ENVIRONMENT · A5 NATURE & FOOD · ATTRIBUTE ENV-21

Biodiversity protection

How the hotel looks after the plants, animals and natural areas on and around its land.

HOW OFTEN	EVIDENCE	ENTERED BY	TYPE
When it changes	Policy / photos	The property	In place or not

Why it matters

Hotels are often built in beautiful, sensitive places, and the nature around them is part of why guests come. Gardens, lighting, chemicals and building work can all harm local wildlife, or help it, depending on the choices made.

How to do better

- Find out what is special nearby: protected areas, rare species, nesting seasons.
- Plant native species, which need less water and support local wildlife.
- Avoid plants known to spread aggressively in your region.
- Use as few garden chemicals as possible and keep outdoor lighting low near natural areas.

How to record it in Canoprise

1. Identify protected areas and notable species on or near the site.
2. Record how green areas are managed: native planting, no invasive species, limited chemicals.
3. Log biodiversity actions through the year and attach the policy or photos.

What you enter

Ref	What to enter	How it is entered
ENV-21.1	**Biodiversity actions this year**	Count
ENV-21.2	Protected areas / species identified	Yes / no
ENV-21.3	Bi-annual review of actions	Date
ENV-21.4	Native, non-invasive landscaping; invasive list	Yes / no
ENV-21.5	Ecological green-area management	Yes / no
ENV-21.6	Conservation spend	Cost
ENV-21.7	In or next to a protected area or key biodiversity area	Yes / no

Items marked “calculated for you” need no entry.

How it is scored

In place or not. It scores 100 when the practice is in place with evidence attached, and 0 when it is not.

COMMON MISTAKE

Planting attractive non-native species that turn out to be invasive locally.

WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

A short site note on habitats and species, and a log of actions reviewed twice a year.

IF YOU ARE WORKING TOWARDS A CERTIFICATE

Certification schemes commonly ask for native planting, no invasive species and limited use of garden chemicals. Requirements differ between schemes and change over time, so check the one you are applying to.

Where it counts

Certification

- GSTC Hotel v4 D9: Biodiversity conservation
- GSTC Hotel v4 D10: Invasive species
- Green Key 7.9: Manual or electric garden equipment
- Green Key 7.10: Ecological green-area management
- Green Key 7.11: Local biodiversity initiatives
- Green Key 7.12: Biodiversity risk assessment
- Green Key 7.13: Annual biodiversity monitoring
- Green Key 7.14: Food-related green initiative
- EarthCheck 2.3.4: Ecosystems, biodiversity and captive wildlife

Reporting frameworks (referenced, not scored)

- GRI 101: Biodiversity (GRI 101) (in part)
- SASB SV-HL-160a.1: Properties in or near protected areas
- SASB SV-HL-160a.2: Practices to protect ecosystems (in part)
- CSRD E4: Biodiversity and ecosystems

Part of topic guide A5 Nature & food, which covers the whole topic and lists the certification criteria it supports.