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# Understanding Your Score



For Corporates

January 2026

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# Agenda

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# Disclosure in 2025



# About CDP

CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world's only independent environmental disclosure system for companies, capital markets, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts.



640+

investors, with  
US\$127+ trillion in  
assets



270+

Supply Chain Members  
- Major buyers asking  
their suppliers to  
disclose through CDP  
in 2025.



22,100+

companies disclose  
environmental data  
through CDP,  
representing more  
than half of global  
market capitalization.



1,000+

cities, states and  
regions disclosed  
environmental  
information through  
CDP.



# Introduction to CDP Scoring



# How is a response scored?

We will not cover questions around individual scores



## Report on **Climate Change**

Improving corporate awareness through measurement and disclosure is essential to the effective management of carbon and climate change risk.

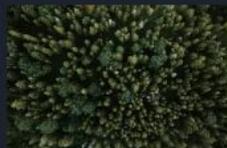
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## Report on **Water Security**

The world faces a water crisis impacting the stability of the global economy – a major financial risk to companies that also serves as a significant opportunity.

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## Report on **Forests**

CDP provides companies, financial institutions, states and regions with opportunities to measure and manage their forest-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.

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# Corporate scores in 2025



CDP will continue to **score companies individually** for climate change, forests, and water security in 2025.



**Plastics and biodiversity will remain unscored** as we empower more companies to begin disclosing on these environmental issues.



## Scoring for Financial Services

Climate

for FS will be scored **publicly**



Forests

for FS will be scored **publicly (new)**



Water

for FS will be scored **publicly (new)**



# About CDP scores

A CDP score provides a snapshot of a company's disclosure and environmental performance.

Scores indicate the level of action reported by the company to assess and manage its environmental impacts during the reporting year.

[CDP Scoring Introduction](#)



# SME Scoring

CDP introduced SME scoring in 2024 for companies that embark on the new SME questionnaire\*.

The scoring principles remain the same, but with appropriate scoring for SMEs on **climate** only.

The SME A score has not been applied in 2025 as CDP seeks to use data to determine best practice.

## SME Scoring Introduction



# Essential Criteria\*

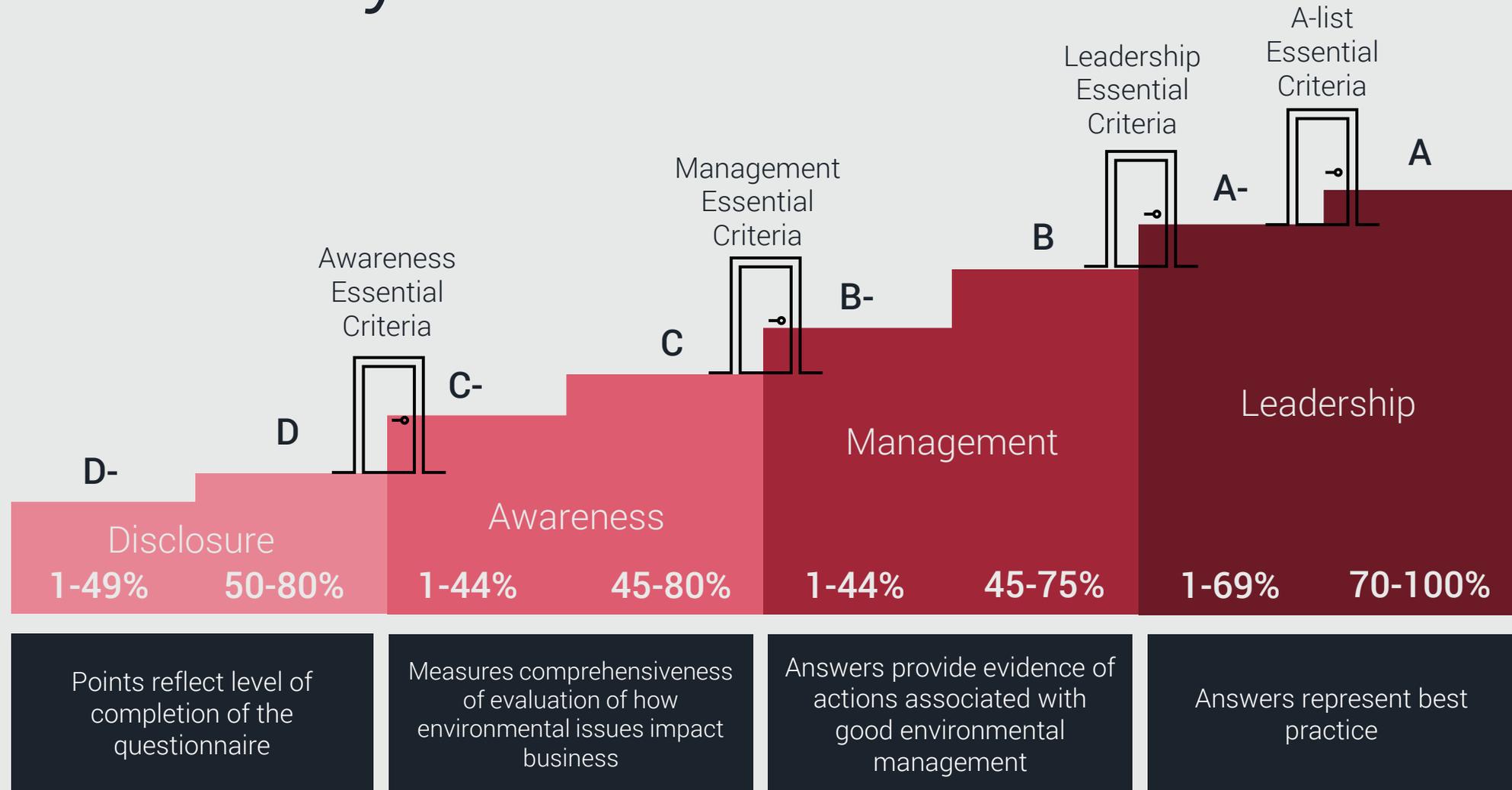
Essential criteria are additional eligibility conditions to ensure companies meet mandatory requirements for what is considered **best practice across all disclosure levels**.

Level of Essential Criteria		Impact on final score
Awareness	Check not met	Final score limited to a D
Management	Check not met	Final score limited to a C
Leadership	Check not met	Final score limited to a B
A-list	Check not met	Final score limited to an A-



\*Essential Criteria is not applied for companies on the SME questionnaire.

# What does my score mean?



# CDP's Climate Change Scoring Framework in 2025

Essential criteria on Awareness and Management level focus mostly on robust disclosure of risks & opportunities and fundamental governance mechanisms.



Essential criteria on Leadership levels focuses on Climate Transition Plans and third-party verification and ambitious climate targets (among others)



Find the full list of Essential Criteria for Climate Change (incl. sector-specific criteria) here: [CDP Climate Change Scoring Essential Criteria 2025](#)



# CDP's Forest and Water Security Scoring Framework in 2025



## Forests

- Companies receive **one overall forest score** as well as commodity scores (private).
- Organizations are expected to **disclose on all commodities** they source or produce (timber products, palm oil, soy, and cattle products).
- There will be no further essential criteria below Leadership



## Water Security

- There will be no further essential criteria below the A List



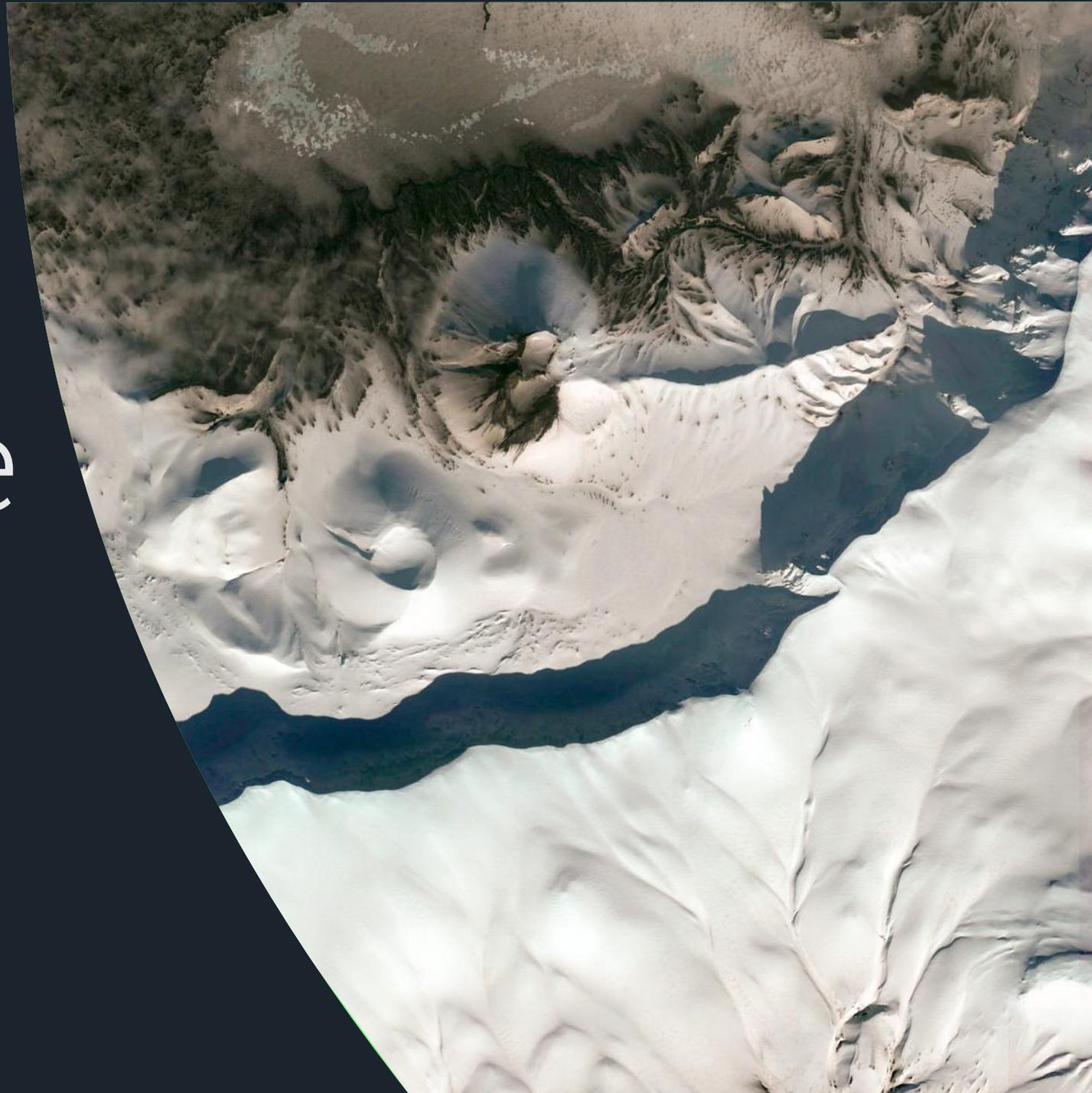
# New Developments to CDP's Scoring Framework in 2025

## Scoring Changes per Module

- CDP provides a **summary of the changes to the 2025 scoring methodology** at a module level for the full corporate questionnaire.
- Find the full document here: [CDP Scoring Changes 2025](#)
- The scoring methodology aims to guide companies toward best practices.
- By evolving annually, CDP drives corporate ambition to enhance environmental performance.



# Understanding your CDP score



# Score display on the portal

The screenshot shows a user interface for CDP scores. On the left is a sidebar with a navigation menu. The main content area displays a header with a redacted name and a 'Show organization details' link. Below this is a 'Get insights' button and a progress indicator. The 'Scores' section features three cards: 'Climate change' with a 'B' score and a cloud icon, 'Forests' with a '-' score and a tree icon, and 'Water security' with a 'B' score and a water drop icon. A 'View scores' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the scores is a notification for '2 requests' from organizations to disclose through CDP, with a 'View requests' link. At the bottom, a banner promotes CDP's legacy platform for data products and reports.

Discloser

Invite team members

Get insights

Scores

View scores >

Climate change

Forests

Water security

You have 2 requests

2 organizations are requesting you to disclose through CDP.

View requests >

Data products and reports

See all your data products and disclosure data in CDP's legacy platform. >



# Score display on the portal

**Scores**

2025

### Overall scores

Score visibility	Climate change	Forests	Water security
Private If you were requested by any Supply Chain members or Capital Markets Signatories, they can see these scores.	<b>B</b>	-	<b>B</b>
Public Visible on your organization's profile on the CDP website.	<b>B</b>	-	<b>B</b>

You were requested but did not disclose.

### Category scores

Category scores are combined to produce your overall score. Some categories have a higher weighting than others to reflect their importance, which varies depending on your sector. Not all categories are relevant to every environmental issue. [View scores guidance](#)

Category name	Climate change	Forests	Water security
Business Strategy	B	-	A
Commodity Visibility and Reporting	-	-	-
Context	A	-	-

### Download scores

- PDF summary (11 KB)**  
A shareable version of your overall scores.
- Excel export (7 KB)**  
Full score report including sector and country averages.  
Available until 12/11/2026.

Cancel **Download**

**PDF Summary:** A shareable PDF to your stakeholders

**Excel export:** Score export that includes score averages for benchmarking

# CDP Scoring Categories



# Scoring categories

Scoring categories are groupings of questions by topic.

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They are sub-groups of the 2025 questionnaire modules and are consistent across all sectors, except FS\*

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You can find a full mapping document that outlines which questions correspond to a given category on our website.

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# CDP scoring categories

## ALL ISSUES

- ▼ Governance
- ▼ Business strategy
- ▼ Targets
- ▼ Context
- ▼ Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities Process
- ▼ Risk Disclosure
- ▼ Opportunity Disclosure
- ▼ Environmental Policies
- ▼ Value chain engagement
- ▼ Verification (incl. Emissions)
- ▼ Public policy engagement & industry collaboration

## CLIMATE CHANGE

- ▼ Pricing environmental externalities
- ▼ Emissions reductions initiatives and low carbon products
- ▼ Scope 1 & 2 emissions
- ▼ Scope 3 emissions
- ▼ Energy
- ▼ Additional climate-related metrics
- ▼ *Portfolio Impact [FS only]*

## WATER SECURITY

- ▼ Pricing environmental externalities
- ▼ Water pollution management [excl. FS]
- ▼ Water accounting [excl. FS]
- ▼ *Portfolio Impact [FS only]*

## FOREST

- ▼ Commodity Visibility and Reporting [excl. FS]
- ▼ DCF Status [excl. FS]
- ▼ Engagement in Activities and Initiatives [excl. FS]
- ▼ *Portfolio Impact [FS only]*



2. Find the category of interest here

3. Specific questions to analyze

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O		
4	Module	Scoring Category	Question Number	D	A	M	L										
5	Introduction	Not Scored	1.1	X	X	X	X										
6			1.2	X	X	X	X										
7			1.3	X	X	X	X										
8		Context	1.4	✓	✓	✓	✓										
9			1.5	✓	✓	✓	X										
10		Not Scored	1.6	X	X	X	X										
11			1.7	X	X	X	X										
12		Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities Process	1.24	✓	✓	X	X										
13	Identification, Assessment and Management of Dependencies, Impacts, Risks, and Opportunities	Dependencies, Impacts, Risks and Opportunities Process	2.1	✓	✓	X	X										
14			2.2	✓	✓	X	X										
15			2.2.1	✓	✓	X	X										
16			2.2.2	✓	✓	✓	✓										
17			2.2.7	✓	✓	✓	✓	X									
18			2.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	X									
19	Risk Disclosure	Risk Disclosure	3.1	✓	✓	✓	✓										
20			3.1.1	✓	✓	✓	✓										
21			3.1.2	✓	X	X	X										

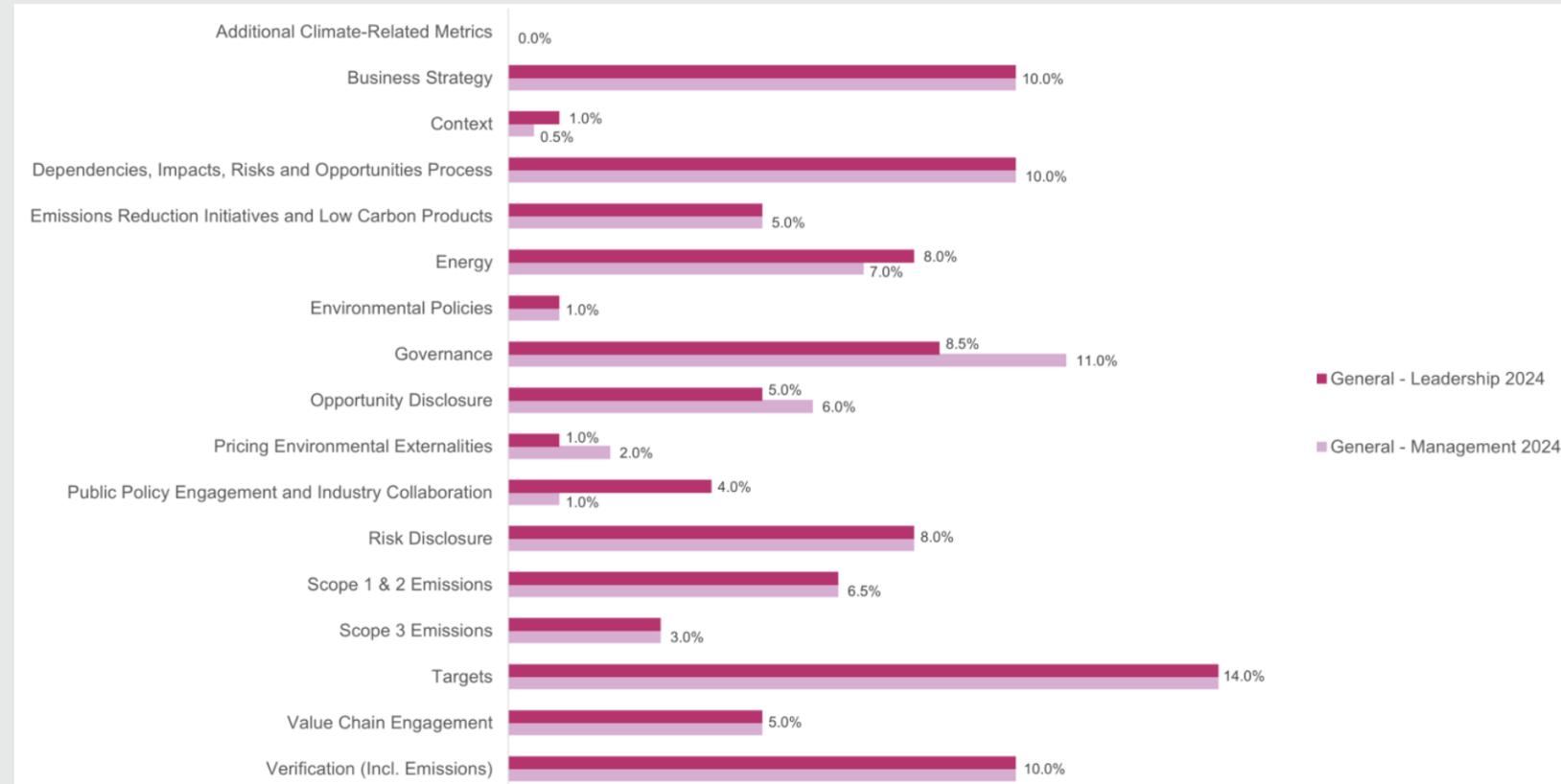
4. Scoring levels involved in the questions

1. Select the appropriate questionnaire sector assigned to you

# Category weightings

At the management and leadership level, scoring categories are weighted differently depending on their significance generally and for certain sectors.

The weightings for categories can be found in CDP's Scoring Category Weightings Document



The bar chart above shows the % weighting applied to each of the scoring categories at Management and Leadership levels for the general 2025 Full corporate scoring methodology - Climate change.



# Question-level scoring

Point allocations per question are available via the **in-built guidance**, or our **scoring methodology documents**.

You may see an example on the right – showing the breakdown for 2.1 on DIRO assessment processes.

The screenshot displays a navigation bar with a 'Back to overview' link and a dropdown menu for 'CDP Corporate Questionnaire 2024'. Below this is a progress indicator with tabs for questions 01 through 13. Question 02 is currently selected and highlighted in dark blue, with a green checkmark icon below it. Other questions (01, 03-07) also have green checkmarks, while 08-13 are greyed out. The main content area is titled 'Identification, assessment, and management of dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities' and includes a 'Module overview' section. On the right side, a sidebar provides detailed scoring criteria for question 2.1, including disclosure, awareness, management, and leadership scoring criteria.

< Back to overview

CDP Corporate Questionnaire 2024 02 Identification, assessment, and ma... ▾

01 02 03 04 05 06 07 10 11 13

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## Identification, assessment, and management of dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities

### Module overview

This module requests information about the time horizons at which organizations consider environmental issues, how an organization defines what is a substantive effect on its business, the procedures that organizations have in place to identify, assess and manage their environmental-related dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities relevant to their sector, and the identification of priority locations.

For organizations disclosing on water security, this module also requests information about the procedures that organizations have in place to manage water pollutants (section 2.5) and questions focused on tailings dams management targeted at specific sectors only (section 2.6).

These procedures are considered important to addressing environmental issues independent of an organization's own perception or an assessment of any associated net risk for their organizations. This is why CDP asks organizations to answer these questions before disclosing whether they consider

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### 2.1 How does your organization define short-, medium-, and long-term time horizons in relation to the identification, assessment, and management of your environmental dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities?

#### 2.1 – Climate change scoring criteria for all sectors

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**Disclosure scoring criteria**

Points will be awarded per completed cell in proportion to the number of cells displayed.

A maximum of 3 points is available for this question.

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**Awareness scoring criteria**

Consecutive time horizons entered in rows 'Short-term', 'Medium-term', 'Long-term' - 3 points

(e.g. 'Short-term' is '0-2', 'Medium-term' is '3-9' and 'Long-term' is 'from 10 years')

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**Management scoring criteria**

Not scored.

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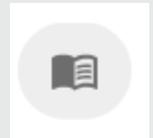
**Leadership scoring criteria**

Not scored.

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The page above can be found on your disclosure portal, by clicking on the



symbol

# Improving your disclosure

## CDP performance bands

Disclosure (D-/D)

Awareness (C-/C)

Management (B-/B)

Leadership (A-/A)

## Common pitfalls at each performance band

Leaving columns/rows blank

Not understanding environmental impacts

Not demonstrating implementation of management practices

Not representing best practice

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria

Leaving columns/rows blank

Responding with generic language

Responding with generic language

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria

Neglecting to include criteria from scoring methodology

Neglecting to include criteria from scoring methodology

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria

Inconsistent data across questions in questionnaire

Did not fulfill Essential Criteria



# CDP Disclosure Support

More value-added support for your consideration



# Score Feedback Call

- Receive high-level feedback on 2025 response and recommendations ahead of the 2026 disclosure cycle
- Insight on score categories to begin focusing on early in the year
- Forward looking suggestions to support longer-term planning efforts
- Disclosure resources & insights
- Opportunity to ask questions

Europe	€ 1,800
United Kingdom	£1,300
Latin America	USD 1,300
North America	USD 2,000
China	¥8,200
Japan	¥288,000
Southeast Asia, Oceania, South Korea, Hong Kong (China) and Taiwan (China)	USD 1,700
Other markets	USD 1,475

Contact us at the [Help Center](#) to arrange a Score Feedback Call.



# Reporter Services

## Strategic disclosure support

- One-on-one account management
- Disclosure onboarding
- Questionnaire walkthrough
- Gap analysis
- Final review
- Additional support, including advice and materials

## Data and analytics

- Comparative analysis report
- Tailored data cuts of data disclosed publicly
- Provision of best practice response examples

## Events and insights

- Curated virtual and in-person events
- Member-exclusive webinars
- Global networking opportunities
- Priority access to speaker panels



For more information, please visit <https://cdp.net/en/disclose/reporter-services>

# Enhanced Admin Fee

Consider our upgrading to our Enhanced Admin Fee for the usual benefits of disclosure, together with:

- Company's name listed as a CDP Supporter on CDP's website.
- A quote from a CDP Director to use in your sustainability communications
- **Access to 100 publicly disclosing company responses in your sector**
- **Detailed [Comparative Analysis Report](#) to compare your company with 10 peer companies of your choice.**
- Free one-hour consultation with a CDP accredited solutions provider, if applicable.
- Screening of your top 50 suppliers to understand environmental action in your supply chain.

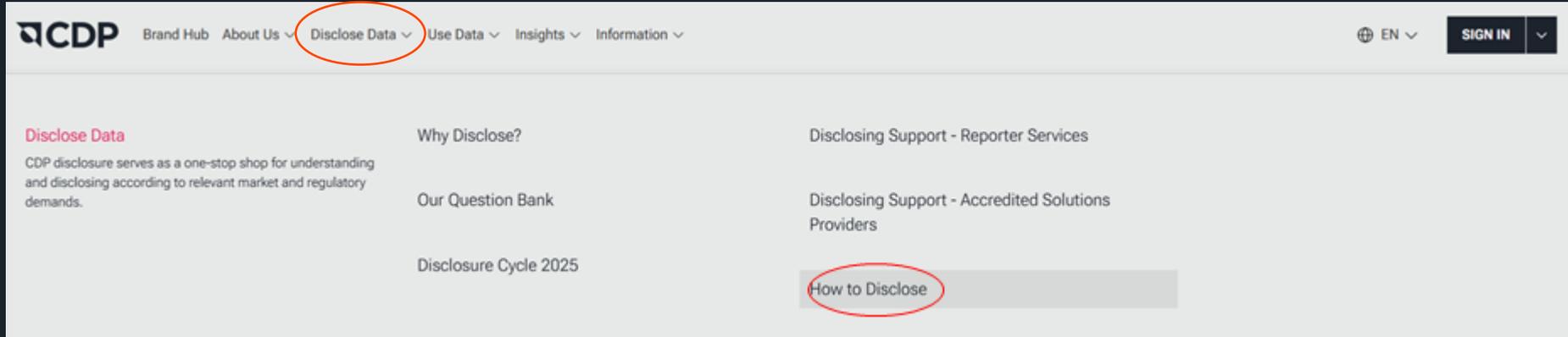


Click here to find out more: [FAQs - CDP](#)

# Navigating resources on our new website

## On our How To Disclose Page

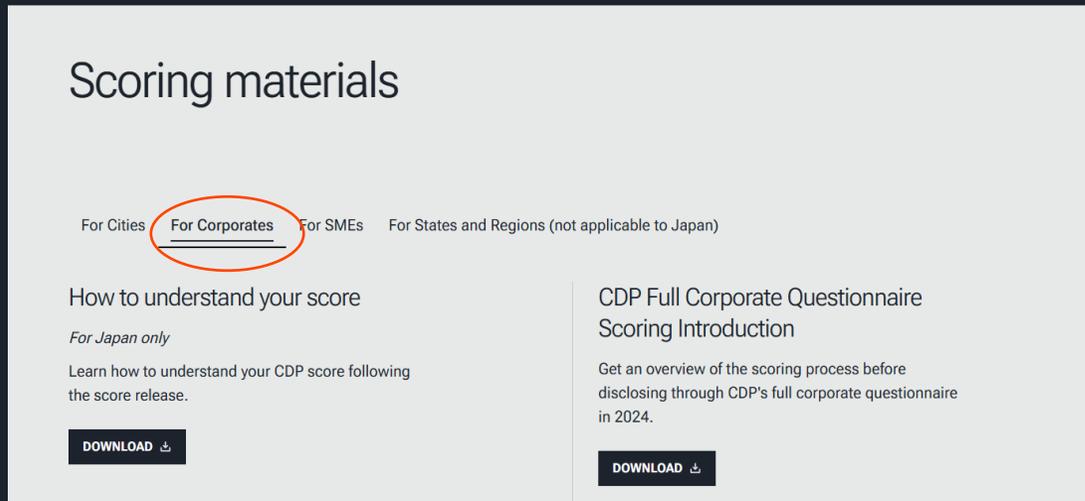
Step 1



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the CDP website. The 'Disclose Data' menu item is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the 'How to Disclose' link is also circled in red. Other visible links include 'Brand Hub', 'About Us', 'Use Data', 'Insights', 'Information', 'EN', and 'SIGN IN'.

Scroll Down

Step 2



The screenshot shows the 'Scoring materials' section of the website. The 'For Corporates' tab is circled in red. Below the tabs, there are two main content areas: 'How to understand your score' and 'CDP Full Corporate Questionnaire Scoring Introduction'. Each area has a 'DOWNLOAD' button with a download icon.



# Contacting Help Center

For raising enquiries or requests to CDP

This screenshot shows the CDP interface with a sidebar on the left. The sidebar contains the following items: Home, Questionnaire, Requests (with a red circle containing the number 4), Support (highlighted with a red box), Give feedback, Settings, and Log out. The main content area displays a notification: "4 organizations are requesting you to disclose through CDP." Below this is a section titled "Need support?" with the text "Find how to guides, videos and technical support in our knowledge articles." and a link "Visit the Help Center >". At the bottom, there is a "Guidance" section with the text "CDP's guidance provides detailed advice for the 2024".

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# Resources

- **2025 CDP Scoring Introduction**

- **2025 Full Essential Criteria**

Climate Change, Water Security, Forests

- **Scoring Categories and Weightings**

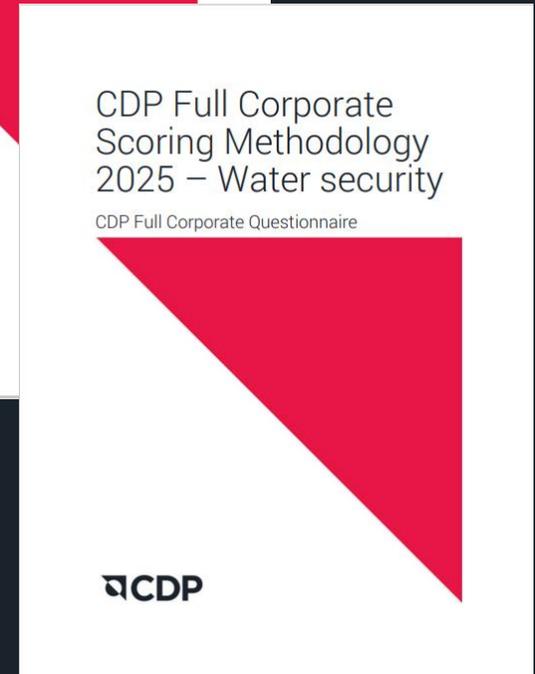
Climate Change, Water Security, Forests

- **CDP 2025 Scoring Methodology**

Climate Change, Water Security, Forests can be found under CDP 2025 Questionnaire and Guidance

- **Full overview of available scoring resources**

The above and other resources, incl. the category mapping document, can be found on our website under “Scoring Materials for Corporates”



# 2026 disclosure timeline

Prepare

Disclose

Access insights

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Week of Jun 15  
Reporting window  
opens

Week of Sep 14  
Scoring deadline

Week of Nov 30  
Score release

Week of Apr 20  
Question bank published

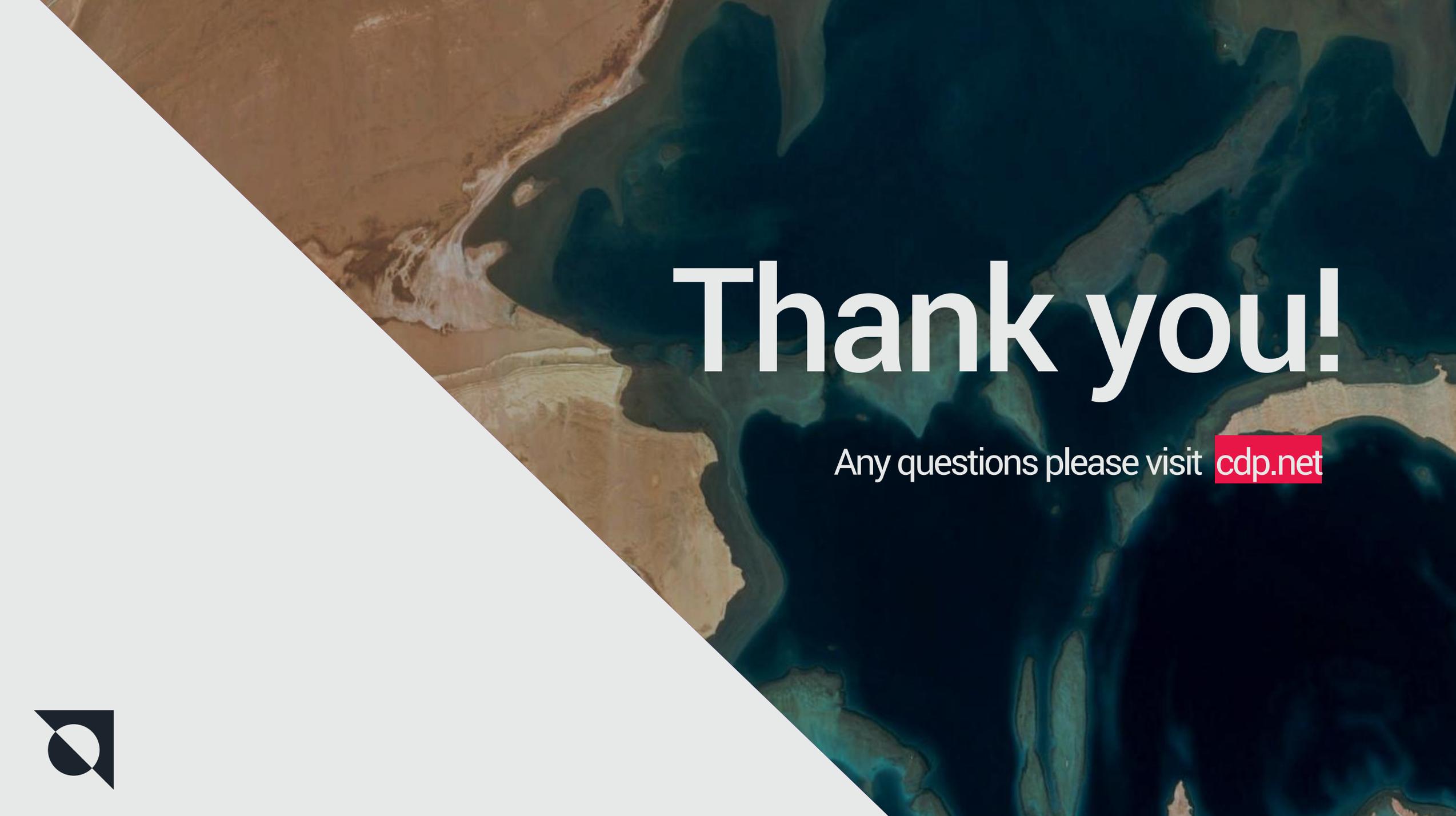
Week of Apr 27  
Questionnaire, guidance and  
scoring methodology  
published

Week of Oct 26  
Deadline to submit  
unscored responses  
and all edits



# Q&A





# Thank you!

Any questions please visit [cdp.net](https://cdp.net)

