

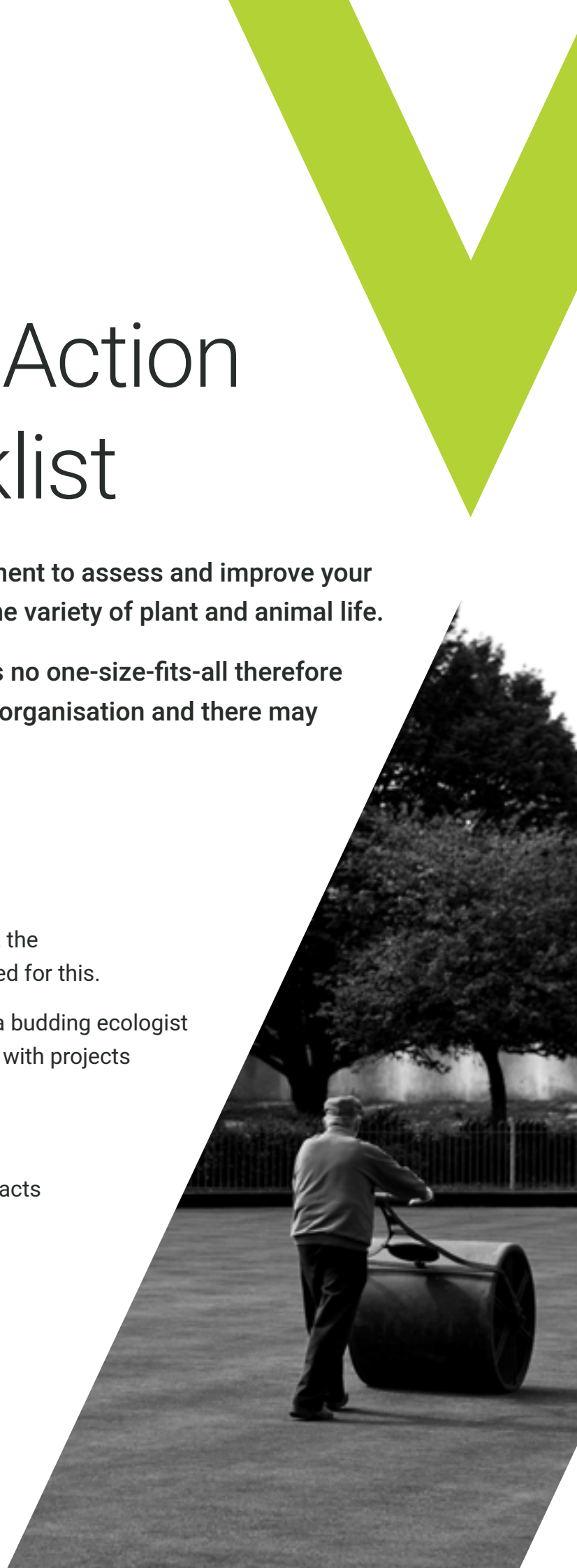
Biodiversity Action Ideas Checklist

Use this checklist as a guidance document to assess and improve your organisation's progress in enhancing the variety of plant and animal life.

Every organisation is unique so there is no one-size-fits-all therefore not all actions will be relevant to every organisation and there may be other actions which are not listed.

Getting Started Quick Tips

- > Undertake a simple baseline assessment, the Benches Biodiversity for Sport can be used for this.
- > Reach out to your network, there may be a budding ecologist in there somewhere who is willing to help with projects
- > Protect what matters first before creating new habitats
- > Keep monitoring and measuring your impacts and celebrate the success's



Level One: Starting

Internal 				
Basic of biodiversity loss				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Read the BASIS guide on Biodiversity Gain	☐	☐	☐	☐
Learn more about Biodiversity and Physical Activity	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop knowledge of the impacts of your organisational activities on wildlife and biodiversity	☐	☐	☐	☐

External 				
Learning from others				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Look at the BASIS Resource Hub for System Partner case studies	☐	☐	☐	☐

Level Two: Progressing

Internal				
Assessed organisational relevance				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Conduct a simple biodiversity assessment on any blue green spaces that are used / owned by the organisation	☐	☐	☐	☐
Targets and goals are set				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Identify and prioritise biodiversity initiatives that can be implemented and set out targets and goals	☐	☐	☐	☐
Initial actions taken				
Limit or ban the use of harmful pesticides and herbicides	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install areas to attract wildlife such as bird boxes and bug houses	☐	☐	☐	☐
Review mowing practices and identify any areas that can be mown less	☐	☐	☐	☐

External				
Beginning to raise awareness				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Reach out to your network to find any members, players or volunteers who can contribute to projects	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communicate biodiversity messages to your network	☐	☐	☐	☐
Share the BASIS Resource Hub with your network	☐	☐	☐	☐

Level Three: Sustainable

Internal				
Several actions being implemented				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Improve planting schemes for native species	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install bird, bat, and insect boxes, as well as deadwood piles and bug hotels in unused corners of club grounds	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use un-mowed grass buffer zones, native tree planting, and indigenous hedgerows around pitches to create wildlife corridors	☐	☐	☐	☐
Create sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), rain gardens, or small wildlife ponds. This naturally manages water flow, prevents waterlogging, and supports aquatic life	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install green roofs and walls by utilising flat roofs on clubhouses or stadium stands for sedum or wildflower plantings to improve thermal insulation and provide habitats for pollinators	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use recycled plastics (like old cups and seats) for outdoor furniture, planters, and landscaping	☐	☐	☐	☐
Biodiversity through procurement				
Prioritise sustainable catering through auditing menus, sourcing food locally, using regenerative farms techniques	☐	☐	☐	☐
Create a supplier code of conduct which includes environmental expectations, requiring suppliers to confirm their products do not contribute to deforestation, habitat destruction, or pollution	☐	☐	☐	☐



External

Involved in initiatives

Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Collaborate with stakeholders to drive biodiversity gain in the sector or locally	☐	☐	☐	☐
Publish biodiversity gain targets and share with local organisations	☐	☐	☐	☐
Join a local nature recovery strategy	☐	☐	☐	☐

Level Four: Restorative



Internal

Biodiversity improvements

Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Wildlife and biodiversity benefits are demonstrated through initiatives onsite or through the supply chain	☐	☐	☐	☐



External

Initiated and delivered projects

Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Projects are being delivered to enhance biodiversity in the local area	☐	☐	☐	☐

Level Five: Regenerative

Internal 				
All actions are positively impacting the wildlife				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
All actions can demonstrate a positive impact on wildlife and biodiversity	☐	☐	☐	☐

External 				
Sector leadership and working in partnership; driving innovation and positive outcomes				
Action	Relevance		Actioned	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Positive biodiversity impacts are quantified, communicated widely and replicated by other organisations	☐	☐	☐	☐
Actions across themes are interconnected (rather than done in silos) which enables positive social, environmental, and economic outcomes	☐	☐	☐	☐