



SCIENCE BASED
TARGETS NETWORK

SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS FOR NATURE

HOW COMPANIES CAN TAKE CREDIBLE
CORPORATE NATURE ACTION TODAY

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SESSION OVERVIEW



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GET TO KNOW SBTN

- What are science-based targets for nature?
- How do companies set, validate, and disclose targets?

THE LATEST UPDATES

- New accelerated pathways help companies make progress sooner
- Step Up for Nature initiative helps companies demonstrate ambition

CASE STUDIES

- Companies stepping up and validating freshwater targets

ENABLING COMPANIES TO **MEASURE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATURE POSITIVE OUTCOMES**

5 key action areas



**Reducing
carbon
emissions**



**Preserving
freshwater
resources and
water security**



**Supporting
biodiversity
and ecosystem
services**



**Preserving and
regenerating
land systems**



**Securing
healthy, diverse
oceans**



SBTN enables companies to take **enough** of the **right actions** in the **right places** at the **right time** to do their part to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030

THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SCIENCE-BASED ACTION

Turning risk into measurable action and business transformation



Secure continuity by acting on hidden risks with rigorous approach

"We now know where to focus our efforts and where action is needed most."



Meets rising stakeholder expectations using a science-based approach to action

"It is not a target that is set with your finger in the air – the methodology is robust, logical and prescriptive."



Stay ahead of regulation with comprehensive future-proof approach

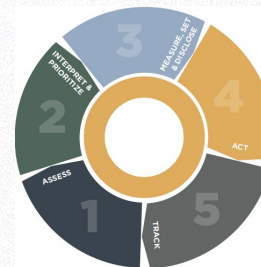
"It starts with analyzing impacts and dependencies which SBTN is probably the best method – but also the best explained method – out there"



Guide strategic decisions with a standardized and data-led framework

"We use SBTN to have concrete discussions with good insight on how we manage decisions"

SBTN'S 5-STEP APPROACH



1

Assess

- Materiality Screening
- Value Chain Assessment

2

Interpret
& Prioritize

- Target Boundary Delineation
- Interpretation & Ranking
- Prioritization

3

Measure,
Set &
Disclose

- Baseline Pressure Calculation
- Target Setting
- Submission for Validation
- Target Disclosure

4

Act

- Avoid
- Reduce
- Restore & Regenerate
- Transform

5

Track

- Monitor
- Report
- Verify

VALIDATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR CORPORATE TARGET-SETTING

Companies can now [get their SBTN Steps 1 to 3 independently validated](#) by the **Accountability Accelerator** (service launched in February 2025).



Validation:

- Verifies company work is in line with SBTN's methods
- Assures comparability and robustness of targets
- Public disclosure builds investor and stakeholder confidence
- Provides companies with confidence to take science-based action on nature

 **Companies can get validated one step at a time**

→ Start by validating Step 1 to build confidence, signal leadership, and get ready for target-setting

NEW ACCELERATED PATHWAYS HELP COMPANIES:



SCIENCE BASED TARGETS NETWORK
GLOBAL COMMONS ALLIANCE



**GET TO SCIENCE-BASED
ACTION SOONER**



**FOCUS EFFORT WHERE
NATURE NEEDS IT MOST**



**PROVE WHAT'S POSSIBLE,
THEN SCALE**

**FASTER PROGRESS;
SAME SCIENTIFIC RIGOR.**

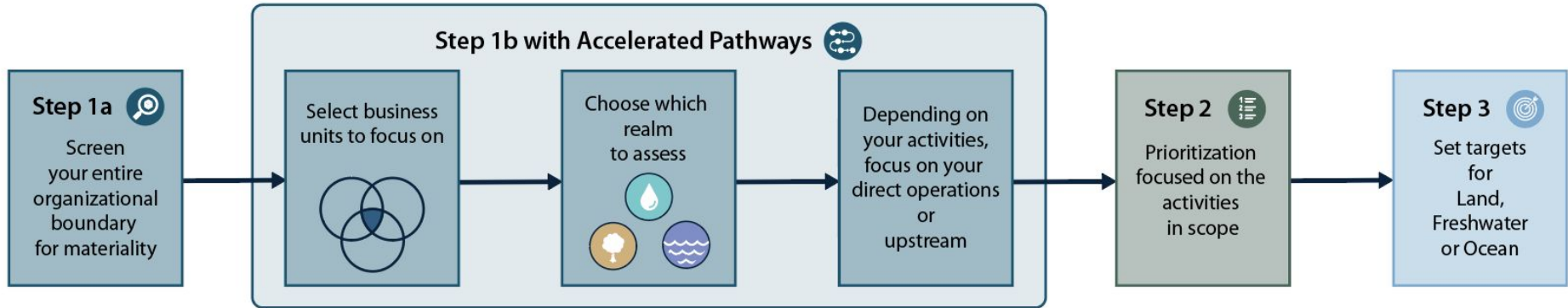


ACCELERATED PATHWAYS

HOW IT WORKS

Companies can narrow their scope after an initial assessment by:

- Specific environmental realms (e.g., land, freshwater)
- Targeted value chain segments (e.g., direct operations, upstream)
- Distinct business units



WHY THIS MATTERS FOR COMPANIES

Accelerated pathways are especially valuable for:

- **High-impact commodity producers**
 - May focus on direct operations where a majority of impacts occur (e.g. a cotton producer with land and freshwater impacts in their direct operations)
- **Companies with complex operations**
 - May focus on specific business units and/or impacts on a subset of realms (e.g. a multinational retailer focusing on their seafood sourcing in Europe)



Learn more:

STEP UP FOR NATURE

We invite companies to *Step Up for Nature* – a global effort for **companies to collectively signal their ambition on credible nature action** through science-based targets.

The initiative will highlight private-sector progress toward the 2026 Global Biodiversity Stocktake and demonstrate how **companies are helping deliver measurable outcomes for nature.**



HOW IT WORKS

The initiative calls on companies to **take their next step** toward science-based targets for nature, wherever they are in their journey.



PARTICIPATING COMPANIES INDICATE

- Their **next step** toward science-based targets (Step 1-3)
- The **timeline** on which they intend to submit it for validation

COMPANIES ARE ALREADY STEPPING UP

The first cohort of companies is now featured on SBTN's [Ambition Board](#), contributing to a transparent picture of collective ambition and progress.

Company	Sector	Country	Step: 3	Timeline
Federation of Migros Cooperatives ADDED DEC 2025	Retail	Switzerland	3	DEC 2026 LAND FRESHWATER
Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield ADDED DEC 2025	Hotels and real estate	France	3	DEC 2025 FRESHWATER
Holcim ADDED DEC 2025	Building materials	Switzerland	3	DEC 2025 FRESHWATER

CASE STUDY: HOLCIM

VALIDATED TARGETS

Holcim has validated **4 science-based freshwater quantity targets** across 4 basins in 4 countries. For example:

Holcim will reduce its water withdrawal in its direct operations in the Haine basin, Belgium, to 2,534,150 m³ by the year 2035, a 38% reduction compared to an average 2020–2024 baseline.

"To have an SBTN target validated is a huge step because it gives our external stakeholders confidence that we are moving in the right direction, and gives Holcim confidence that we can go on to set more targets."

~ **Renata Pollini, Head of Sustainable Construction & Nature, Holcim**

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“Water has always been a key topic for us, but since we [set SBTs], the rigor – where actions are actually implemented to execute those reductions – took a different level.”

~ Antonio Carrillo, Vice President of Sustainability, Holcim

Benefits & outcomes

- Raised ambition for nature action
- Identified and addressed gaps in value chain data
- Started a new supplier traceability initiative

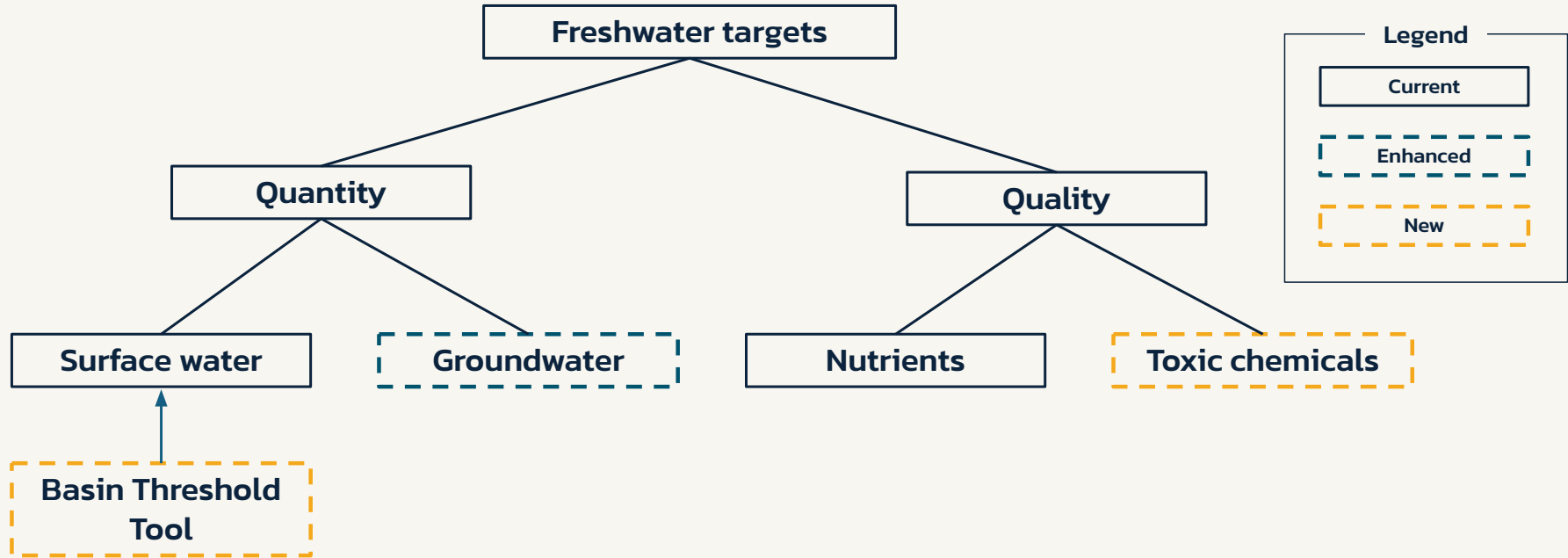
Advice for other companies

- Start the analysis with direct operations first
- Start gathering upstream data early
- Leverage external consultants to help prepare for submission

COMING SOON: **VERSION 2** **FRESHWATER TARGETS**



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READY TO STEP UP?

Join companies turning ambition into impact with science-based targets.

TAKE THE
NEXT STEP.



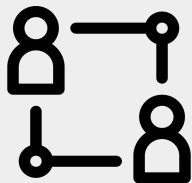
NOT READY TO
TAKE THE NEXT
STEP YET?
**STAY
CONNECTED.**

Sign up to receive updates on the initiative - including news, tools, and tips to help your company get started.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR COMPANIES:



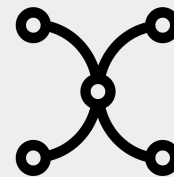
Ready for Validation?

- Ready to submit for validation? [Register here](#)
- Want to know more about the validation process? [See here](#)
- Got a validation related question? [Contact the validation service](#)



Looking for external support?

- Work with a [SBTN Service Provider](#) – organizations such as *Yachiyo Engineering Co. Ltd.*, have supported validated companies
- Join the [Corporate Engagement Program](#) or a [regional initiative](#) to connect with peers



Do you have a technical-related question?

- Ask all method-related questions via the [SBTN Helpdesk](#)
- Review [SBTN FAQs](#) – as questions arise, and consult the “Technical FAQs” in the [Resource Library](#).