

# UK and Ireland: High nature integration rates

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## UK- and Ireland-based asset owners display widespread enthusiasm for nature and biodiversity

According to our survey, UK and Ireland respondents show the highest rate of nature and biodiversity integration among EMEA regional groupings surveyed, with 88% integrating related considerations into their investment processes, exceeding the overall EMEA average of 77%.

For nearly half of respondents from the UK and Ireland, this integration applies to 5% or less of assets under management. However, a majority (52%) say that this proportion will grow over the next 12 to 24 months.

### Harnessing opportunities in forestry and water

Many UK and Ireland respondents are considering the opportunities that nature and biodiversity hold for their portfolios. While respondents across EMEA are most likely to find potential transition risks highly relevant for their portfolios (cited by 51% of EMEA survey respondents), half of those in the UK and Ireland find physical risks or resource efficiency opportunities (such as investing in companies taking actions to avoid or reduce dependencies and impacts on nature) highly relevant. They view sustainable forestry and land use and water security and management as priority themes for investment.

An even higher proportion of UK and Ireland respondents (58% compared with 48% across EMEA)

**88%**

of UK and Ireland respondents are integrating nature and biodiversity-related considerations into their investment processes.

**53%**

of UK and Ireland respondents who currently integrate nature and biodiversity in their investments say they are participating in nature- or biodiversity-related investor initiatives.

say they are reallocating capital to nature- and biodiversity-dedicated investments, with an additional 18% funding such investments from new inflows.

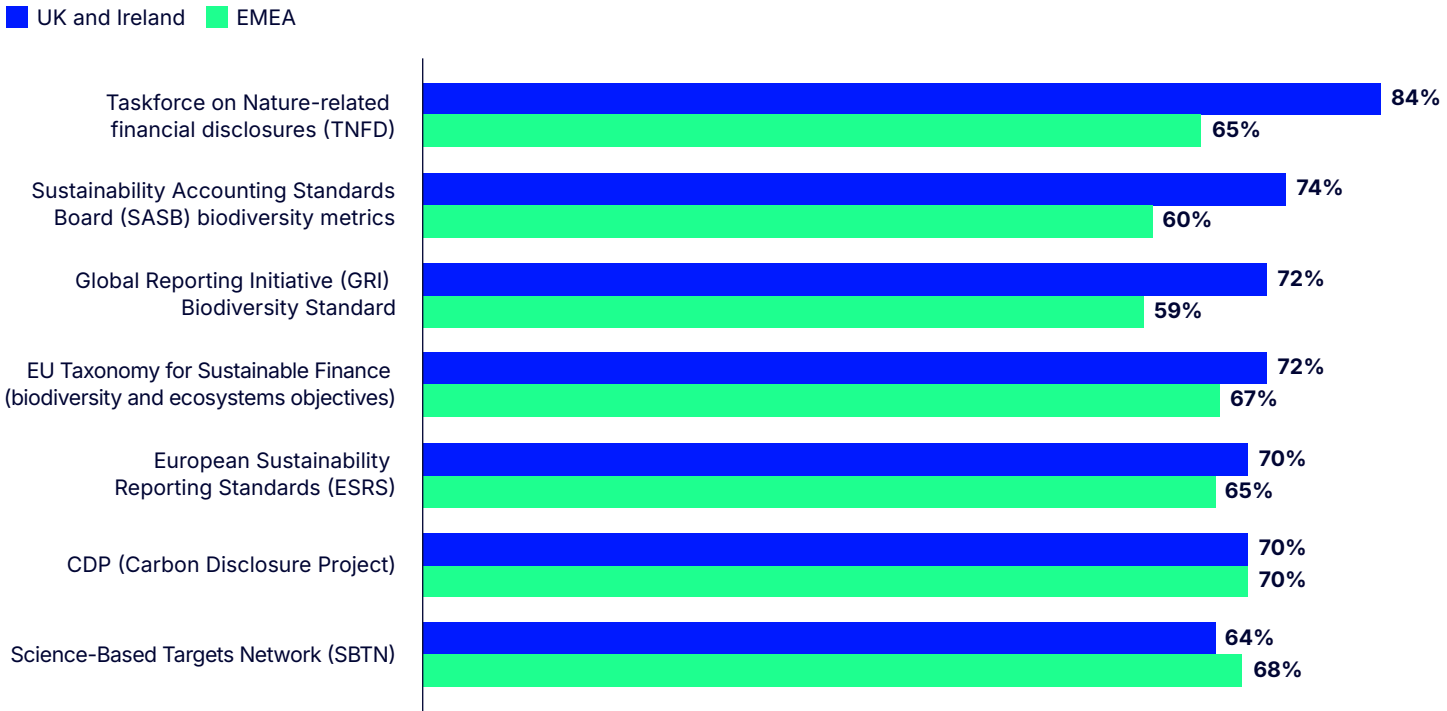
When integrating nature and biodiversity objectives into their portfolios, impact mitigation indicators (such as those relating to operations in sensitive or protected areas) are incorporated or planned to be incorporated by 72% of UK and Ireland respondents (compared with 65% across EMEA).

However, challenges remain. Forty-five percent of UK and Ireland respondents who currently incorporate nature and biodiversity objectives say the limited availability of nature-focused investment options and the lengthy timelines required to reap environmental and financial benefits are among their top three challenges to investment.

### A focus on industry collaboration and disclosure frameworks

UK and Ireland respondents are also recognizing the importance of industry collaboration and disclosure frameworks.

**Figure 1: Respondents in the UK and Ireland are more likely than those across EMEA to leverage certain standards and disclosure frameworks**



Source: FT Longitude survey.  
Percentage of respondents fully or partially implementing frameworks or planning to do so over the next 12 months

Implementation of nature-related risk and opportunity assessments in core allocations to improve risk/return profile is the most cited approach (66%), followed by inclusionary screening and thematic investing (57%), to incorporating nature and biodiversity objectives. Notably, 53% of UK and Ireland respondents (compared with 40% across EMEA) say they are participating in nature- or biodiversity-related investor initiatives as an approach to integrate nature and biodiversity.

Nearly 85% of UK and Ireland respondents (compared with 65% across EMEA) say they leverage the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures framework or plan to do so in the next 12 months (Figure 1).

**The bottom line**

Our survey revealed that many UK and Ireland respondents are considering nature- and biodiversity related opportunities while leading among their EMEA peers in industry collaboration and framework integration.

**\*About the survey**

In May 2025, State Street Investment Management, in partnership with FT Longitude, surveyed 330 senior investment decision-makers working at asset owners (including pension funds, insurance firms, endowments, and sovereign wealth funds) across the EMEA region (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Kuwait, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, and the UK). There were 50 UK and Ireland-based asset owners who participated in this survey. The survey explored how these investors are approaching the challenges and opportunities of integrating nature and biodiversity objectives into their investment portfolios.

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