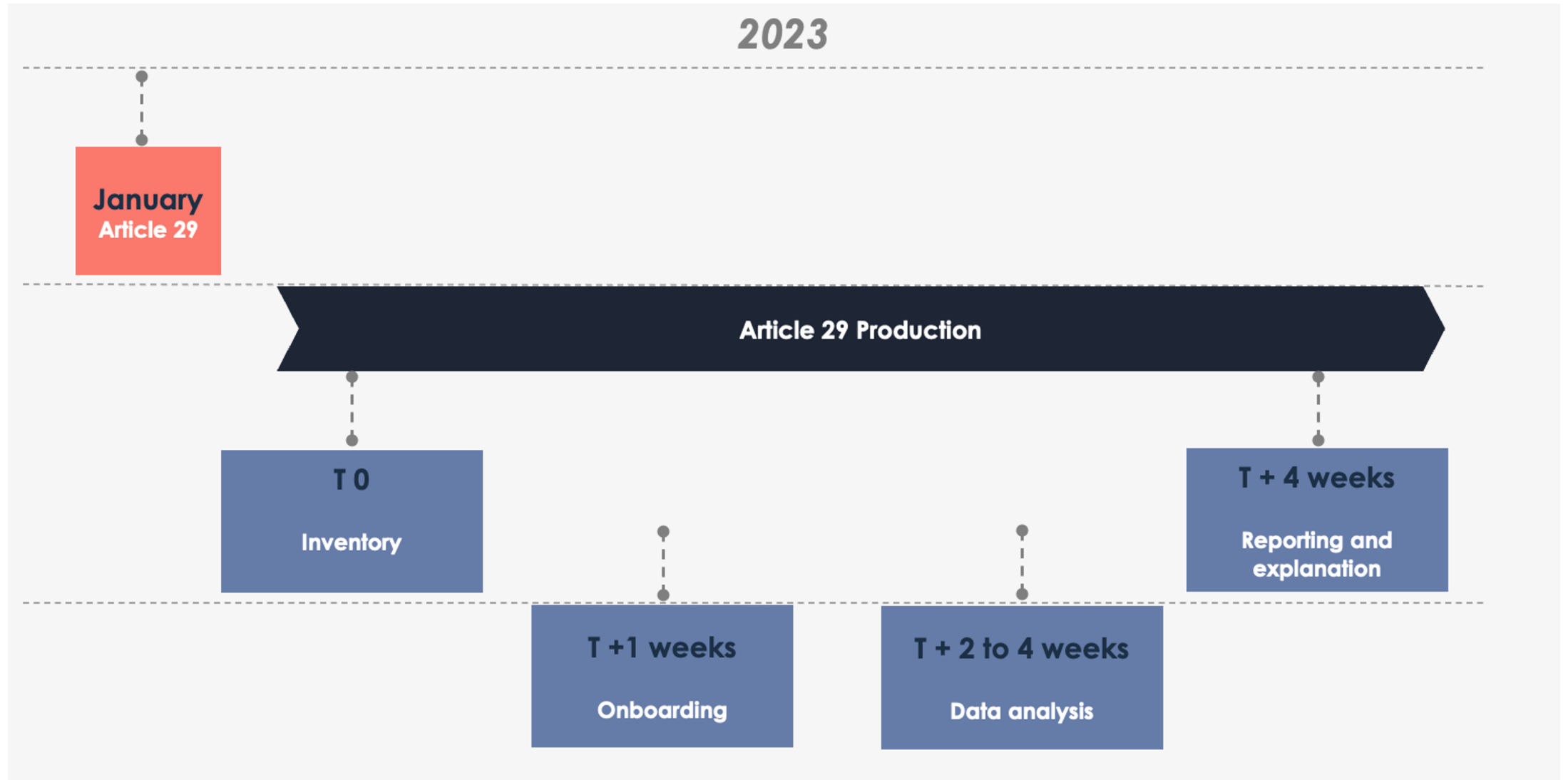
Answering to the Article 29 law using Carbon4 Finance data

Focus on Article 29

Paragraph	Subject	Carbon4 Finance coverage	Publication date
1°	General approach of the entity	Completed by the entity	2022
2°	Internal means to contribute to the transition	Completed by the entity	2022
3°	ESG governance within the entity	Completed by the entity	2022
4°	Engagement strategy, voting policy and reporting	Completed by the entity	2022
5°	Alignment with the European taxonomy and the share of fossil energy	Covered Using CIA	2023
6°	Alignment with the Paris Agreement	Covered Using CIA	2022
7°	Biodiversity alignment	Covered Using BIA-GBS™ : biodiversity footprint	2022
8°	Risk management and specificities of climate risks and biodiversity	Covered - 8° a) Using CIA, CRIS and BIA-GBS™	2022: 8° a); 2023
9°	Improvement process and corrective measures	Completed by the entity	2023

Article 29 Offer

Max 4 weeks for the production of the report



Answering to the Article 29 law using Carbon4 Finance data

Focus on Article 29

Reporting

Training

Data

Q&A

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BIA-GBS™ and TNFD pilots



CONTEXT

Applying the TNFD beta framework on companies and portfolios of the sector **“Agriculture and fisheries in Europe”**.

Different outcomes were expected:

- Apply the LEAP approach at **two different levels** : company level and portfolio level
- Study what is **currently feasible** considering the different tools available
- Report on **main challenges and limits** of the TNFD framework

PERIMETER

Two perimeters were considered:

- Focus on a **portfolio of 10 companies of the sector**.
- One **“focus company”** was selected for an in-depth study.

These two scales allow to test the **feasibility of the LEAP approach at different levels for financial institutions**.

The LEAP approach was conducted on the **entire value chain**, when possible, even if it is not explicitly demanded in most of the steps.

Find UNEP FI’s publication on the pilots:

<https://www.unepfi.org/publications/unboxing-nature-related-risks-insights-from-the-unep-fi-led-tnfd-piloting-programme/>

LOCATE

Perimeter

- Company level
- The Locate phase does not apply at the portfolio level

Methodology and tools

- Literature review of annual reports and other supports
- Study of the different sites using IBAT (protected areas, IUCN Red List and KBAs)



EVALUATE

Perimeter

- Company level
- Portfolio level

Methodology and tools

- **Dependencies:** quantitative assessment of the average and critical dependencies, using the database BIA-GBS
- **Impacts:** quantitative assessment of the impacts, using the database BIA-GBS



ASSESS

Perimeter

- Company level

Methodology and tools

- Literature review of annual reports and other supports
- Based on the dependencies and impacts of the Evaluate phase
- Qualitative assessment risk by risk
- Quantitative assessment of the risks at company level

PREPARE

Perimeter

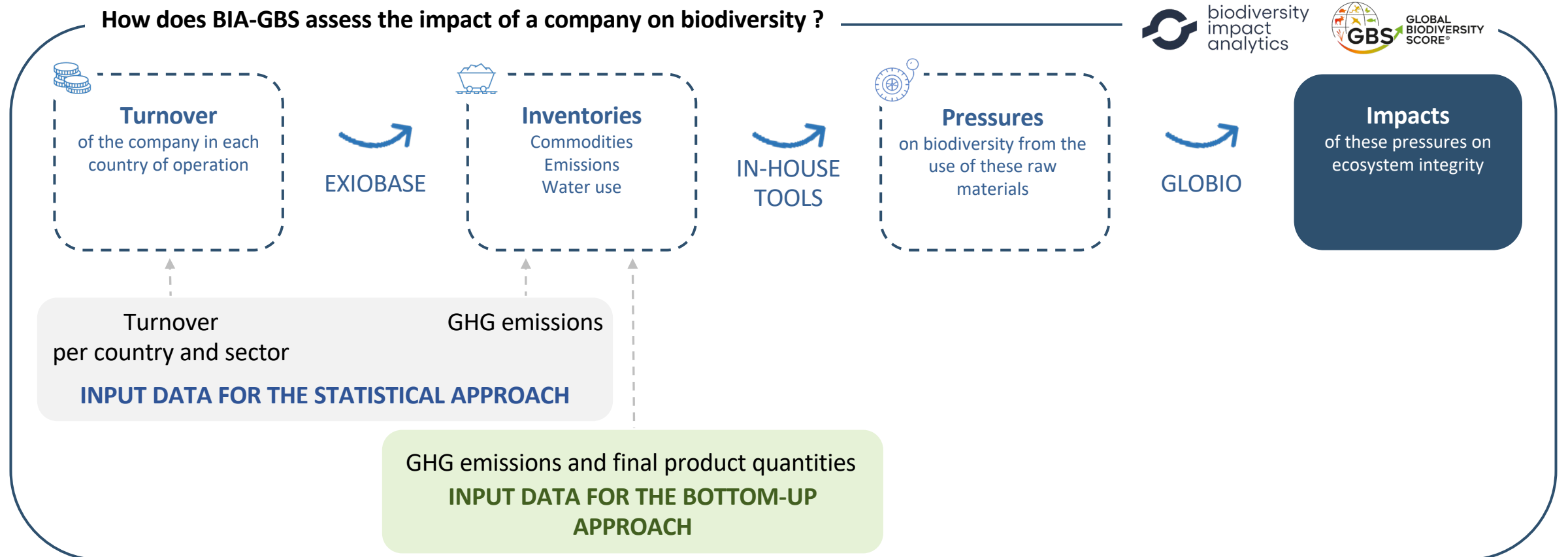
- Portfolio level

Methodology and tools

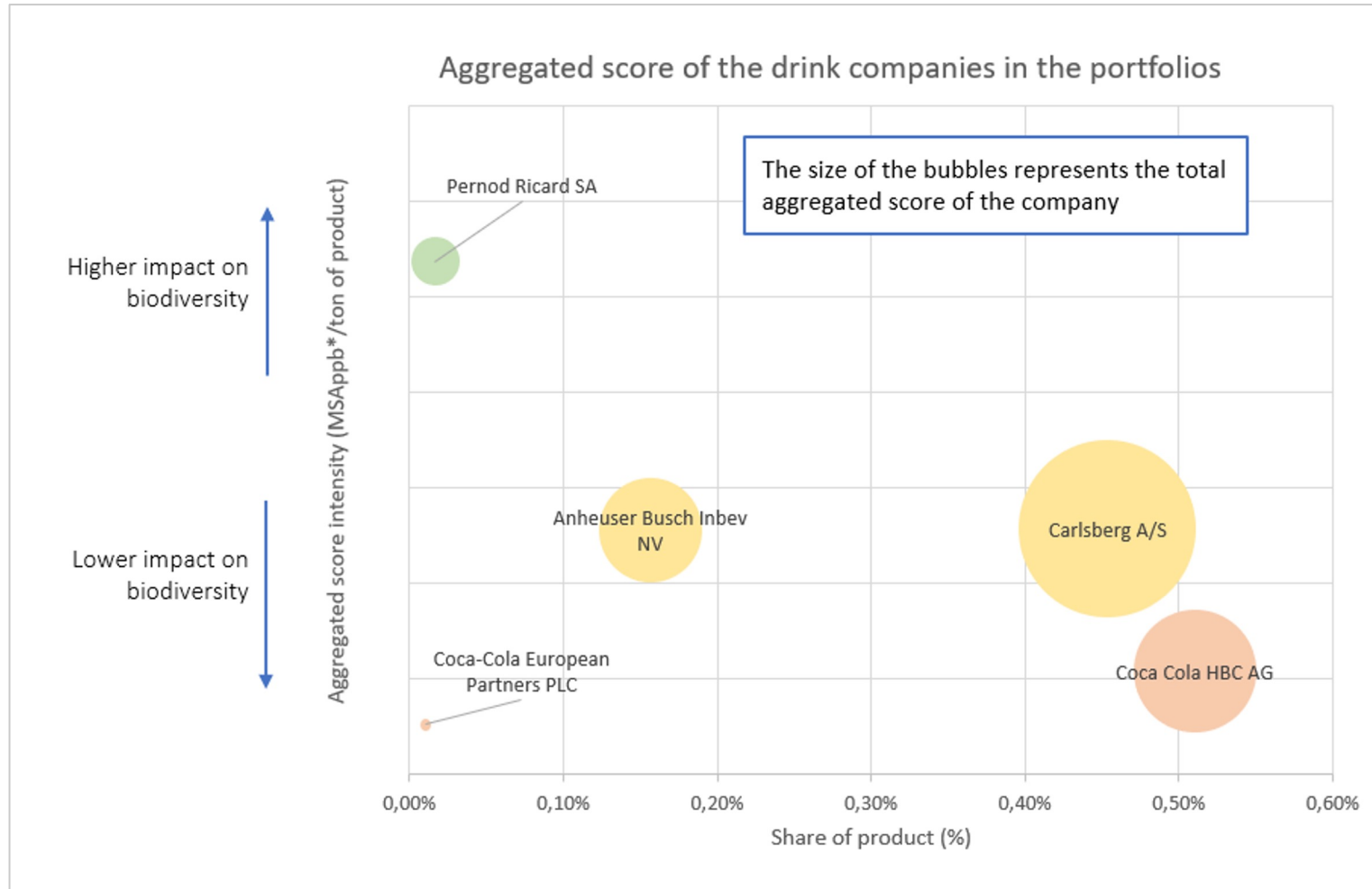
- Based on the conclusions of the first three phases

BIA-GBS bottom-up methodology and data used

In this pilot, we use a **bottom-up approach** for which the **financial data are replaced with inventory data**.

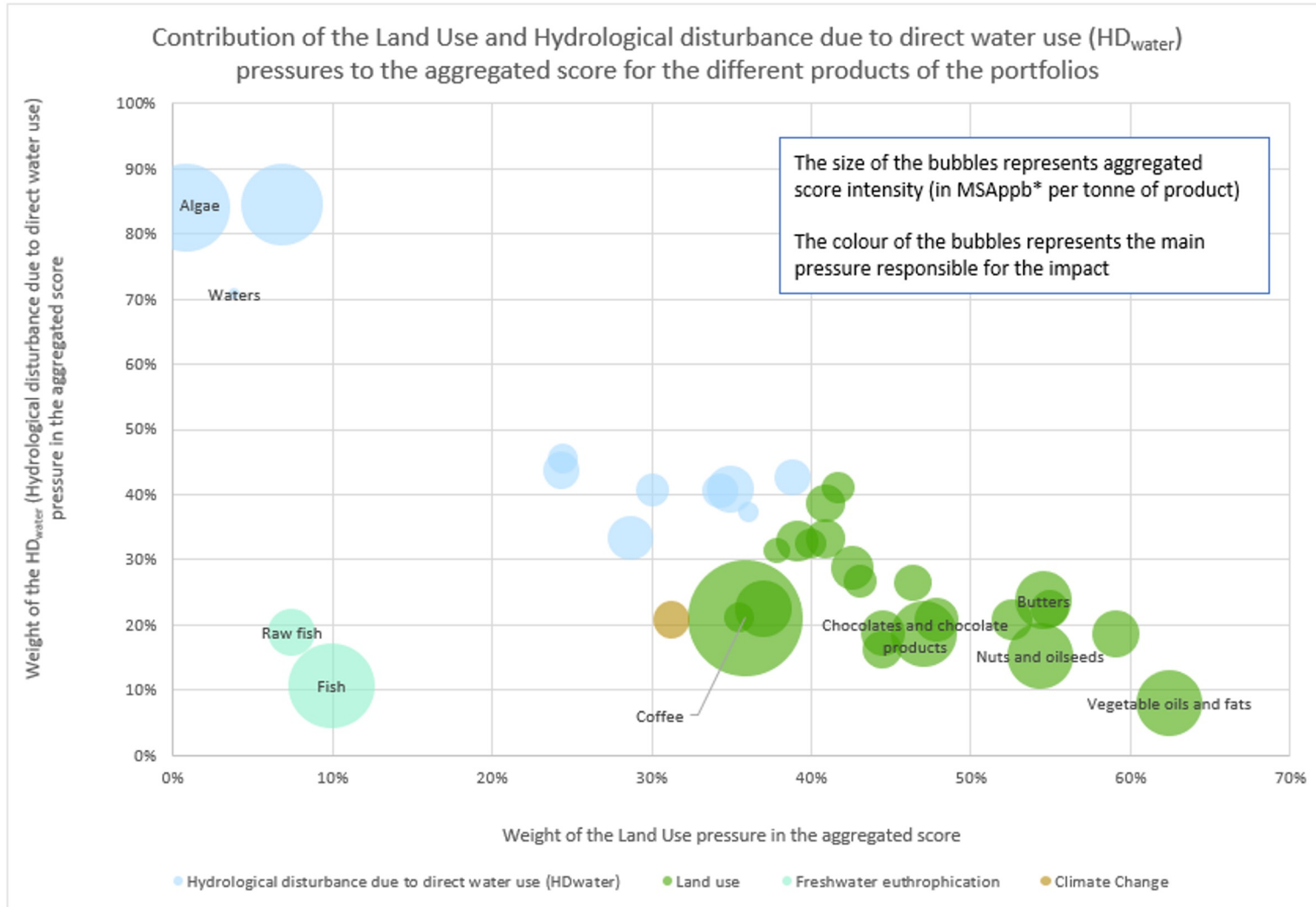


Example of results obtained with BIA-GBS™ for the Evaluate phase



- The bottom-up approach allows to differentiate different companies in the same sector.
- Distilled alcohols have the highest impact intensities, followed by beer, and finally non-alcoholic drinks which have a relatively lower impact intensity.

Example of results obtained with BIA-GBS™ for the Evaluate phase



- The Land use pressure is the main driver for 22 products associated with a high land occupation such as coffee and butter.
- On the other hand, HD_{water} is the main pressure for 11 products associated with intensive water use such as algae or bottled water.
- The most intensive products are associated with animal production or a high deforestation rate.

LOCATE

Applying the Locate phase to a listed equity portfolio is very time-consuming and unrealistic and faces challenges to access relevant location data, for the agrifood sector at least.

This pilot however demonstrated a methodology to start addressing this challenge.

EVALUATE

It was the opportunity to test the bottom-up approach of the BIA-GBS database for the Agrifood sector, which will keep being improved.

It allows to evaluate the impacts on biodiversity of the industry more accurately and provides valuable insights on the most significant pressures.

ASSESS

The quantitative analysis led by BIA-GBS needs to be completed by a qualitative analysis at the company level of the exposure and probability of occurrence of risks.



Feedback from Amundi



Sandrine

Q&A?

Thank you for your interest