



Activities in the Finance Sector

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What is Natural Capital?

Stock of natural resources + flow environmental services they provide



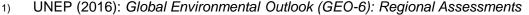
As stocks decrease => is service provision diminished?





Natural Capital – The Challenge

- The environmental change sweeping the world is occurring at a faster pace than previously thought¹
- During the last century, the planet has lost 50% of its wetlands, 40% of its forests and 35% of its mangroves. Around 60% of the Earth's ecosystem services have been degraded in just 50 years
- In almost every region, population growth, rapid urbanization, rising levels of consumption, desertification, land degradation and climate change have combined to leave countries suffering from severe water scarcity¹
- By 2050, global water demand is projected to increase by 55%, mainly due to growing demands from manufacturing, thermal electricity generation and domestic use²



²⁾ WWAP (2015): The United Nations World Water Development Report

3) Financial Times (2014): A world without water





Droughts

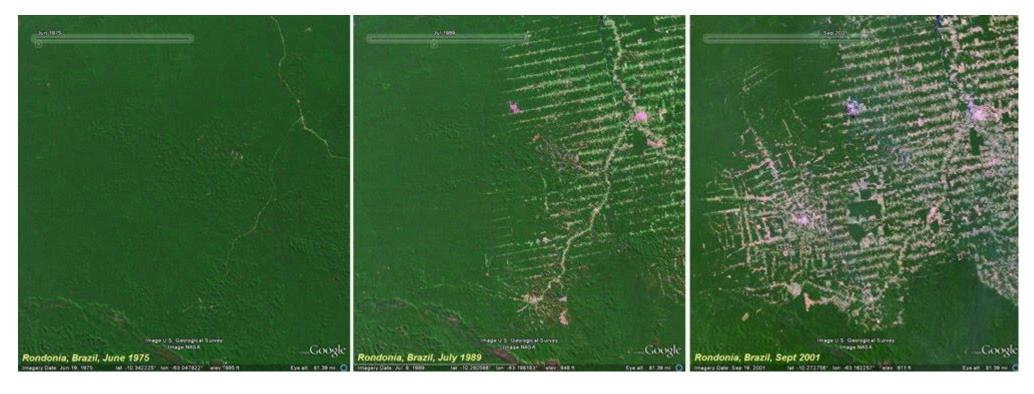


Drought, California, USA July 2011 – Jan. 2014





Deforestation



Deforestation, Rondonia, Brazil June 1975 – Sept. 2001





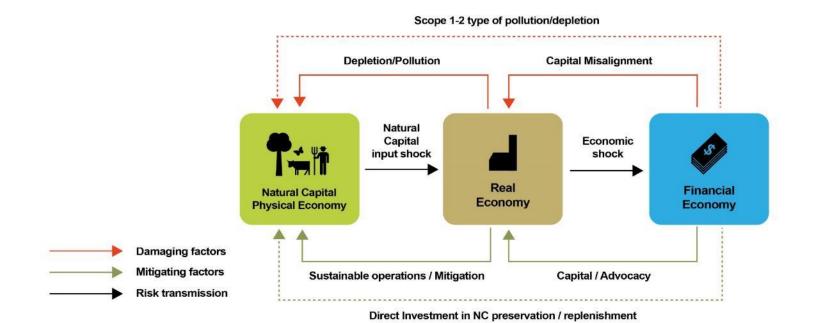
Who depends on Natural Capital?

- **Food and Beverage**: Unilever purchases nearly 3% of the world palm oil production largest single purchaser.
- **Forests:** an estimated 1.6 billion people in the world rely heavily on forests resources for their livelihoods
- Construction and Real Estate: requires significant amounts of timber, stone, iron, minerals and land
- **Utilities sector**: depends heavily on water. EDF withdrew 49.8 billion m3 of water for cooling purposes
- In 2011-14 companies spent more than \$84bn worldwide to improve the way they conserve, manage or obtain water³





Linking finance to natural capital







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An overview





NCFA: A powerful finance-led initiative

The Natural Capital Finance Alliance

- 45 Signatories
- Even split between Southern and Northern Hemispheres
- Half are banks
- The other half includes asset managers, development finance institutions, asset owners and insurance companies
- Steering Group chair: Yes Bank
- Steering Group members:

 UniCredit, CDC Biodiversite,
 Banorte, Citi, National
 Australia Bank, IFC, VicSuper,
 WWF, IUCN
- Secretariat shared between UNEP Finance Initiative and Global Canopy Programme

Signatories



Supporters





































NCFA - Tools and methodologies

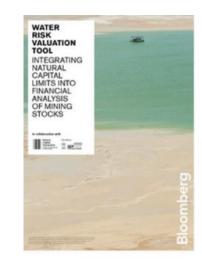
Soft Commodity Forest Risk Tool

Water Risk Corporate Bonds Tool

Water Risk Equities Tool







Self-assessment tool that enables banks, investors and other financial institutions to take action by using the tool to inform, develop or update their soft commodity risk policies

Self-assessment tool for financial institutions to incorporate water risk in corporate bond credit risk analysis and integrate water stress into company credit analysis

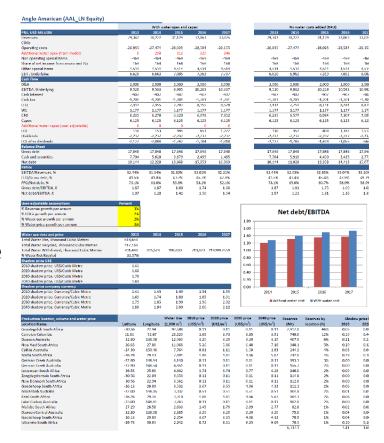
Tool that enables analysts to incorporate water risks into company valuations across copper and gold mining companies





Water Stress and Corporate Bonds

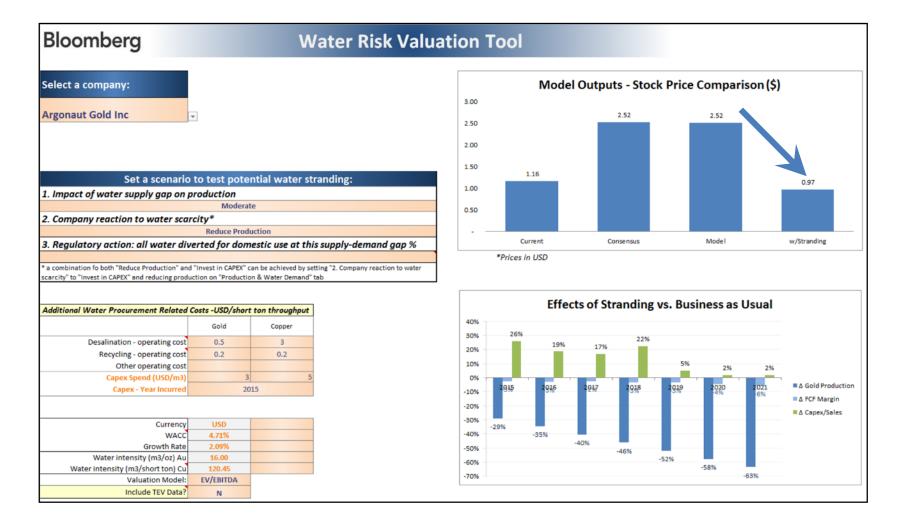
- The top half of each Excel sheet is a standard credit analyst company model generating five credit ratios
- The lower part of each sheet contains data on water consumption and locational shadow water prices. It uses location-specific information about firms' operations and water use to calculate the company-specific water costs to link water use and water stress data
- The credit ratios are adjusted for the water cost







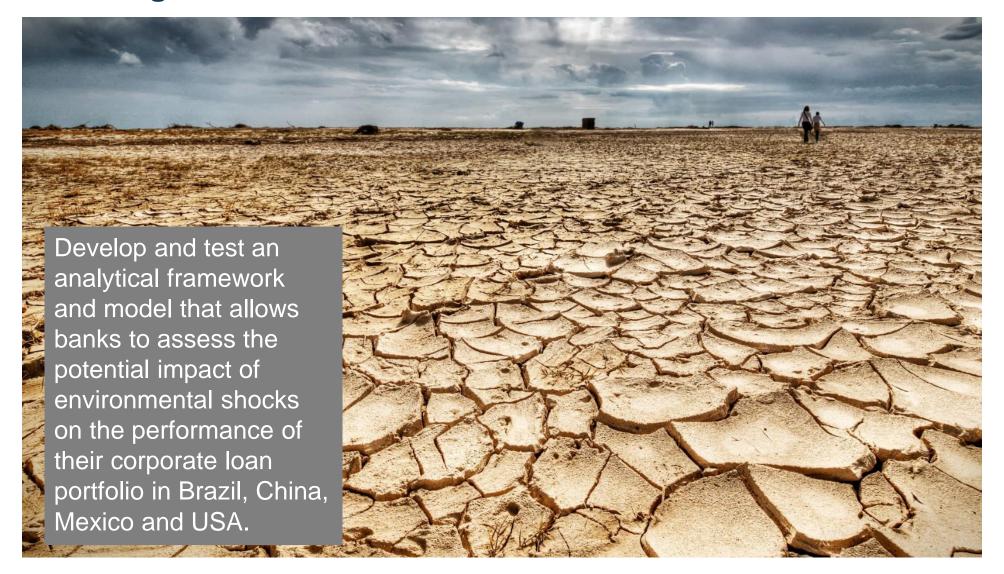
Water Stress and Equities







Drought Stress Test for Banks Portfolios













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Implementation Partners







Expert Council















Partner Banks





















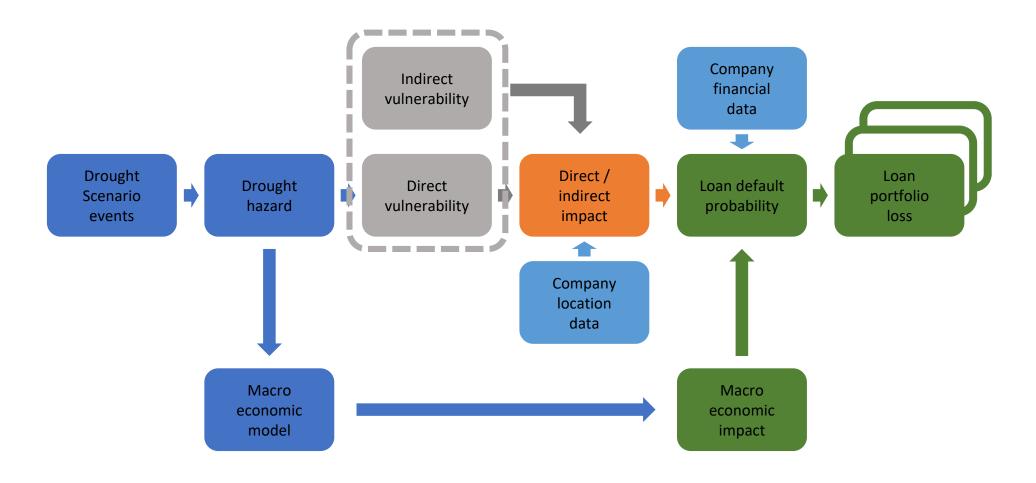








Drought Stress Test for Banks Portfolios











High level example

Company data (sector / location / financial)

Drought
Scenario hazard

Sectoral impact (direct / indirect)

Change in revenue and COGS

Loan default probability and \$ loss

Food and beverage manufacturing

Production facilities in:

- Chicago
- Indianapolis
- San Francisco
- \$75MM loan
- \$100MM rev.
- \$30MM costs

Severe five-year drought in West and Central United States

Reduced rainfall in certain regions by 90%

Reduced water supply in Chicago restricts bottling plant operations

Power supply from hydro electric supply reduced by 80%, forcing other sources to be used

Reduced availability of raw food products from California

Revenue decreases by 40% to \$60MM due to decreases in productivity

Water costs increase by 60%

Power costs increase by 40%

Costs increase by 30% to 40MM

Reduced revenue and greater costs increase probability of default

In 3rd year of drought, company becomes insolvent

Loan default, and loss to FI of \$75MM

Advancing Environmental Risk Management – AERM

How does natural capital risk affect businesses?

- What are the dependencies?
- Do dependencies mean risk?
- Evidence base for assessments

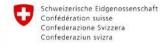
How can FIs integrate natural capital risk in their assessments?

- Risk exposure and mitigation assessment
- Pilot selection
- Quantification
- Integration





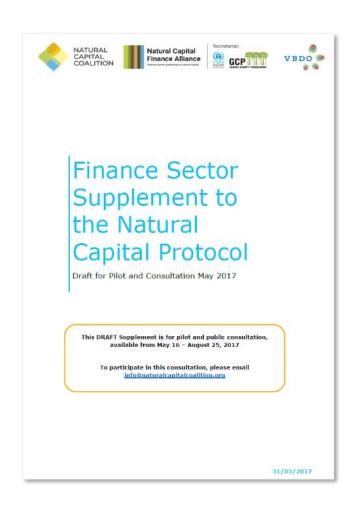




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Financial Sector Supplement to the Natural Capital Protocol



The Finance Sector Supplement will help financial institutions incorporate consideration of natural capital **impacts and dependencies**, and to better **assess risks and opportunities**, into their **lending**, **investment and insurance** practices and processes.

- Project launched in October 2016
- Public consultation launch in May 2016: engagement process reached 581 individuals in total
- Public launch of the Supplement planned for the first quarter of 2018.









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NATURAL CAPITAL: AN INDUSTRIAL INSURER'S PERSPECTIVE

It can improve the view on potential risks at industry operations and supply chains (and therefore our portfolio):

- Increased awareness for more transparency
- 2. Moving from qualitative to quantitative information
- 3. Monetization based on assumptions
- 4. Understanding frequency and likelihood
- 5. Understanding triggers
- 6. Understanding impact

"If you can't measure it, you can't manage it"

It can improve the approach on Natural Capital related risk management measures:

- Management of Natural Capital demands new risk management solutions
- 2. We clearly see the potential for proactive and innovative risk management reducing the risk at our (prospective) clients (and therefore our portfolio)

Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty plans to publish a report on Natural Capital from an industrial insurer's perspective the coming months.