



## OBC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Whether you are a company, a non-profit, or a public authority, you may be seeking credible ways to value your contribution to nature or to take your first steps toward measurable biodiversity action. The Organization for Biodiversity Certificates (OBC) aims to help organizations understand, improve, and showcase their impact on biodiversity. By joining OBC, you become part of a global coalition that channels private investment into biodiversity protection through certified, science-based biodiversity certificates, turning nature protection into an opportunity for growth and collaboration.

### A Trusted International Coalition Driving Private Investment for Nature

The Organization for Biodiversity Certificates (OBC) is an association of over 30 international members (including companies and organizations such as Bouygues, Pernod Ricard, Kering, Ardian, Agromap, Fronterra, Le Printemps des Terres, Biota, Fransylva, ATIBT, aDryada, AETS, etc.) to deploy practice-based biodiversity certificates that significantly increase private investment for nature protection and restoration worldwide. These biodiversity certificates are scientifically grounded, easy to understand, and easy to report.

The OBC is part of major international initiatives, such as the International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits (IAPB) and the Biodiversity Credit Alliance (BCA), and partner with recognized scientific institutions.

To create the biodiversity certificates, OBC is deploying pilot projects in order to adapt these biodiversity certificates to the countries' ecosystem and actual field conditions. The methodology is currently being optimized through national pilots in various countries (France, Côte d'Ivoire, Peru, Cameroon, Denmark, Germany, Rwanda, etc.) covering both forest and agricultural ecosystems. From these pilots, we plan to launch the first biodiversity certificates by 2027, attracting large-scale private investment in nature across participating countries.

### Why Become an OBC Member Now:

- Take part in the design and implementation of biodiversity certificates – an international mechanism to finance biodiversity action based on an open-source methodology.
- Participate in working groups to list best practices relevant to your activities.
- Access internal resources and bibliographies from the scientific consortium.
- Get informed of the progress of work and news on the biodiversity certificates development.
- Develop your network and expertise by participating in:
  - OBC General Assemblies and communication events.
  - Regular exchanges with other OBC members.

### How to Join OBC:

To become a member, please complete the following steps:

1. **Fill out the membership information form** on the next page.
2. **Provide a short motivation letter** addressed to the President of OBC.
3. **Sign and adhere** to OBC's Charter of Values and Internal Rules.
4. **Pay the membership fee** by check or bank transfer to the account below:

## ORGANIZATION FOR BIODIVERSITY CERTIFICATES

IBAN: FR76 1695 8000 0148 0872 1667 115

BIC/SWIFT: QNTOFRP1XXX

### Base Membership Fees:

Size <sup>1</sup>	Criteria			Base Fee (€)
	Net Sales	Headcount Range	Balance Sheet Total	
Micro	≤ €2m	<10	≤ €2m	5,000
Small	≤ €10m	10–49	≤ €10m	9,000
Medium	≤ €50m	50–250	≤ €43m	15,000
Large <sup>2</sup>	> €50m	>250	> €43m	20,000

<sup>1</sup>Micro, Small, and Medium Sized Companies should not exceed two out of three criteria.

<sup>2</sup>Large Companies are those who exceed two out of three criteria.

Membership fees may be adapted according to country income group, association type, and referral discounts (see Appendix I: Additional Membership Fees / Discounts)

### Membership Information Form:

Please fill in the details below and return this page with proof of membership fee payment.

Organization name: .....

Registration number (SIREN or equivalent): .....

Net sales: .....

Number of employees: .....

Balance sheet total: .....

Address: .....

Postal code / City: .....

Country: .....

Phone number: .....

Representative(s) within OBC (max 2):

Name: ..... Email: .....

Name: ..... Email: .....

Billing contact email: .....

Sponsoring member (if applicable): .....

*In accordance with French law n° 78-17 of 6 January 1978 ("Data Protection and Freedoms Act"), the Organization for Biodiversity Certificates (OBC) undertakes not to use members' information for commercial purposes. Members have the right to access, rectify, or request deletion of their personal data at any time.*

Done at: .....

Date: .....

Signature: .....

## APPENDIX I: ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP FEES / DISCOUNTS

### A. Discount by Country Income Group

For the full list of countries and their corresponding income group classifications, please refer to **Appendix II: Country Income Groups**.

Country Income Group	GNI per capita (USD) <sup>1</sup>	Country Discount
High	> 13,935	0%
Upper middle	4,496 – 13,935	15%
Lower middle	1,136 – 4,495	35%
Low	≤ 1,135	50%

<sup>1</sup>Source: [World Bank Country and Lending Groups](#).

### B. Discount by Association Type

Association Type	Year 1	Year 2 onward	Notes
Corporations	Base membership fees	Base membership fees	Eligible for income discounts and may also invite members for referral credits
Operating association / NGOs	Free	Base membership fees	Eligible for income discounts and may also invite members for referral credits
Advocacy association / NGOs	Free	Free (permanent)	Always free; no discounts or referral credit necessary

### C. Discount by Referrals of New Members<sup>3</sup>

Discounts by Referrals of New Members apply to the following year's membership fee and are capped at a maximum of the members' annual contribution amount.

Region of New Member	Micro	Small	Medium	Large
France	10%	10%	10%	10%
European Union	20%	30%	50%	70%
World	50%	70%	70%	70%

<sup>3</sup>New members are corporations that are joining OBC membership through a referral by a current OBC member.

## APPENDIX II: COUNTRY INCOME GROUP

Economy	Income group	Economy	Income group
Afghanistan	Low	Curaçao	High
Albania	Upper-middle	Cyprus	High
Algeria	Upper-middle	Czechia	High
American Samoa	High	Denmark	High
Andorra	High	Djibouti	Lower-middle
Angola	Lower-middle	Dominica	Upper-middle
Antigua and Barbuda	High	Dominican Republic	Upper-middle
Argentina	Upper-middle	Ecuador	Upper-middle
Armenia	Upper-middle	Egypt, Arab Rep.	Lower-middle
Aruba	High	El Salvador	Upper-middle
Australia	High	Equatorial Guinea	Upper-middle
Austria	High	Eritrea	Low
Azerbaijan	Upper-middle	Estonia	High
Bahamas, The	High	Eswatini	Lower-middle
Bahrain	High	Ethiopia	
Bangladesh	Lower-middle	Faroe Islands	High
Barbados	High	Fiji	Upper-middle
Belarus	Upper-middle	Finland	High
Belgium	High	France	High
Belize	Upper-middle	French Polynesia	High
Benin	Lower-middle	Gabon	Upper-middle
Bermuda	High	Gambia, The	Low
Bhutan	Lower-middle	Georgia	Upper-middle
Bolivia	Lower-middle	Germany	High
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Upper-middle	Ghana	Lower-middle
Botswana	Upper-middle	Gibraltar	High
Brazil	Upper-middle	Greece	High
British Virgin Islands	High	Greenland	High
Brunei Darussalam	High	Grenada	Upper-middle
Bulgaria	High	Guam	High
Burkina Faso	Low	Guatemala	Upper-middle
Burundi	Low	Guinea	Lower-middle
Cabo Verde	Upper-middle	Guinea-Bissau	Low
Cambodia	Lower-middle	Guyana	High
Cameroon	Lower-middle	Haiti	Lower-middle
Canada	High	Honduras	Lower-middle
Cayman Islands	High	Hong Kong SAR, China	High
Central African Republic	Low	Hungary	High
Chad	Low	Iceland	High
Channel Islands	High	India	Lower-middle
Chile	High	Indonesia	Upper-middle
China	Upper-middle	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Upper-middle
Colombia	Upper-middle	Iraq	Upper-middle
Comoros	Lower-middle	Ireland	High
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Low	Isle of Man	High
Congo, Rep.	Lower-middle	Israel	High
Costa Rica	High	Italy	High
Côte d'Ivoire	Lower-middle	Jamaica	Upper-middle
Croatia	High	Japan	High
Cuba	Upper-middle	Jordan	Lower-middle

Economy	Income group	Economy	Income group
Kazakhstan	Upper-middle	Panama	High
Kenya	Lower-middle	Papua New Guinea	Lower-middle
Kiribati	Lower-middle	Paraguay	Upper-middle
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	Low	Peru	Upper-middle
Korea, Rep.	High	Philippines	Lower-middle
Kosovo	Upper-middle	Poland	High
Kuwait	High	Portugal	High
Kyrgyz Republic	Lower-middle	Puerto Rico (U.S.)	High
Lao PDR	Lower-middle	Qatar	High
Latvia	High	Romania	High
Lebanon	Lower-middle	Russian Federation	High
Lesotho	Lower-middle	Rwanda	Low
Liberia	Low	Samoa	Upper-middle
Libya	Upper-middle	San Marino	High
Liechtenstein	High	São Tomé and Príncipe	Lower-middle
Lithuania	High	Saudi Arabia	High
Luxembourg	High	Senegal	Lower-middle
Macao SAR, China	High	Serbia	Upper-middle
Madagascar	Low	Seychelles	High
Malawi	Low	Sierra Leone	Low
Malaysia	Upper-middle	Singapore	High
Maldives	Upper-middle	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	High
Mali	Low	Slovak Republic	High
Malta	High	Slovenia	High
Marshall Islands	Upper-middle	Solomon Islands	Lower-middle
Mauritania	Lower-middle	Somalia	Low
Mauritius	Upper-middle	South Africa	Upper-middle
Mexico	Upper-middle	South Sudan	Low
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Lower-middle	Spain	High
Moldova	Upper-middle	Sri Lanka	Lower-middle
Monaco	High	St. Kitts and Nevis	High
Mongolia	Upper-middle	St. Lucia	Upper-middle
Montenegro	Upper-middle	St. Martin (French part)	High
Morocco	Lower-middle	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Upper-middle
Mozambique	Low	Sudan	Low
Myanmar	Lower-middle	Suriname	Upper-middle
Namibia	Lower-middle	Sweden	High
Nauru	High	Switzerland	High
Nepal	Lower-middle	Syrian Arab Republic	Low
Netherlands	High	Taiwan, China	High
New Caledonia	High	Tajikistan	Lower-middle
New Zealand	High	Tanzania	Lower-middle
Nicaragua	Lower-middle	Thailand	Upper-middle
Niger	Low	Timor-Leste	Lower-middle
Nigeria	Lower-middle	Togo	Low
North Macedonia	Upper-middle	Tonga	Upper-middle
Northern Mariana Islands	High	Trinidad and Tobago	High
Norway	High	Tunisia	Lower-middle
Oman	High	Türkiye	Upper-middle
Pakistan	Lower-middle		
Palau	High		

Economy	Income group
Turkmenistan	Upper-middle
Turks and Caicos Islands	High
Tuvalu	Upper-middle
Uganda	Low
Ukraine	Upper-middle
United Arab Emirates	High
United Kingdom	High
United States	High
Uruguay	High
Uzbekistan	Lower-middle
Vanuatu	Lower-middle
Venezuela, RB	
Vietnam	Lower-middle
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	High
West Bank and Gaza	Lower-middle
Yemen, Rep.	Low
Zambia	Lower-middle
Zimbabwe	Lower-middle