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Foundations of Nature and Circularity

Key Principles for Sustainable Operational Design

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Organisations sit at the intersection of land, sea, industry, trade and communities. How they understand their relationship with nature – and how they design, use and recover resources – has direct implications for resilience, operational efficiency, licence to operate and long-term value.

This ThinkZero offering introduces two closely connected approaches: nature-based design and circularity. Through accessible concepts and a practical port example, participants will explore why nature and circularity matter, how expectations are evolving, and how ports can begin translating these principles into action.



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1. Setting the scene

How nature and circularity fit within the broader ESG and sustainability landscape.

2. Understanding nature

Nature, biodiversity and natural capital; the relationship between nature and climate; and why nature matters to ports.

3. The nature imperative

Nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities; Nature Positive; and the evolving governance and reporting landscape, including an introduction to TNFD.

4. Understanding circularity

Nature-inspired design and circularity principles; retaining the value of resources; and moving beyond conventional approaches to waste.

5. Principles in practice

A worked port example demonstrating how nature and circularity can inform practical decision-making and create multiple benefits.

6. Questions, discussion and feedback

An opportunity for participants to reflect on the concepts, ask questions and help shape future training.

Format: up to 45 minutes of facilitated content followed by 15 minutes for questions, discussion and feedback.



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