



BRAND: CISCO

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Based on the provided "Cisco 2023 Purpose Report," here is an evaluation of Cisco's corporate biodiversity performance using the specified DeTrust Lab Biodiversity Methodology:

Stage 1: Biodiversity Pressures and Priority Areas (30%)

1. Summary of Biodiversity Pressures (15%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** The report highlights Cisco's environmental sustainability strategy, including initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy. However, it does not provide a detailed summary of biodiversity pressures specifically caused by their operations. The focus is more on climate change and general environmental impacts.

2. Priority Species, Habitats, and Ecosystem Services (15%)

- **Score: 1**
- **Justification:** The report does not mention specific priority species, habitats, or ecosystem services that Cisco focuses on. While there are references to environmental regeneration and protection, there is no detailed list or measurable objectives related to specific biodiversity priorities.

Stage 2: Vision, Goals, and Strategies (40%)

1. Corporate Biodiversity Vision (10%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** Cisco's vision for environmental sustainability includes broad goals such as achieving net-zero emissions and promoting a circular economy. However, a distinct, detailed vision specifically for biodiversity is not articulated in the report.

2. Scalable Biodiversity Goals and Objectives (15%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** The report outlines goals related to reducing environmental impact and promoting sustainability, such as the reduction of GHG emissions and increasing renewable energy use. However, these goals are not specific or measurable regarding direct biodiversity outcomes.

3. Key Strategies to Deliver Goals and Objectives (15%)

- **Score: 2**



- **Justification:** Cisco employs strategies like promoting renewable energy and circular economy principles. These strategies are linked to broader sustainability goals but do not specifically address biodiversity conservation.

Stage 3: Indicator Framework and Strategic Plan (20%)

1. Framework of Core Indicators (10%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** The report includes various sustainability indicators but lacks a comprehensive framework specifically for biodiversity (e.g., species abundance, habitat quality). Including such indicators would provide a more detailed understanding of biodiversity impacts.

2. Elements of a Biodiversity Strategic Plan (10%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** While the report mentions several strategic actions, it lacks a detailed biodiversity-specific strategic plan. A comprehensive plan with clear actions, timelines, and biodiversity metrics would improve this area.

Stage 4: Monitoring and Reporting (10%)

1. Monitoring Plan (5%)

- **Score: 2**
- **Justification:** The report indicates some monitoring activities related to environmental sustainability but lacks a detailed biodiversity monitoring plan. Specific indicators, data collection methods, and responsibilities should be detailed.

2. Database of Relevant Data (2.5%)

- **Score: 1**
- **Justification:** There is no mention of a dedicated biodiversity database integrating multiple relevant data sources to track biodiversity indicators comprehensively.

3. Monitoring and Reporting Systems (2.5%)

- **Score: 1**
- **Justification:** The report lacks detailed information on standardized biodiversity monitoring and reporting systems. Developing systems to present biodiversity data in formats like maps or dashboards would be beneficial.



Summary of Scores

Stage	Sub-element	Weight	Score (0-5)	Weighted Score
Stage 1	Biodiversity Pressures and Priority Areas	30%		
	Summary of biodiversity pressures	15%	2	0.30
	Priority species and habitats	15%	1	0.15
Stage 2	Vision, Goals, and Strategies	40%		
	Corporate biodiversity vision	10%	2	0.20
	Scalable goals and objectives	15%	2	0.30
	Key strategies	15%	2	0.30
Stage 3	Indicator Framework and Strategic Plan	20%		
	Framework of core indicators	10%	2	0.20
	Elements of a strategic plan	10%	2	0.20
Stage 4	Monitoring and Reporting	10%		
	Monitoring plan	5%	2	0.10
	Database of relevant data	2.5%	1	0.025
	Monitoring and reporting systems	2.5%	1	0.025
Total	100%			1.80

Concluding Summary

- **Total Weighted Score: 1.80 out of 5**
- **Overall Justification:** Cisco demonstrates a basic level of commitment to environmental sustainability, with significant efforts in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting renewable energy. However, the approach to biodiversity is not detailed or systematic. The main strengths lie in general environmental sustainability efforts, while specific biodiversity strategies, goals, and monitoring systems need significant development to enhance overall biodiversity performance. Improvements in setting clear, measurable biodiversity goals, developing a comprehensive strategic plan, and implementing robust monitoring and reporting systems are recommended.