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Welcome to another deep dive into the BIOTRAILS project!

As we reach the final chapter of the BIOTRAILS journey, this ninth newsletter marks the last regular edition of our series.

Over the last three years, we have shared milestones, stories, and results that reflect a collective commitment to fostering transformative change for biodiversity and sustainability.
In this closing issue, we look back at the major achievements of the project and the progress made across our four case studies — in Peru, Greece, Ghana and Brasil, where local stakeholders came together to co-design solutions for more sustainable value chains in cocoa, aquaculture, handicrafts and gold mining.

We also introduce the new BIOTRAILS Community on Zenodo, a digital space where all our technical publications, reports, and scientific outputs are freely accessible to everyone from now on.

Although this edition marks the end of our regular updates, the BIOTRAILS story doesn't end here. A special edition is coming soon — a final celebration of the project's journey, results, and legacy.

Stay tuned and connected as we prepare to close this inspiring chapter together.

Visit our website for more information about the project!
www.biotrailsproject.eu

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01 3 rd participatory workshop

Aquaculture & Fisheries in Greece

On 29 September 2025, the third BIOTRAILS stakeholder workshop took place in Athens, Greece, co-organised by HAPO and Harokopio University of Athens.

The event gathered representatives from fisheries, aquaculture, public institutions, and NGOs to review and validate the project's main results from the Greek case study. Participants explored tools such as the Participatory System Dynamics Model and the Nexus Policy Simulator, providing feedback to make them more policy-relevant and user-friendly. The workshop highlighted the importance of collaboration among diverse stakeholders in supporting biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture.

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01 3 rd participatory workshop

Cocoa produced in Peru

On 9 October 2026, the third BIOTRAILS project workshop took place in Pucallpa, Peru.

The event gathered representatives from the regional government of Ucayali, the private sector, academia, and civil society.

During the session, the outcomes of the first two workshops and the Participatory System Dynamics Model — a tool used to identify strategies to reduce the impact of cacao production on biodiversity – have been presented. Finally, participants reviewed the progress of the National BioTrade Promotion Strategy, aimed at enhancing institutional cooperation, sustainable land management, and local development.

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01 3 rd participatory workshop

Gold mined in Ghana

On 22 October 2025, the final stakeholder workshop in Kumasi, Ghana, focused on the gold mining value chain, marking a key milestone. The event brought together representatives from mining communities, civil society, academia, and policy institutions to discuss the main sustainability challenges and explore pathways toward more responsible practices.

During the meeting, the project team presented the main findings and policy recommendations derived from the research, along with an interactive visualisation tool designed to support evidence-based decision-making. Participants took part in a hands-on session using the Policy Simulator, which allowed them to test different policy scenarios and assess their potential impacts on biodiversity, local livelihoods, and governance.

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02 Technical reports

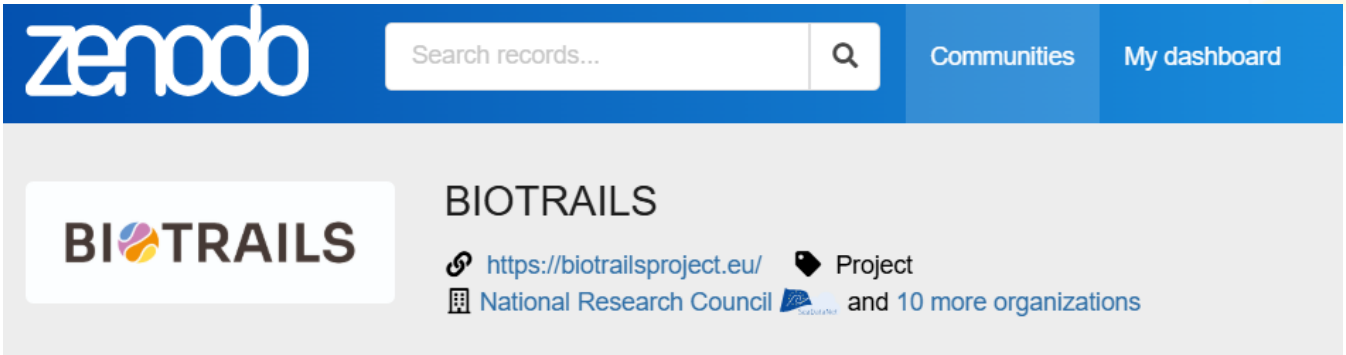
A new BIOTRAILS Community is now available on Zenodo!

The BIOTRAILS project has officially launched its Zenodo Community, a dedicated space where all technical publications, reports, and scientific outputs produced during the project are freely accessible from now on.

Hosted on the Zenodo platform, this repository ensures open access to BIOTRAILS knowledge and results — promoting transparency, collaboration, and the wider use of research findings among policymakers, scientists, and practitioners.

Within the community, readers can explore technical documents, methodological papers, policy briefs, and workshop summaries, all contributing to a better understanding of the links between biodiversity, climate, and society.

You can visit the BIOTRAILS Community on Zenodo here



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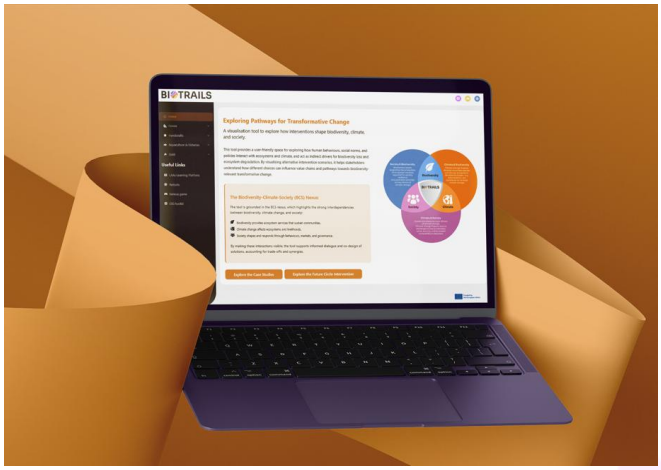
03 BIOTRAILS Visualisation tool

The BIOTRAILS Visualisation Tool is now live!



The BIOTRAILS project has officially launched its Visualisation Tool, an open-access, interactive dashboard that turns complex biodiversity, climate and trade data into intuitive maps, charts, and scenarios.

Covering our four case studies, gold (Ghana), cocoa (Peru), aquaculture & fisheries (Greece), and handicrafts (Brazil), the tool helps users explore how different interventions can shape biodiversity, climate, and societal outcomes.

Developed under Task 4.5 Visualisation of Alternative Scenarios and led by eBOS Technologies, the tool supports dialogue and collaboration across producers, policymakers, researchers, and communities to drive transformative change for biodiversity.

Read more

Explore the tool: https://biotrails.ebosrndportal.com/

Share your feedback: https://forms.gle/4gdNAhWx2qCVQz6X7

04 Next event

Final Event in Rome – 27 November 2025

The BIOTRAILS project is reaching its final milestone!
On 27 November 2025, all project partners will gather in Rome for the Final Event, a day dedicated to celebrating the results and legacy of three years of collaborative work.

The meeting will bring together representatives from the project consortium, key stakeholders, and sister projects funded under the same Horizon Europe programme.

This will be a valuable opportunity to exchange experiences, share lessons learned, and strengthen synergies between initiatives working toward biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable value chains.

During the event, participants will discuss the main outcomes and policy recommendations emerging from BIOTRAILS and explore how its tools and approaches can inspire future research and innovation efforts.

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