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Banking on Natural Capital

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Abstract:

The world's stock of natural capital produces a wide range of ecosystem services, such as the provision of clean water, pollination services of bees, decomposition of wastes and many more, which allow human life to thrive. As our population grows, the impacts of degrading our natural capital pose significant challenges for our economic prosperity. Vice versa, by investing in building our natural capital, we can enhance business resilience and productivity. This presentation will focus on why natural capital is important to NAB and what NAB is doing about it. It will discuss the role of natural capital and banking and preliminary results from research with CSIRO and other partners. Part of this journey for NAB is banker training. The specific engagement of agribusiness bankers in experiential learning from innovative sustainable farms will also be discussed.