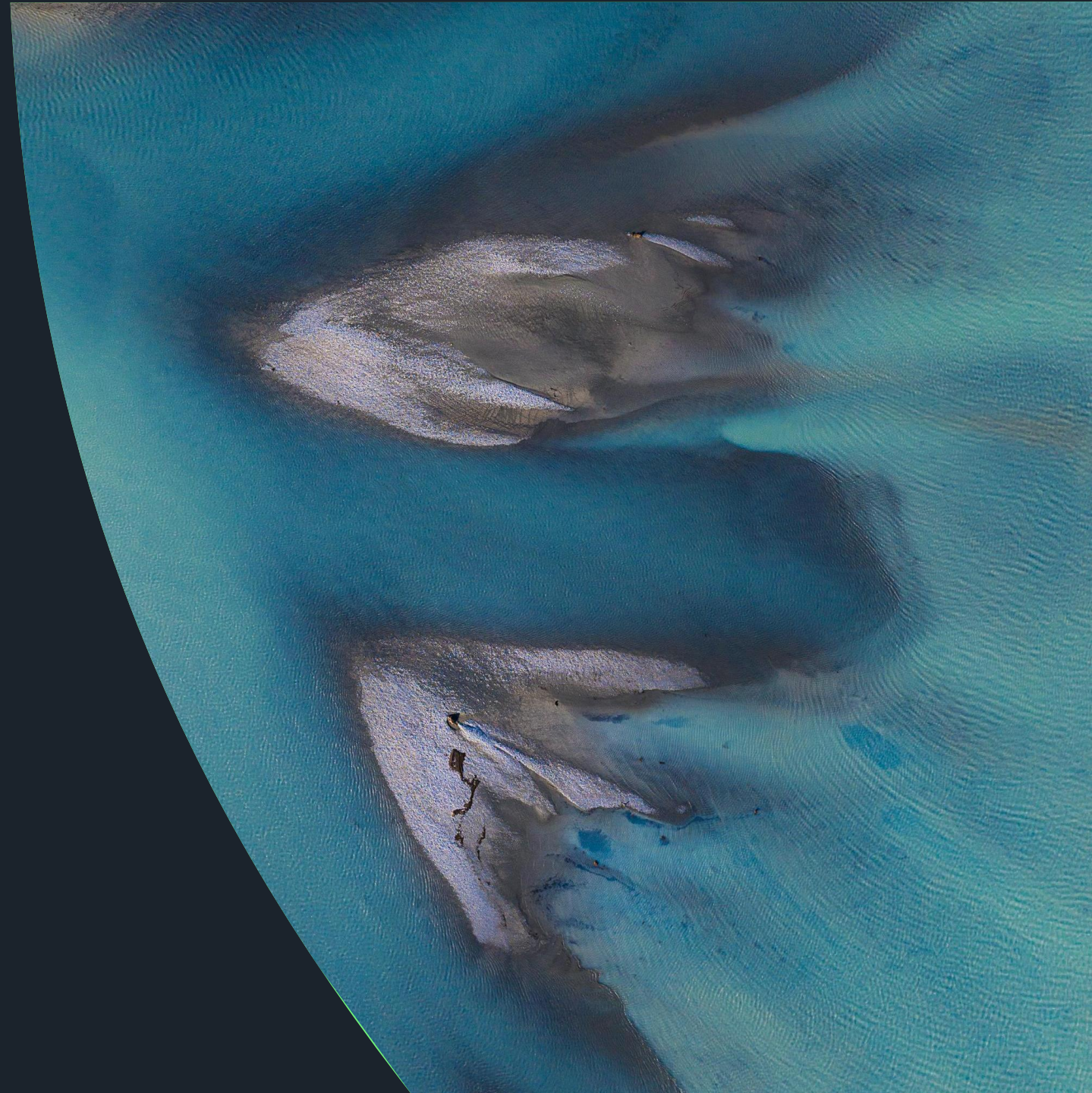
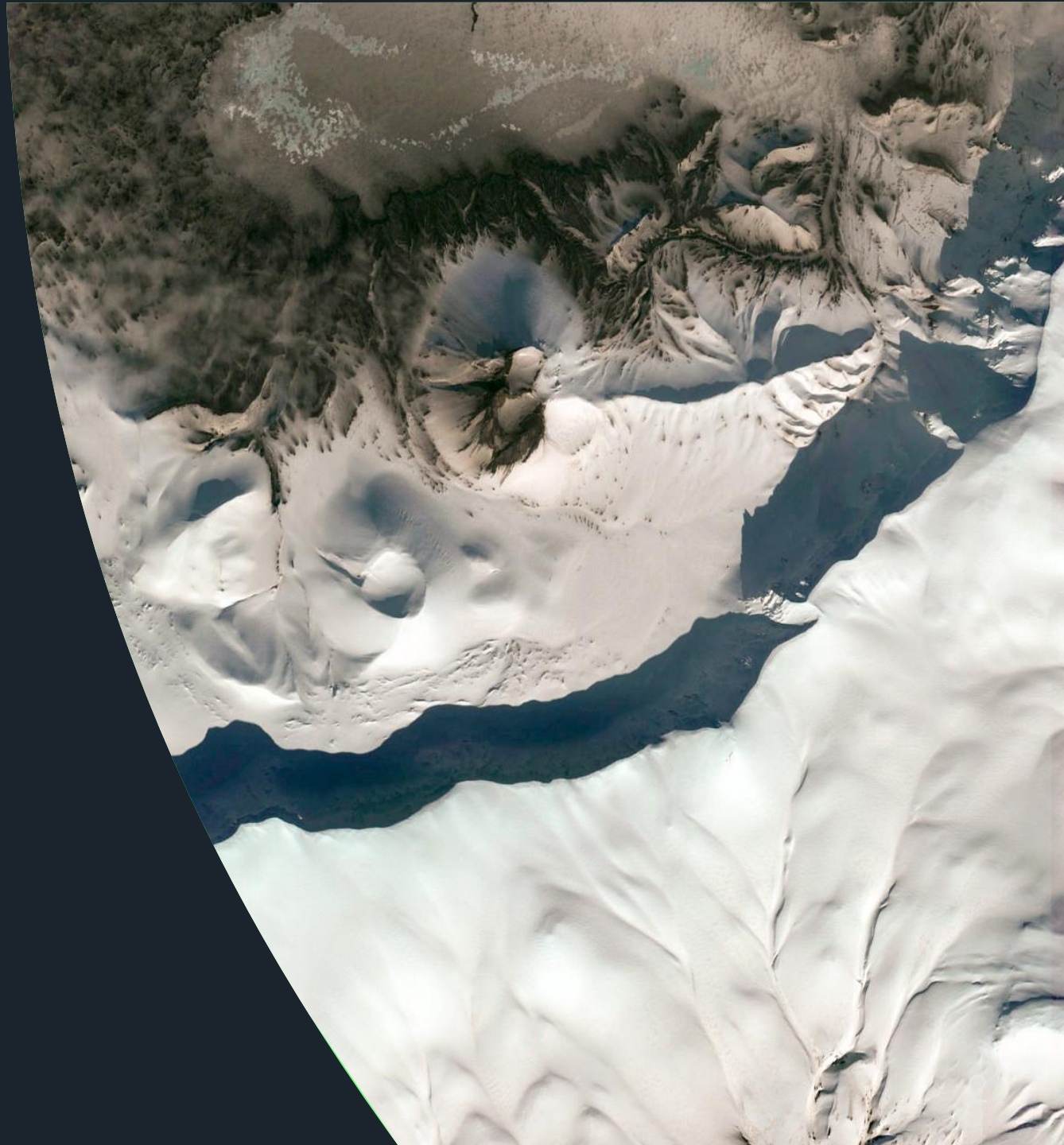


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Forests and Water Security Disclosure

June 30th 2026



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Agenda

Business case for disclosing on Forests & Water Security

Why are companies requested to disclose on Forests and Water Security?

Overview of the questionnaire modules and headline changes

Key changes to the 2026 questionnaire – Forests and Water Security modules

Information about the 2026 disclosure cycle and further resources



Business case for nature disclosure



Driving more holistic disclosure

CDP continues to drive holistic environmental disclosure, building on the successful introduction of the integrated questionnaire in 2024.

In 2025, nature disclosures rose, reflecting steady momentum toward more comprehensive environmental reporting.

3,500+ companies disclosed on climate, water and forests in 2025, an increase on 2024.

Nearly **60%** of 2025 survey respondents agree the new questionnaire structure is an improvement on the previous version with separate questionnaires for each theme.



Climate-Forest-Water relationship

Environmental issues don't exist in isolation, they are deeply connected

Rising temperatures and changing weather patterns increase droughts, floods, and freshwater availability [\[source\]](#)

75% of the global **freshwater supply** is dependent on forest ecosystems [\[source\]](#)

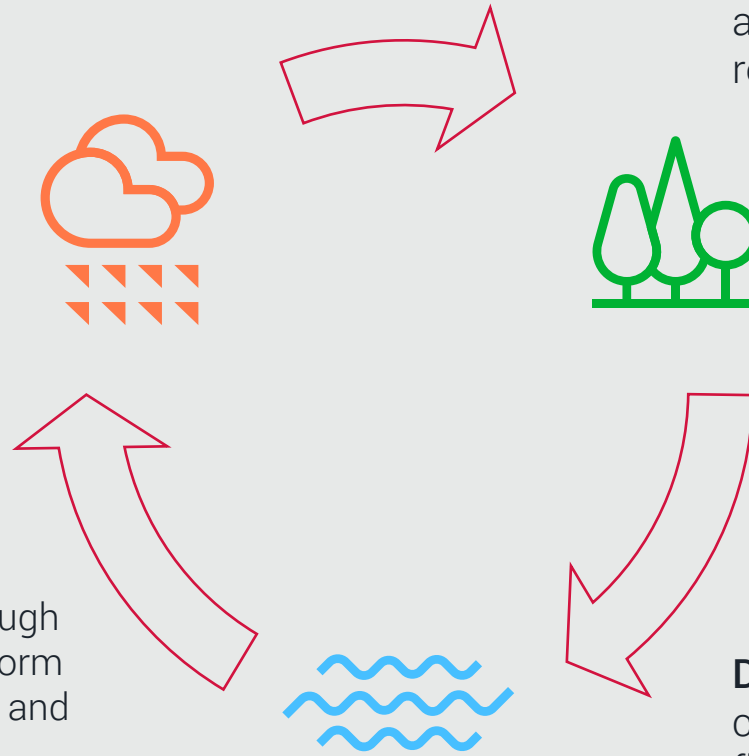
Healthy forests are key to **adaptation**.

Forests provide vital ecosystem services to business and society [\[source\]](#) e.g., erosion control through ground stabilisation, flood and storm defences, soil health and surface and ground water supplies [\[source\]](#)

Water is an essential component of **mitigation**—through sustainable energy and land use [\[source\]](#) and 60% of adaptation interventions are water-related [\[source\]](#)

Forests have the potential to deliver over 1/3 of the total **mitigation** needed by 2030 to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement [\[source\]](#)

Droughts fuelled by rising temperatures and changing weather patterns increase forest fire risks, reduce crop yields and disrupt supply chains [\[source\]](#)



Why disclose on deforestation?

Forests permeate our economy and stabilize the climate

\$150tn

worth of ecosystem services
provided by forests that businesses
depend upon

3.7m

hectares of tropical forest converted
in 2023, releasing 2.4 gigatonnes of
CO2 emissions

\$43.9bn

in financial risk faced by businesses
disclosing through CDP



Why disclose on water security?

Water underpins survival and water supply is the most common business dependency

\$58tn

freshwater's
economic value [\[source\]](#)

50%

of water supplies in high-
income economies drawn
from water scarce areas
[\[source\]](#)

\$13.5bn

of assets already
stranded by water issues
[\[source\]](#)

\$339bn

potential financial
impact of water risk
[\[Source: 2025 CDP Data\]](#)



Nature-related risks

Environmental risks are financial risks.

67% of large corporates and SMEs identified environmental risks with substantive financial effects.

Acting to mitigate these risks makes good business sense. The financial impact in the short-term runs into the trillions, while the costs to addressing them are dramatically lower.



Climate



Forests



Water



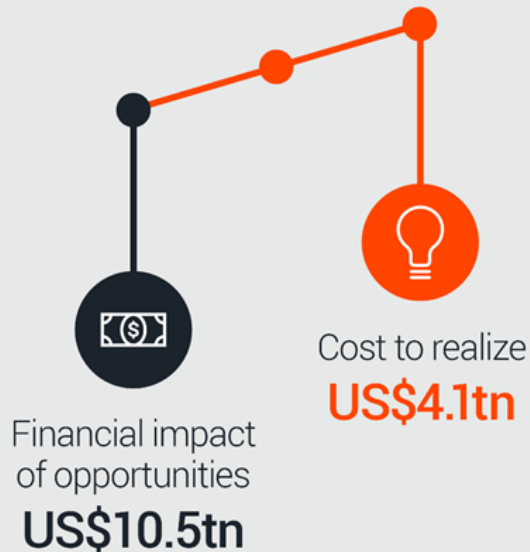
Nature-related opportunities

Environmental opportunities can be business opportunities.

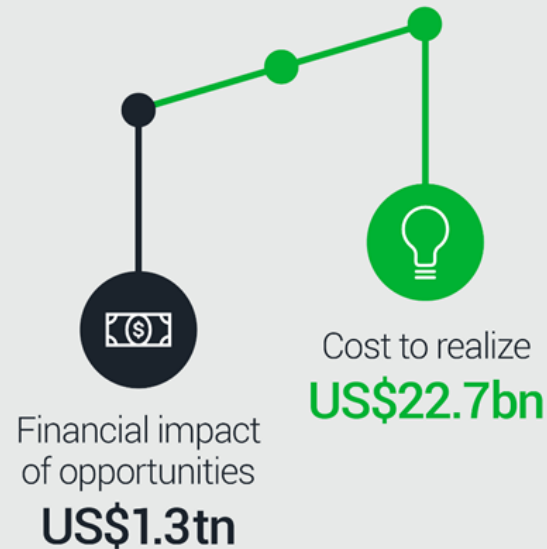
For companies that have increased their awareness and acted on mitigating risks, the benefits are reaped from consequentially accessing a new world of commercial opportunities.



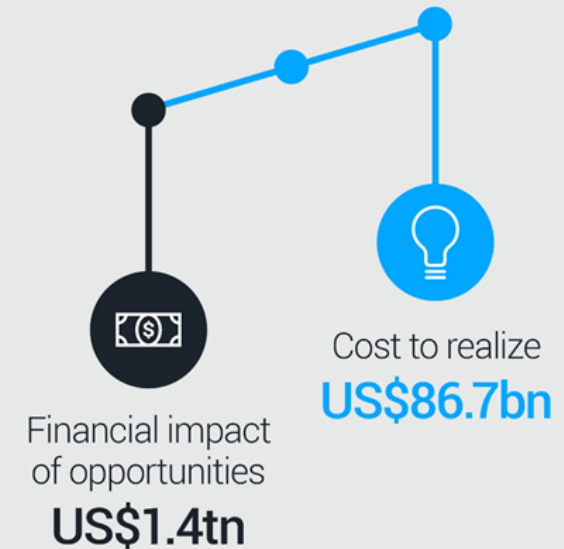
Climate



Forests



Water



Capital markets using CDP data

Reporting

CDP disclosure is aligned with key frameworks and standards for financial institutions on net-zero, transition plans and Scope 3 reporting.



Setting targets

Benchmark portfolios, set science-based targets and use the Net Zero Investment Framework.

Assess targets and transition readiness using CDP's Net-Zero Alignment Dataset.



Financing

Integrate climate & nature data for risk-adjusted returns.

Use CDP data and scores in investment and lending vehicles to drive ambition through supply chain finance, SLLs, indices, and funds.



Engagement

Direct engagement with portfolio on sustainability goals alongside hundreds of the world's biggest institutions to drive transparency and action.



Why are companies
are requested to
disclose on Forests
and Water Security?



Environmental issues

Full corporate questionnaire

Environmental issue	Full Questionnaire Disclosers
 Climate change and Biodiversity	All full questionnaire disclosers.
 Forests  Water security	If you have a request to disclose based on the below scenarios: • From a CDP requester i.e., capital markets request, supply chain request, banks request etc. This means that a requesting authority has asked you to submit data specifically on forests, water security, or both. • Based on industry impact classification in setup i.e., depending on the environmental impact of CDP-ACS activities on forests and/or water against revenue thresholds, as part of questionnaire setup. • Self-assessment i.e., based on whether you have indicated that you have identified substantive forests- and/or water-related issues in the “Assessment of environmental issues” section of questionnaire setup. If none of the above are met, option to: • Opt-in to forests/water security disclosure.
 Plastics  Ocean	• Self-assessment i.e., based on whether you have indicated that you have identified substantive plastics- and/or ocean-related issues in the “Assessment of environmental issues” section of questionnaire setup. If not, option to: • Opt-in to plastics/ocean disclosure.

Industry Impact Classification - Forests

Overall forests impact rank	Banding (Forests impact)
4	Critical
3	Very high
2	High
1	Medium
0	Low/Not relevant

Banding (Forests impact)	Revenue threshold US\$	Percentage of revenue threshold
Critical	1	1%
Very high	1	1%
High	US\$ 30 billion	90%
Medium	US\$ 30 billion	100%
Low/Not relevant	Activity not included	Activity not included

Source: [CDP Industry Impact Classification](#)



Industry Impact Classification – Water Security

Overall water impact rank	Banding (Water impact)
15 to 18	Critical
11 to 14	Very high
8 to 10	High
5 to 7	Medium
0 to 4	Low/Not relevant

Banding (Water impact)	Revenue threshold US\$
Critical	Any amount of revenue
Very high	Any amount of revenue
High	US\$ 100 million
Medium	US\$ 250 million
Low/Not relevant	Activity not included

Source: [CDP Industry Impact Classification](#)

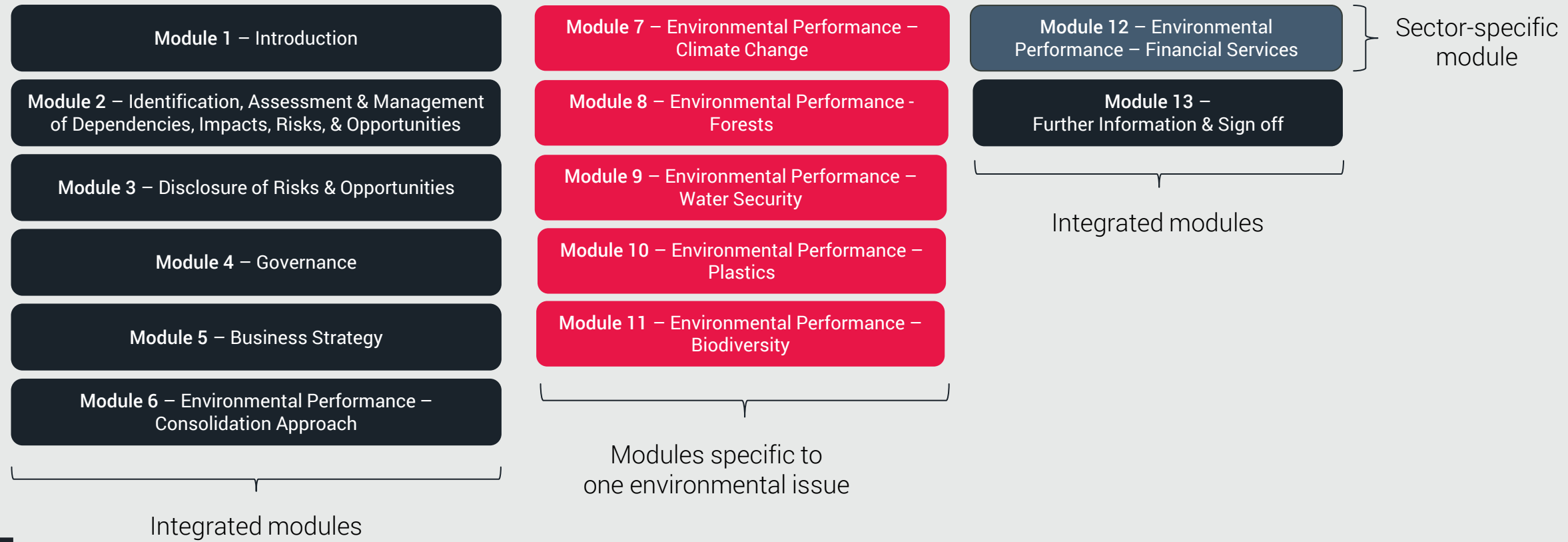


Overview of the Forests and Water Security modules



Corporate Questionnaire

Layout and Structure



Questionnaire Headline Changes

Standards & Frameworks



Question and guidance improvements in line with the TNFD, SBTN, EMF, GRI, and GHG Protocol.

Adaptation and resilience



Broadening existing questions to capture improved data on adaptation and resilience.

Ocean



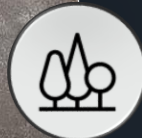
Framework expansion to cover ocean. Opt-in functionality for ocean disclosure.

Water security



Improvements to wastewater treatment and water pollutant management questions, as well as sector-specific revisions promoting streamlining.

Forests and other natural ecosystems

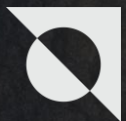


Revisions to facilitate scoring of cocoa, coffee and rubber datapoints, and a modification to reporting no-deforestation and no-conversion targets.

Plastics



Question developments which take CDP towards full alignment with EMF's Global Commitment. Opt-in functionality for plastics disclosure.



Questionnaire Sectors

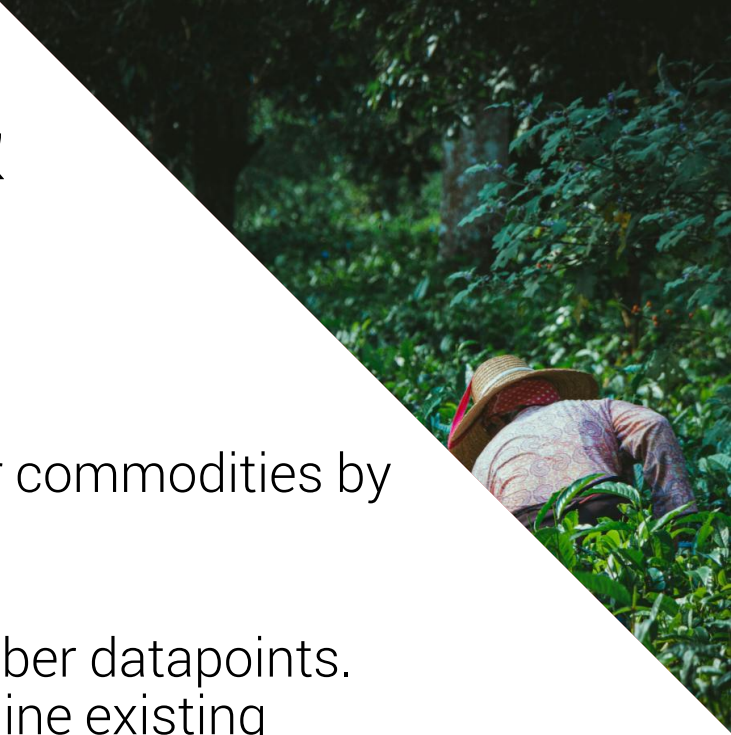
Water security

- Agricultural commodities (AC)
- Chemicals (CH)
- Coal (CO)
- Energy utilities & power generators (EU)
- Food, beverage & tobacco (FB)
- Metals & Mining (MM)
- Oil & gas (OG)
- Financial services (FS)



Disclosure on Cocoa, Coffee & Rubber

- In 2026, CDP is driving increased disclosure on cocoa, coffee, and rubber commodities by including them in the single Forests score.
- There are **no significant questionnaire changes** on cocoa, coffee, and rubber datapoints. Tweaks and modifications to commodity questions improve and streamline existing disclosure to enable scoring.
- This helps organizations producing or sourcing these commodities to align their approaches against all seven commodities, without increasing reporting effort.



2026 Changes to Forests



Essential Criteria Forests

EC-F3



Full commodity disclosure (Leadership)

[General & all sectors excl. Financial services]

- CDP raised the “small-volume” non-disclosure threshold **from 1% to 5% per commodity**
- Eligibility for Leadership is assessed via Q1.22 (unless the commodity is flagged as critical in the Industry Impact Classification).

EC-F4



Identification, assessment, and management of risks (A List)

[General & all sectors excl. Financial services]

- **Removed:** criteria on risk types, tools/methods, and assessment frequency to emphasize a high-quality risk assessment across multiple time horizons and the full value chain
- Eligibility for A List is assessed via Q1.22, Q2.2.1, Q2.2.2.

EC-F12



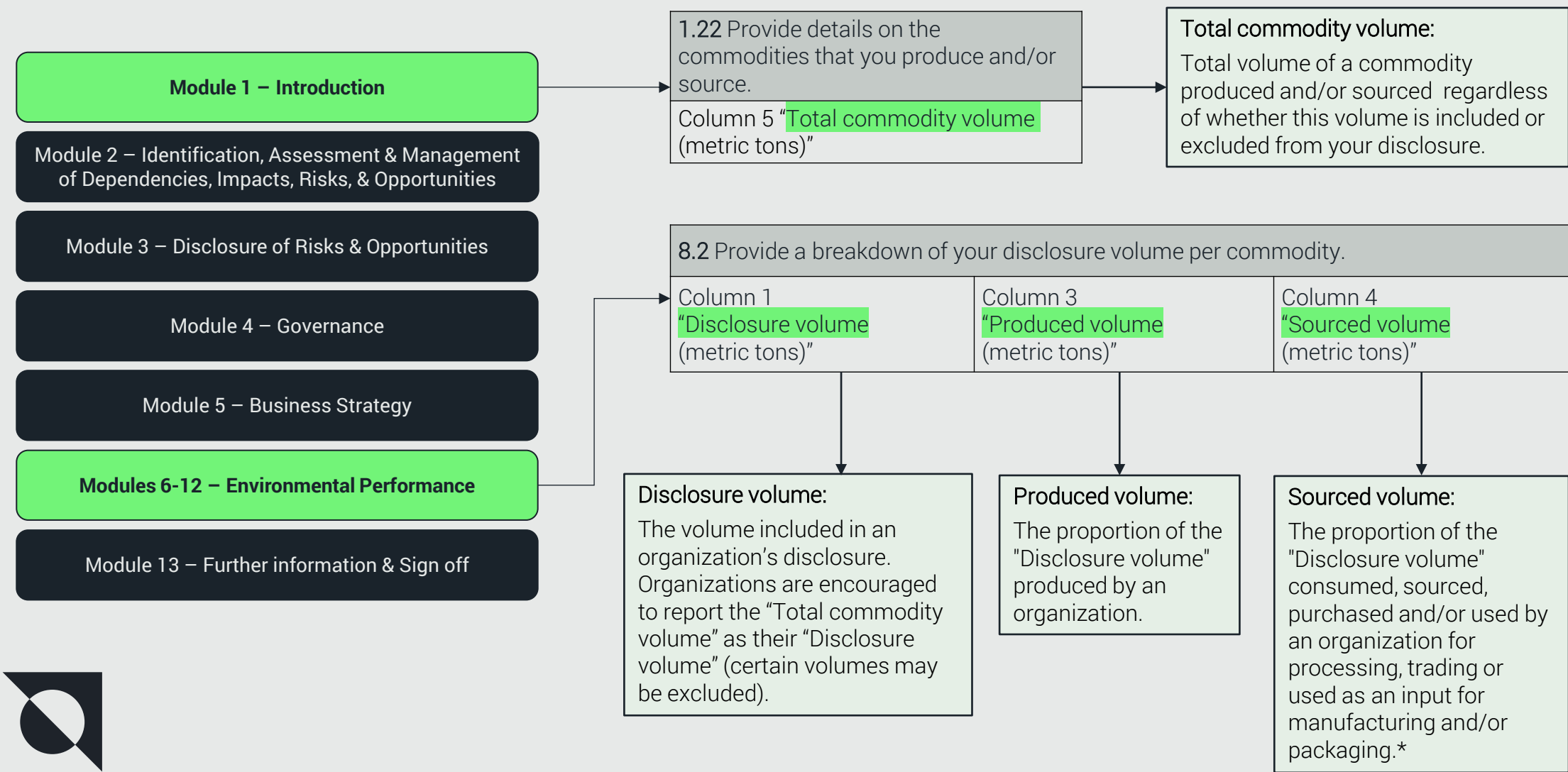
Exclusions from disclosure (A list)

[All sectors excl. Financial services]

- Coffee, cocoa and rubber are now included in this criterion.
- **5% threshold per commodity:** Where multiple exclusions are reported for a single commodity, the combined volume excluded for non-acceptable reasons must not exceed 5% of the total reported volume for that commodity.
- Note: **No rounding** - any value above 5% (e.g., 5.49%) does not meet the criterion
- Clarified wording for recycled content as an acceptable exclusion, updating “recycled content” to “post-consumer recycled content”



Calculating commodity volumes



Commodity volume questions

8.2 Provide a breakdown of your disclosure volume per commodity.		
Column 1: Disclosure volume (metric tons)	Column 3: Produced volume (metric tons)	Column 4: Sourced volume (metric tons)

- 8.6.1 Production/sourcing of palm oil derived biofuel.
- 8.9 Assessment of the DF/DCF status of volumes.
- 8.9.1 Third-party certification schemes used to determine DF/DCF status of volumes.
- 8.9.2 Third-party certification schemes not providing full DF/DCF assurance.
- 8.9.3 Production unit monitoring used to determine DF/DCF status of volumes.
- 8.9.4 Sourcing area monitoring used to determine DF/DCF status of volumes
- 8.10.1 Monitoring or estimating of your deforestation and conversion footprint.
- 8.11.1 Details of actions to assess and increase DCF volumes.
- 8.15.3 Disclosure volume from each of the landscapes/jurisdictions you engage in.

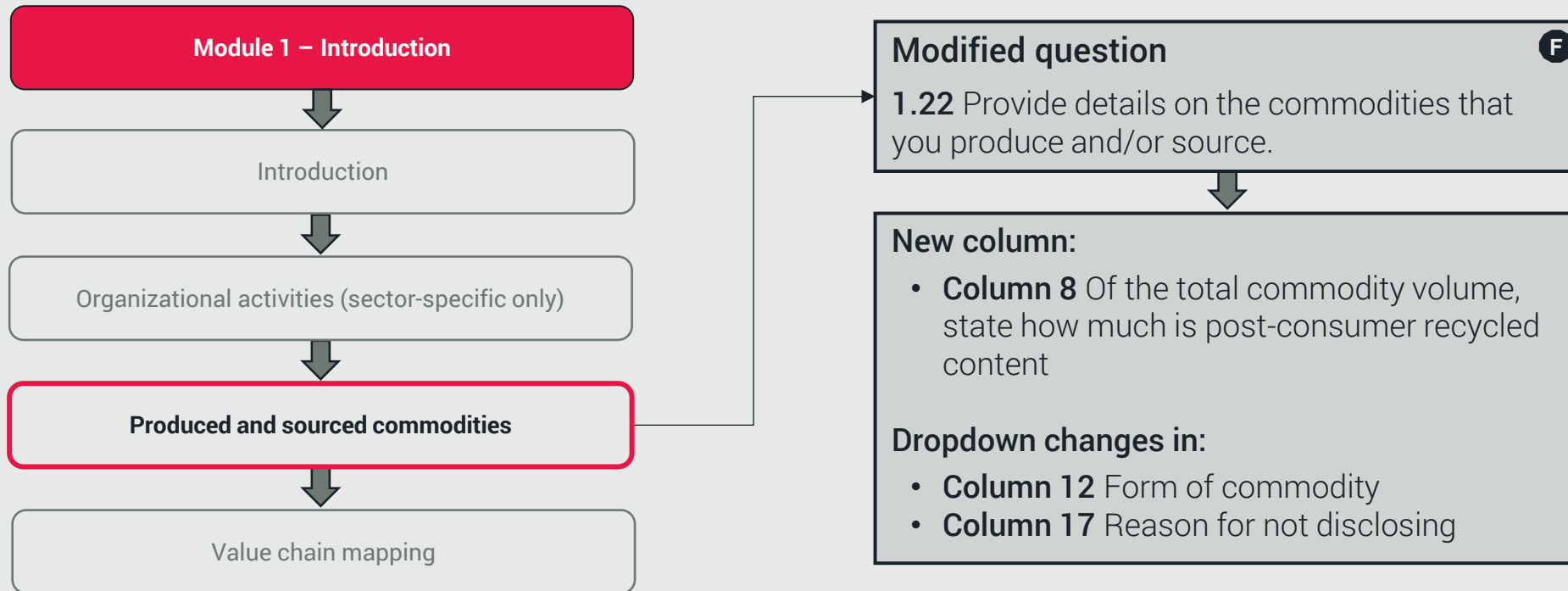
- 8.3 Land you own, manage and/or control that is used to produce your disclosed commodities.
- 8.4/8.4.1 Land you own, manage and/or control that was not used to produce your disclosed commodities.

- 8.2.1 Soy embedded in animal products sourced by your organization.
- 8.5 Origins of your sourced volumes.
- 8.8.1 Traceability of your sourced volumes.



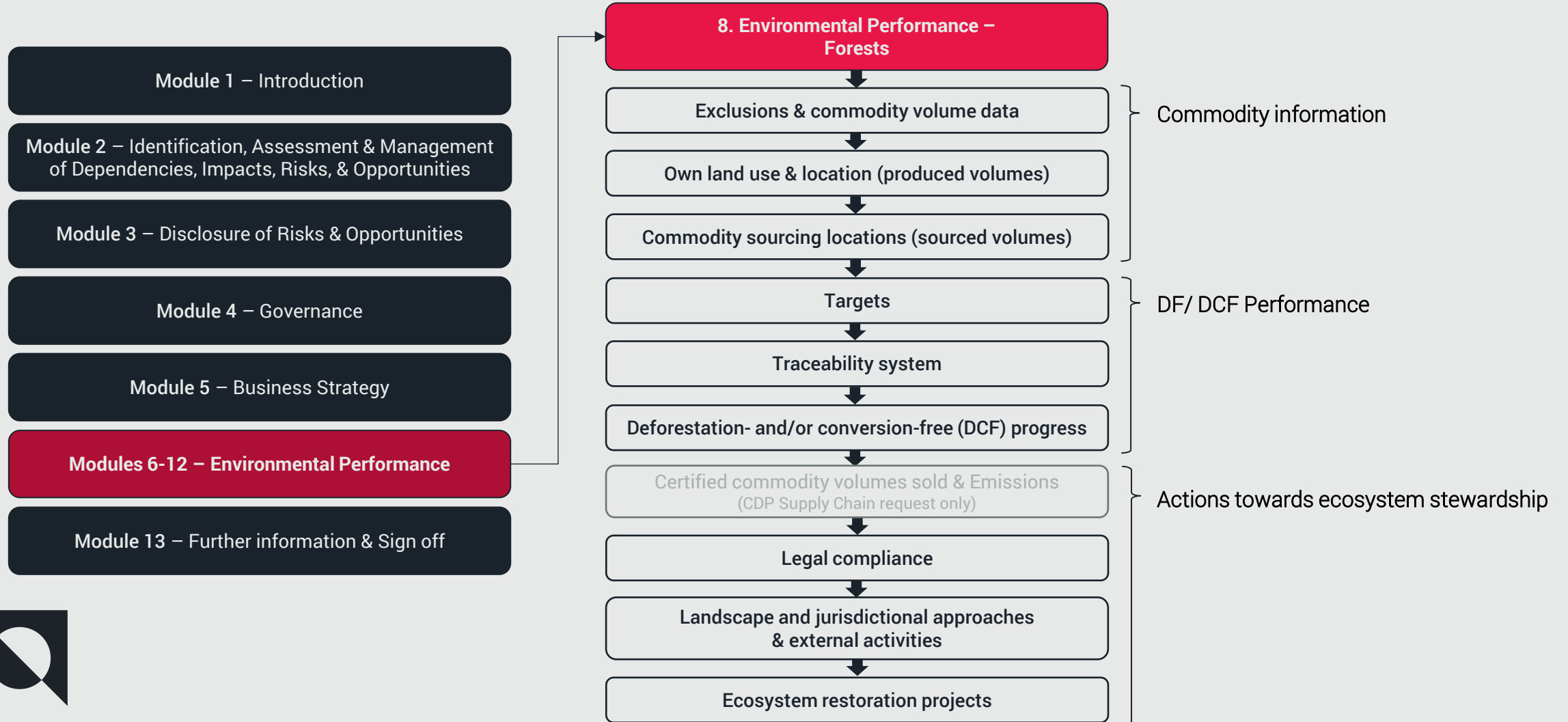
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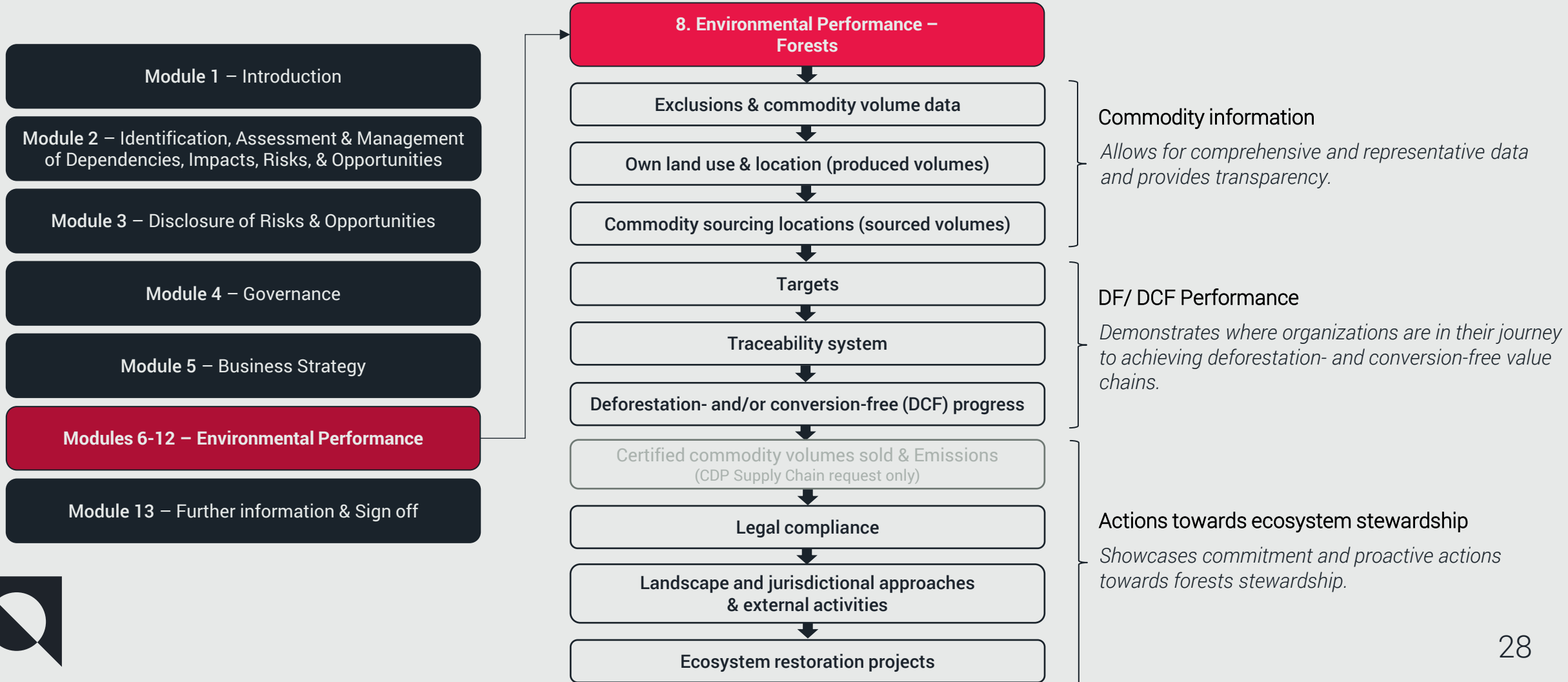
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8. Environmental Performance – Forests

Exclusions & commodity volume data

1 Modified question

Own land use & location (produced volumes)

Commodity sourcing locations (sourced volumes)

Targets

3 Modified questions

Traceability system

Deforestation- and/or conversion-free (DCF) progress

Certified commodity volumes sold & Emissions

Legal compliance

Landscape and jurisdictional approaches
& external activities

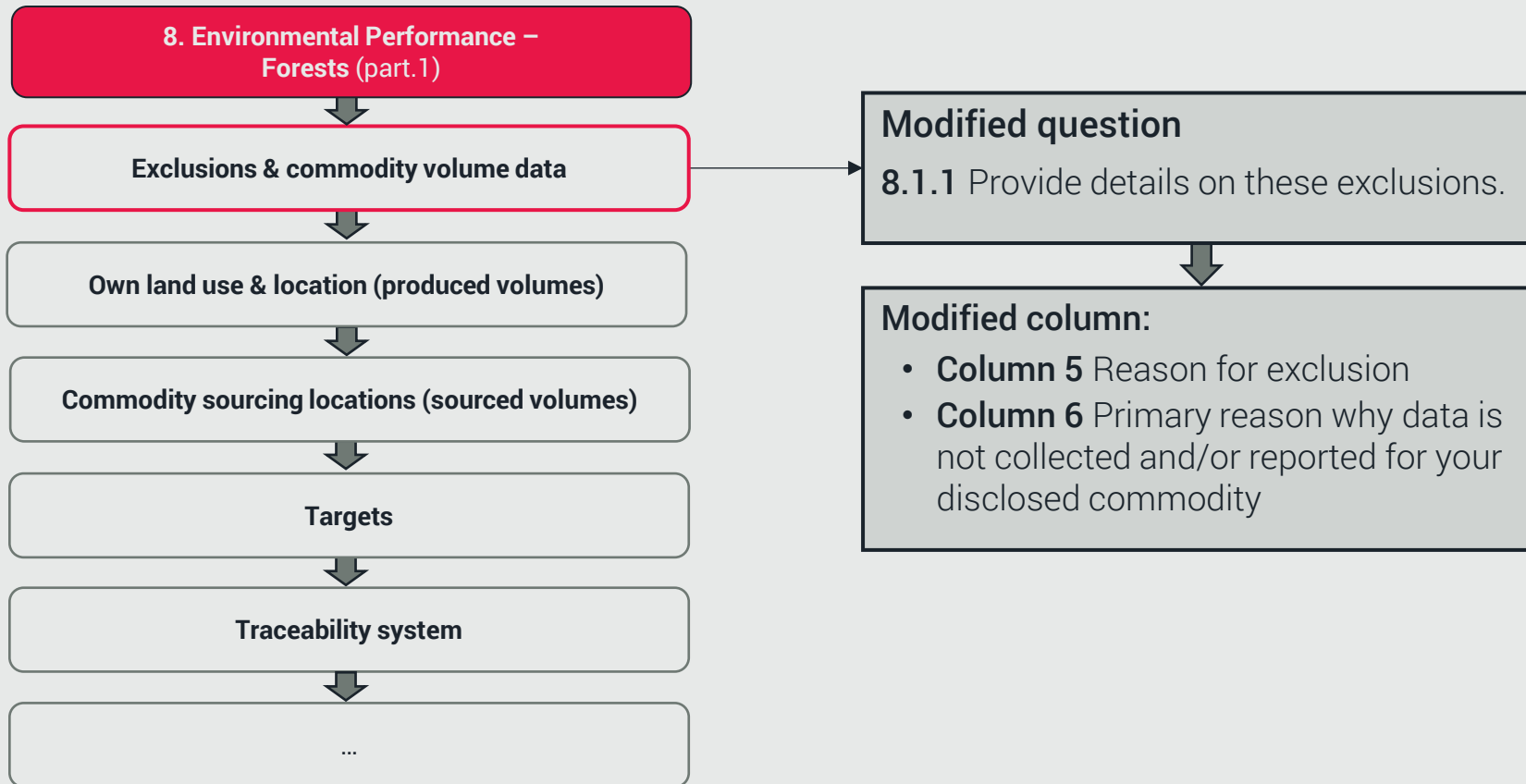
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Ecosystem restoration projects



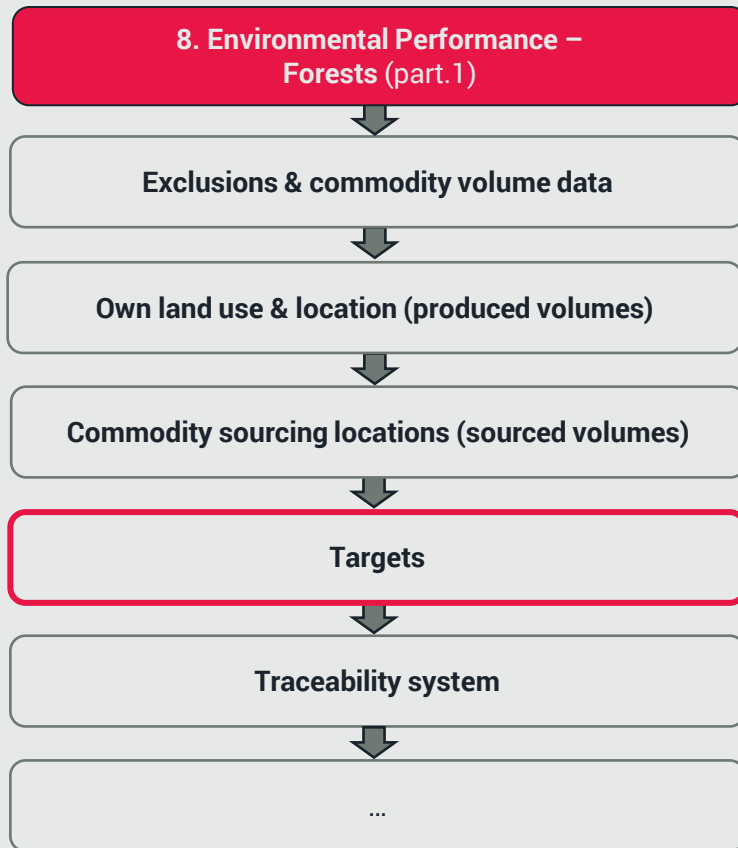
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Changes to 'Exclusions & commodity volume data'



Module 8:

Changes to 'Targets' p.1



Note:

Option for separate disclosure on no-deforestation and no-conversion targets in alignment with SBTN.

Modified question

8.7 Did your organization have a no-deforestation or no-conversion target, or any other targets for sustainable production / sourcing of your disclosed commodities, active in the reporting year?

Modified column:

- **Column 1** Active no-deforestation or no-conversion target

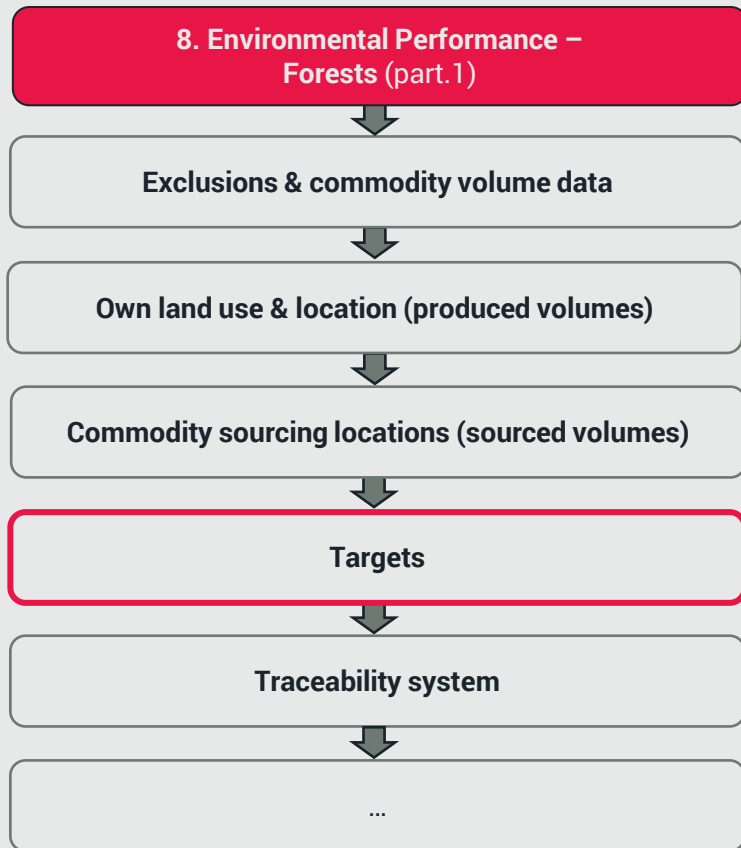
Removed column:

- No-deforestation or no-conversion target coverage



Module 8:

Changes to 'Targets' p.2



Modified question

8.7.1 Provide details on your no-deforestation or no-conversion target that was active during the reporting year.

New column:

- **Column 4** No-deforestation or no-conversion target coverage

Dropdown changes in:

- **Column 8** Target date for achieving no-deforestation or no-conversion

Modified question

8.7.2 Provide details of other targets related to your commodities, including any which contribute to your no-deforestation or no-conversion target, and progress made against them.

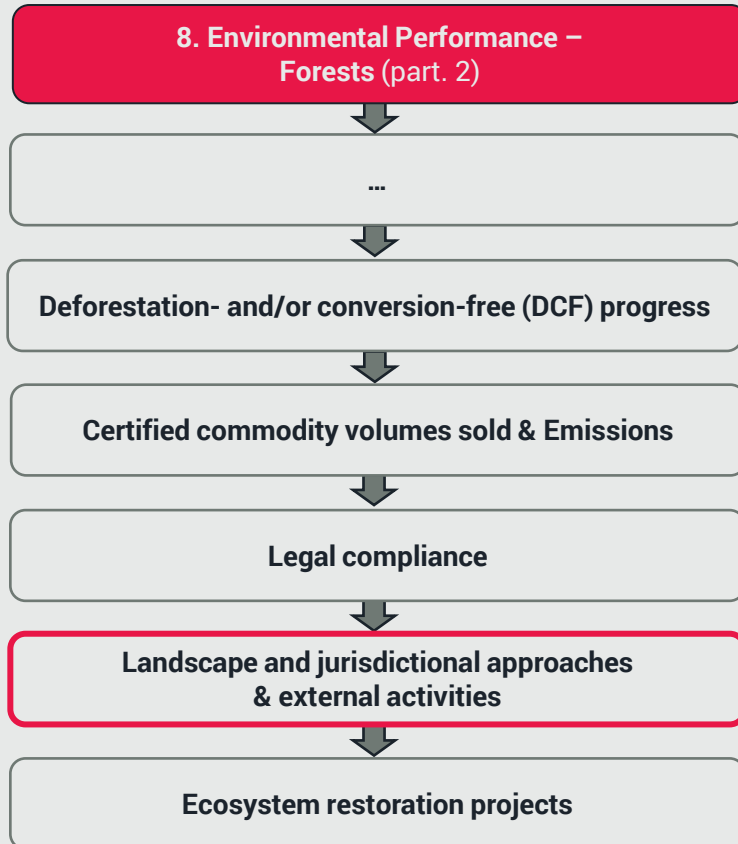
Modified column:

- **Column 6** Category of target & quantitative metric
- **Column 17** Global environmental treaties/initiatives/frameworks aligned with or supported by this target



Module 8:

Changes to 'LA/JA'



Modified question

8.15.2 Provide details of your engagement with landscape/jurisdictional initiatives to increase sustainable land use during the reporting year.

New columns:

- **Column 3** Latitude
- **Column 4** Longitude



2026 Changes to Water Security



Essential Criteria

Water Security

EC-W3
/EC-W4



Tailing dams (A-List)

[Coals, Metals & Mining only]

- Organizations that report at least one tailings dam in 2.6
- New criteria requires full performance across scoring levels:
 - Criteria must be met across Management (2.6.1), Awareness (2.6.2), and Leadership (2.6.3)

EC-W5



Identification, assessment, and management of risks (A-List)

[General & all sectors excl. Financial services]

- Removed: Criteria relating to risk types and criteria considered, tools and methods used, and frequency of the assessment, increasing scoring alignment across environmental issues.
- Eligibility for A List is assessed via Q2.2.1 and 2.2.2.

EC-W14
/EC-W15



Company-wide water accounting (A-List)

[All sectors excl. Financial services]

- Additional pathways introduced for organizations reporting no withdrawals and no discharges, where water discharge quality is not relevant

EC-W16



Withdrawals from Water Stressed Areas (A-List)

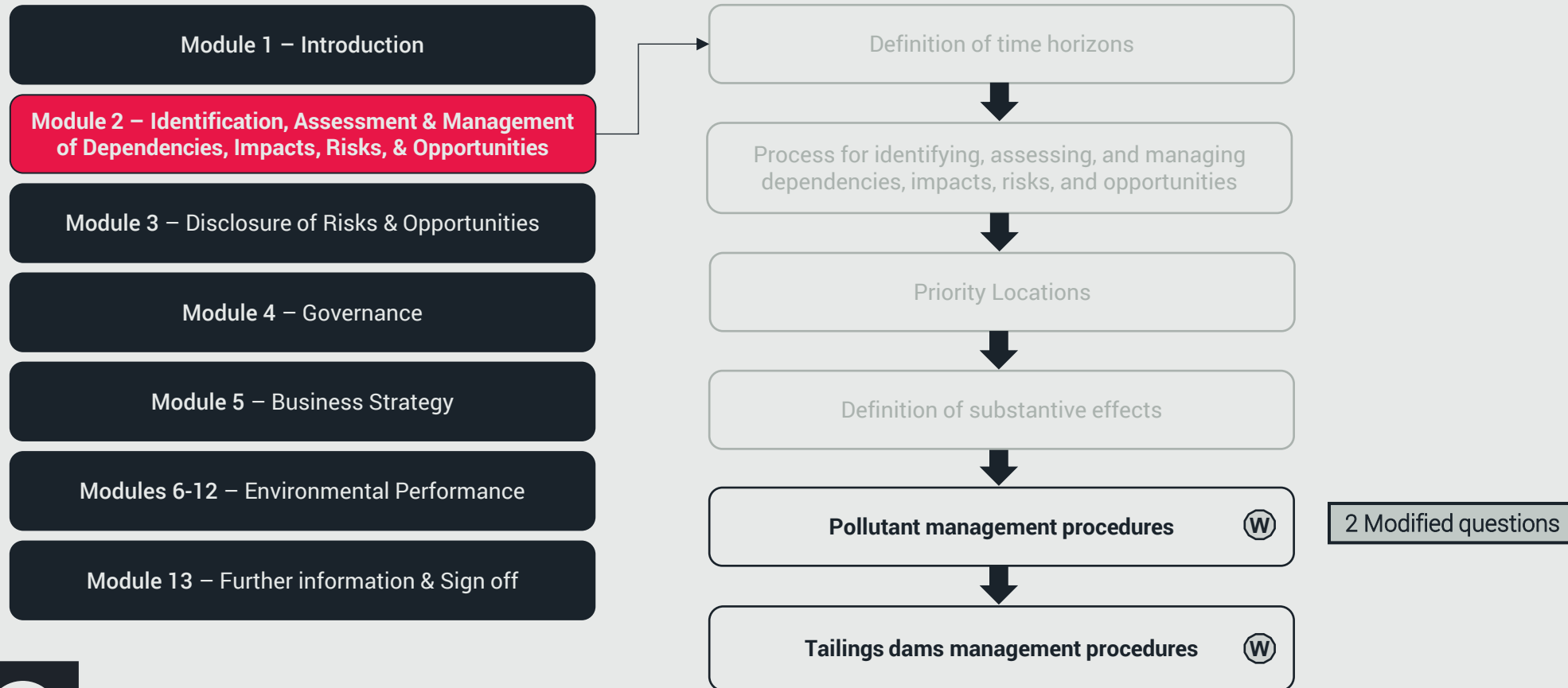
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- Use of a recognized tool (e.g., WRI Aqueduct, WWF Water Risk Filter) required to confirm withdrawals are not in water-stressed areas



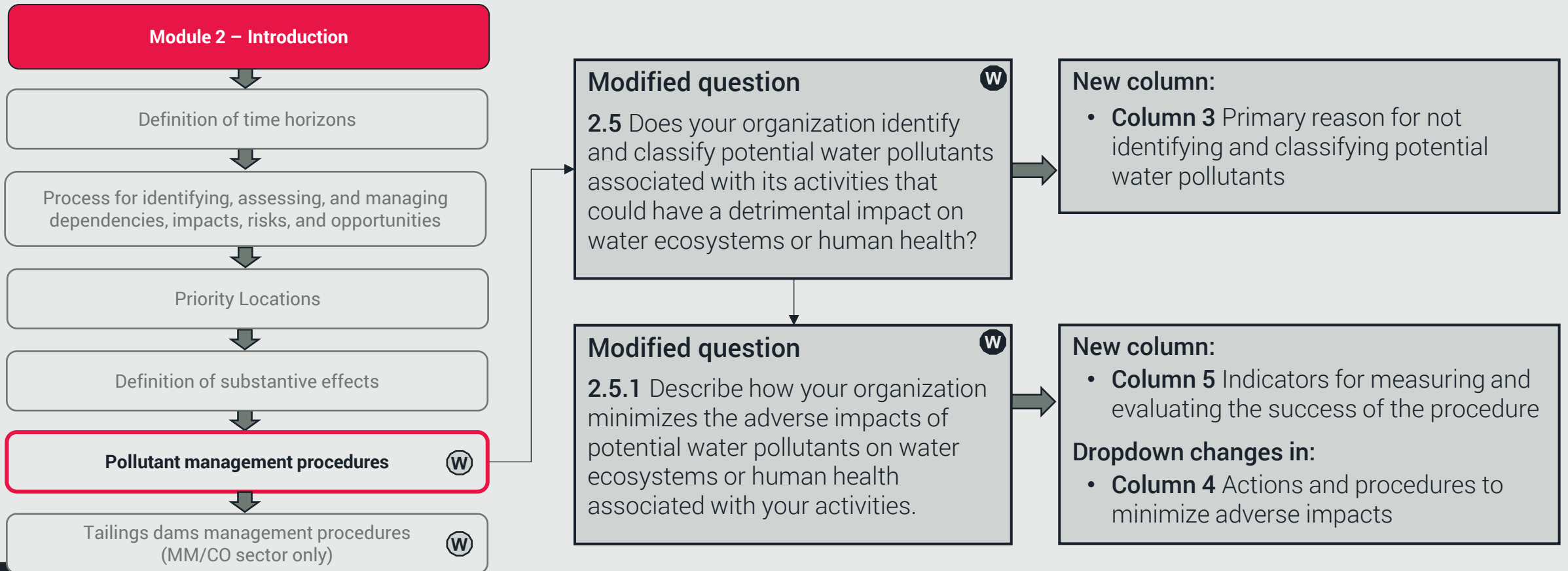
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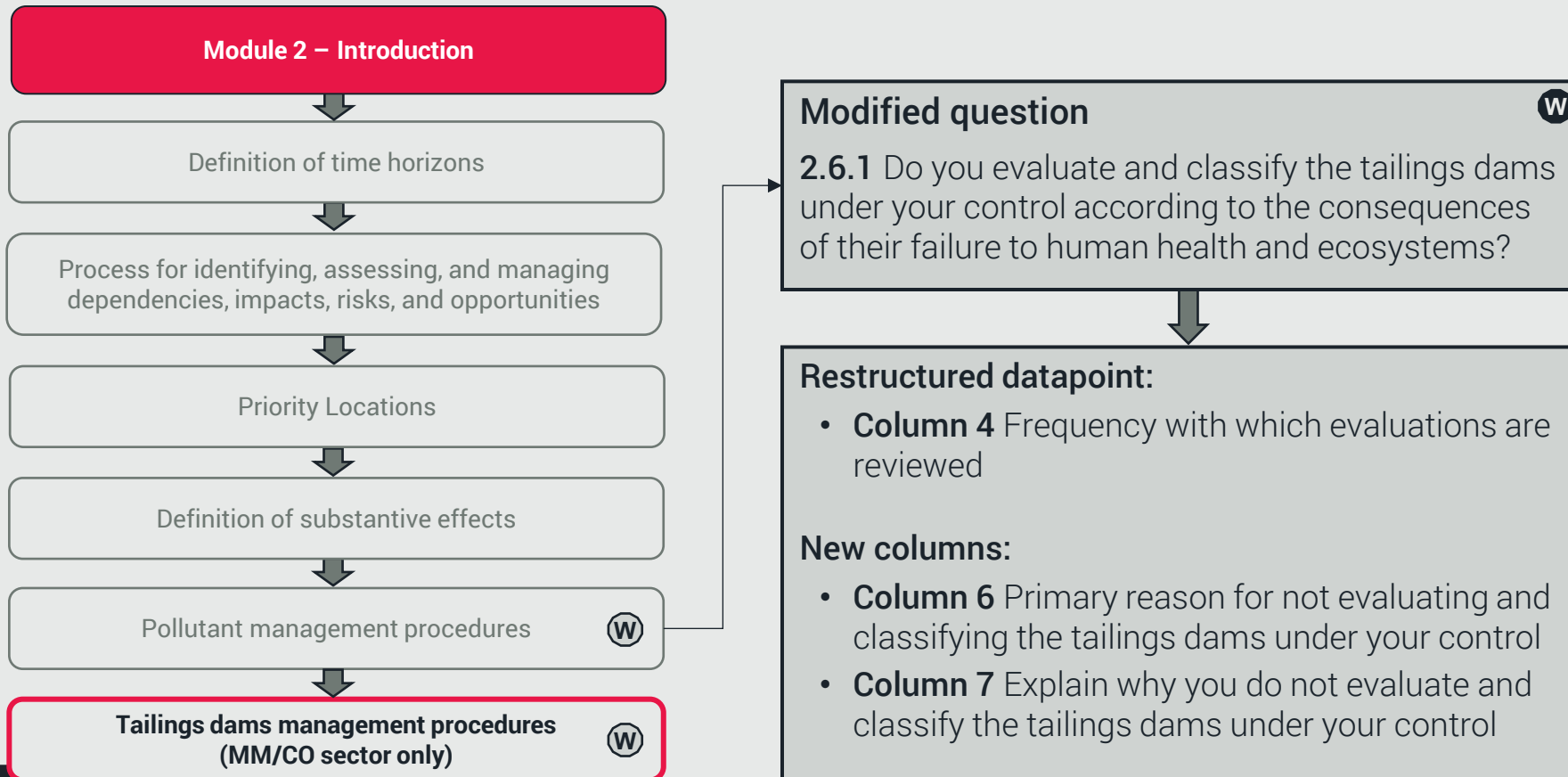
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Changes to 'Pollutant management'



Module 2:

Changes to 'Tailings dams management procedures' [MM/CO only]



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Risk disclosure

Fines, enforcement orders, and/or other penalties

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Carbon pricing systems

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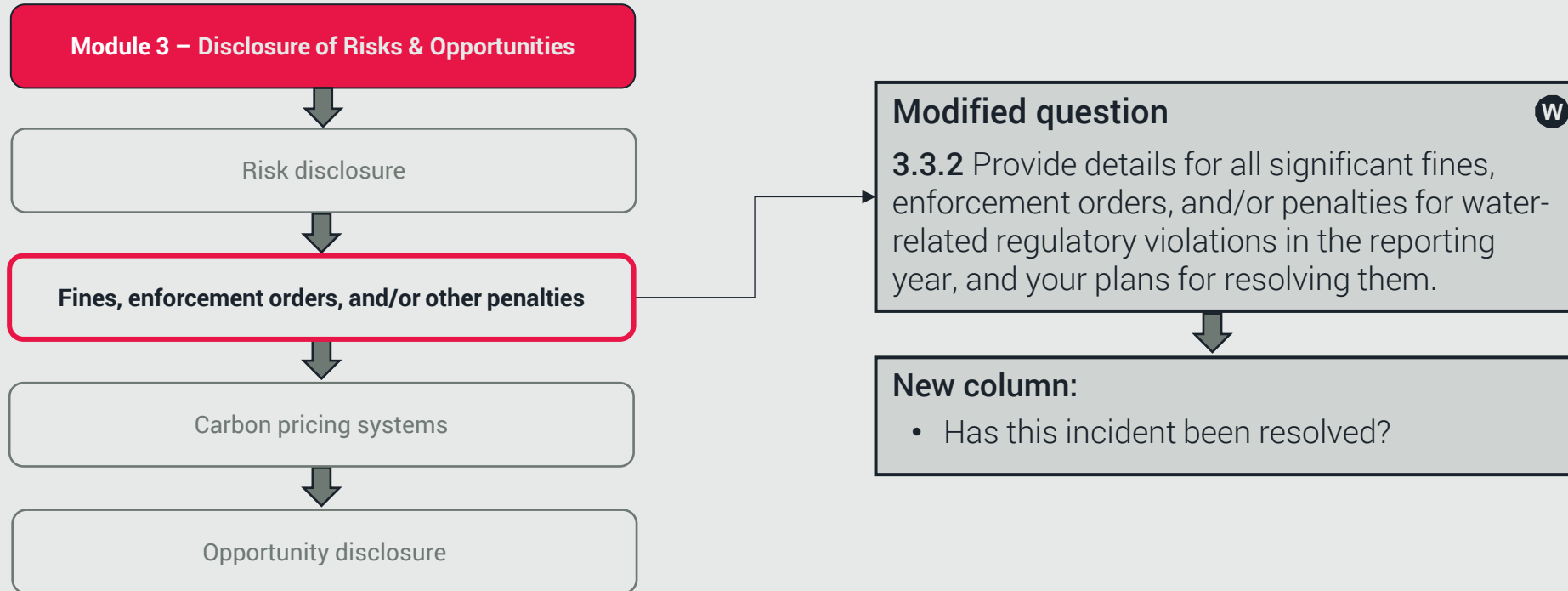
Opportunity disclosure

1 Modified question



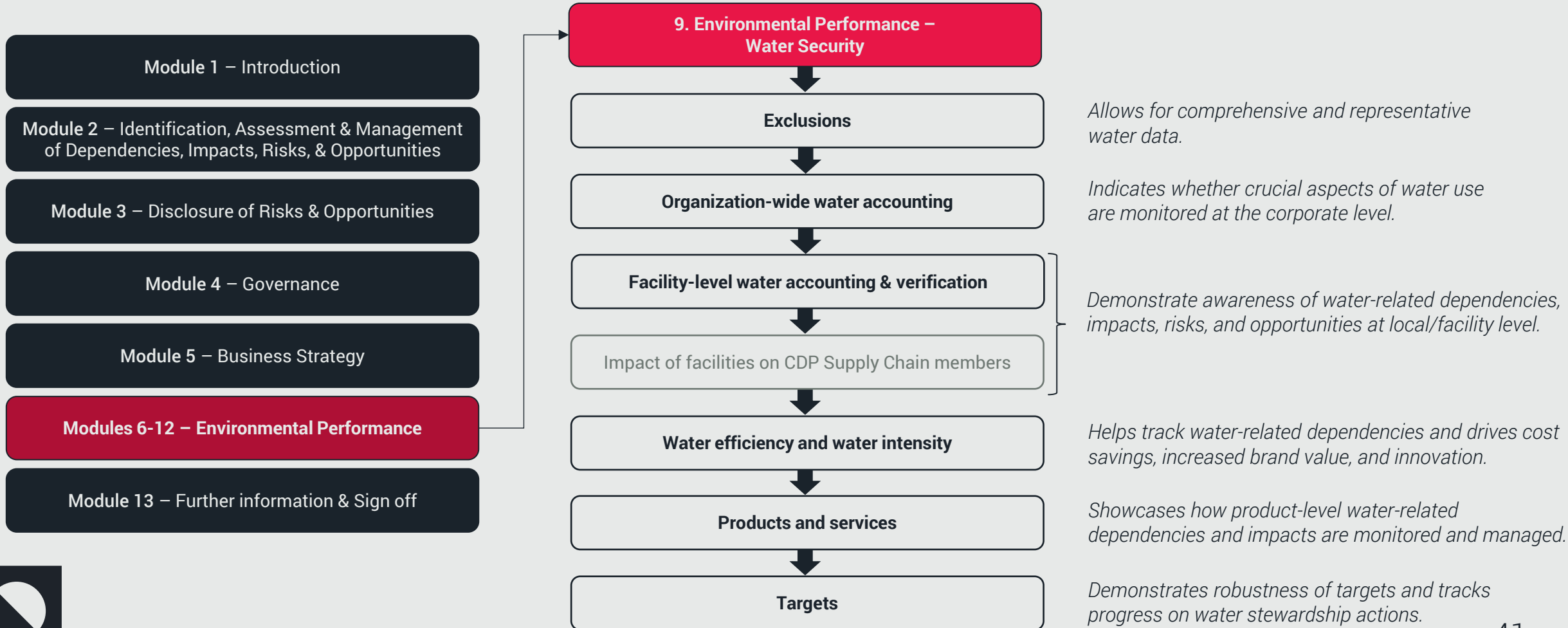
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Module 9:

Environmental Performance – Water Security



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**9. Environmental Performance –
Water Security**

Exclusions

1 Modified question

Organization-wide water accounting

1 Modified question

Facility-level water accounting & verification

1 Modified question

Impact of facilities on CDP Supply Chain members

Water efficiency and water intensity

Products and services

1 Modified question

Targets

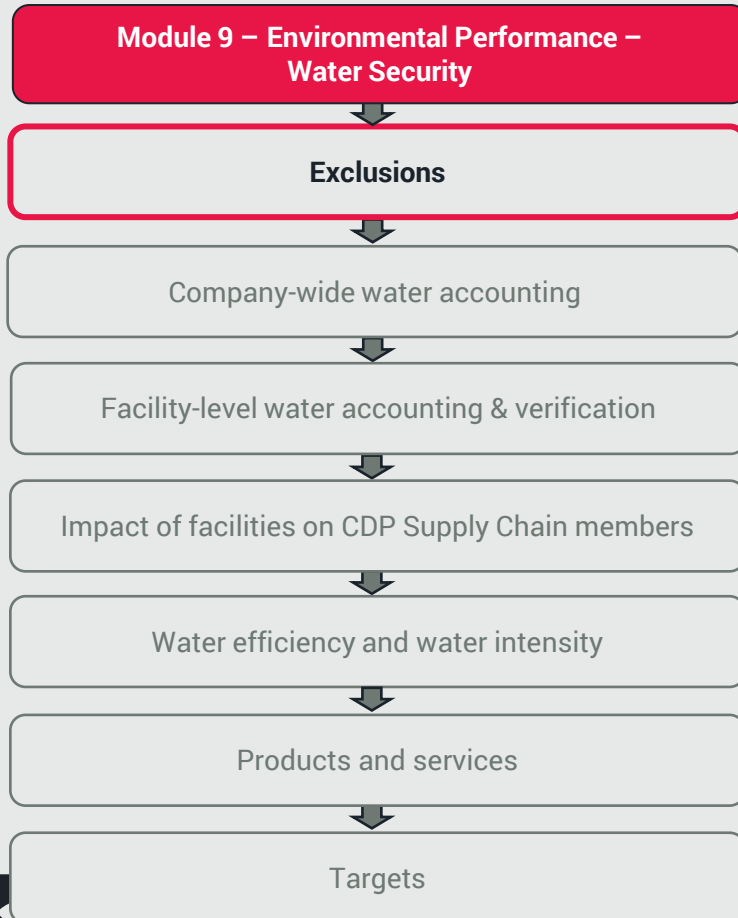
2 Removed questions

2 Modified questions



Module 9:

Changes to 'Exclusions'



Modified question

9.1.1 Provide details on these exclusions.

New columns:

- **Column 7** Country/area and river basin of exclusion
- **Column 8** Estimated volume of water the exclusion represents (megaliters)

Modified column:

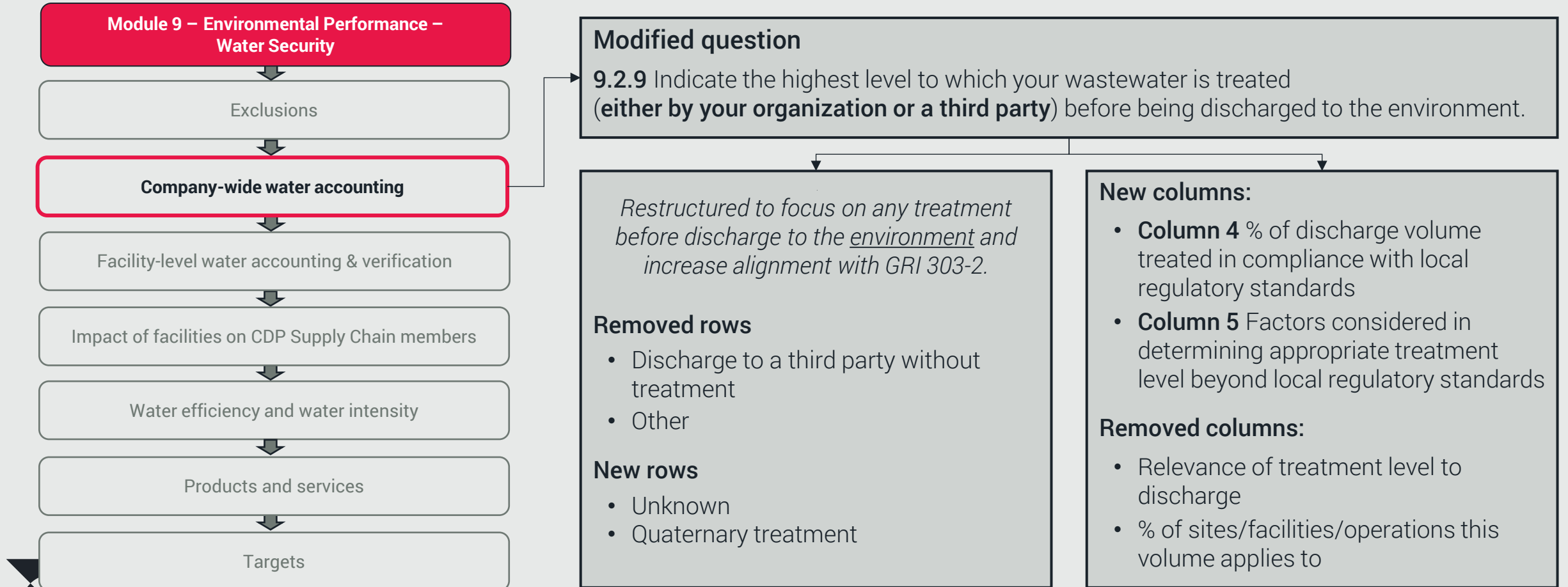
- **Column 4** Primary reason why data is not collected and/or reported
- **Column 9** Estimated % of total water volume the exclusion represents

Dropdown changes in:

- **Column 3** Reason for exclusion

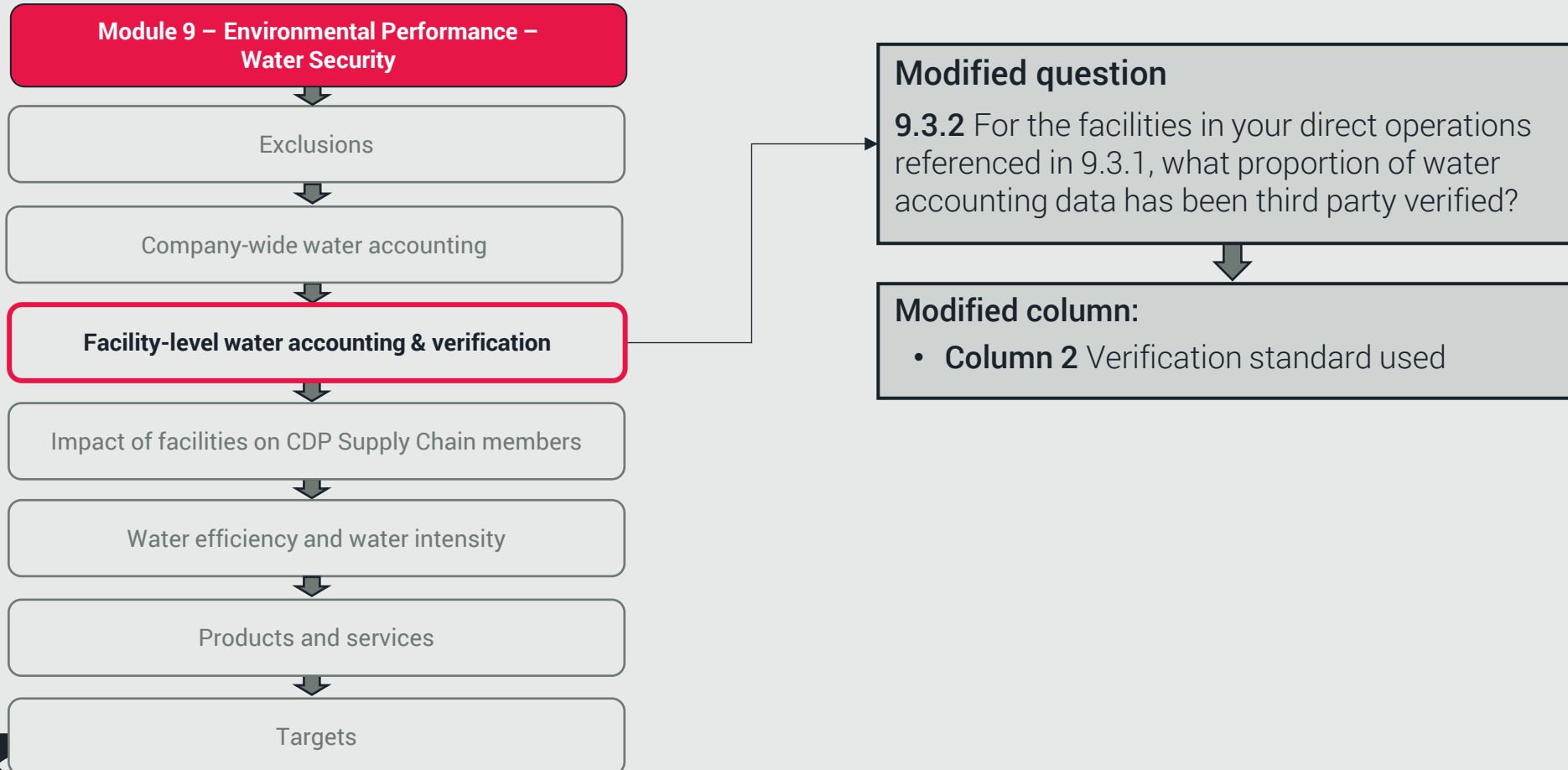
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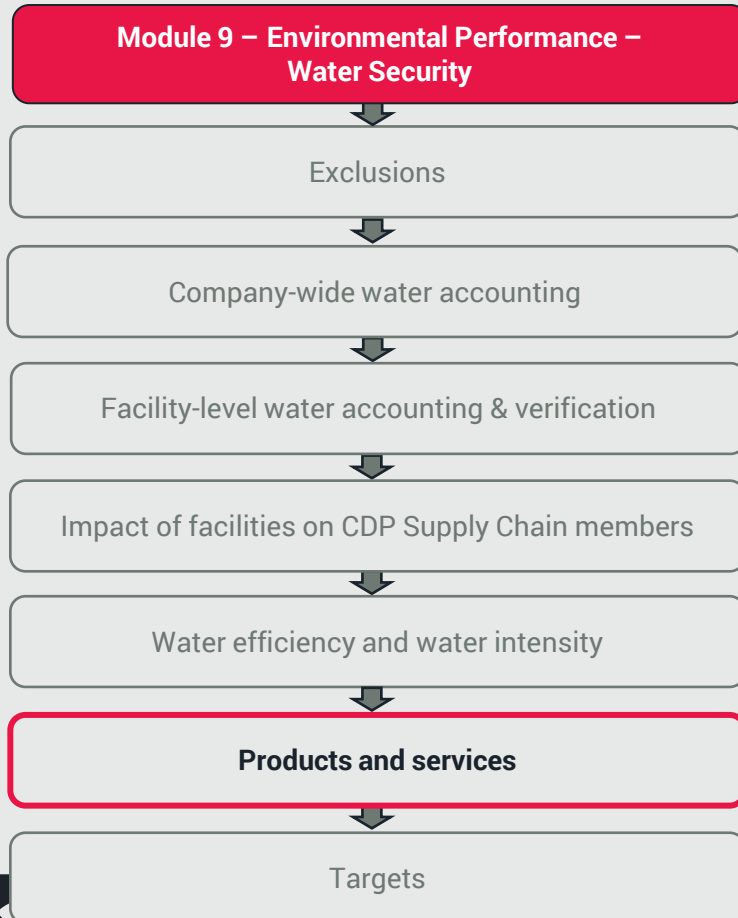
Module 9:

Changes to 'Facility-level water accounting'



Module 9:

Changes to 'Products and services'



Modified question

9.14 Do you classify any of your current products and/or services as low water impact?

New columns:

- **Column 2** Value chain stage where low water impact is assessed
- **Column 3** Indicator used to assess water impact
- **Column 4** Have you used a certification standard to classify your products/services as low water impact?

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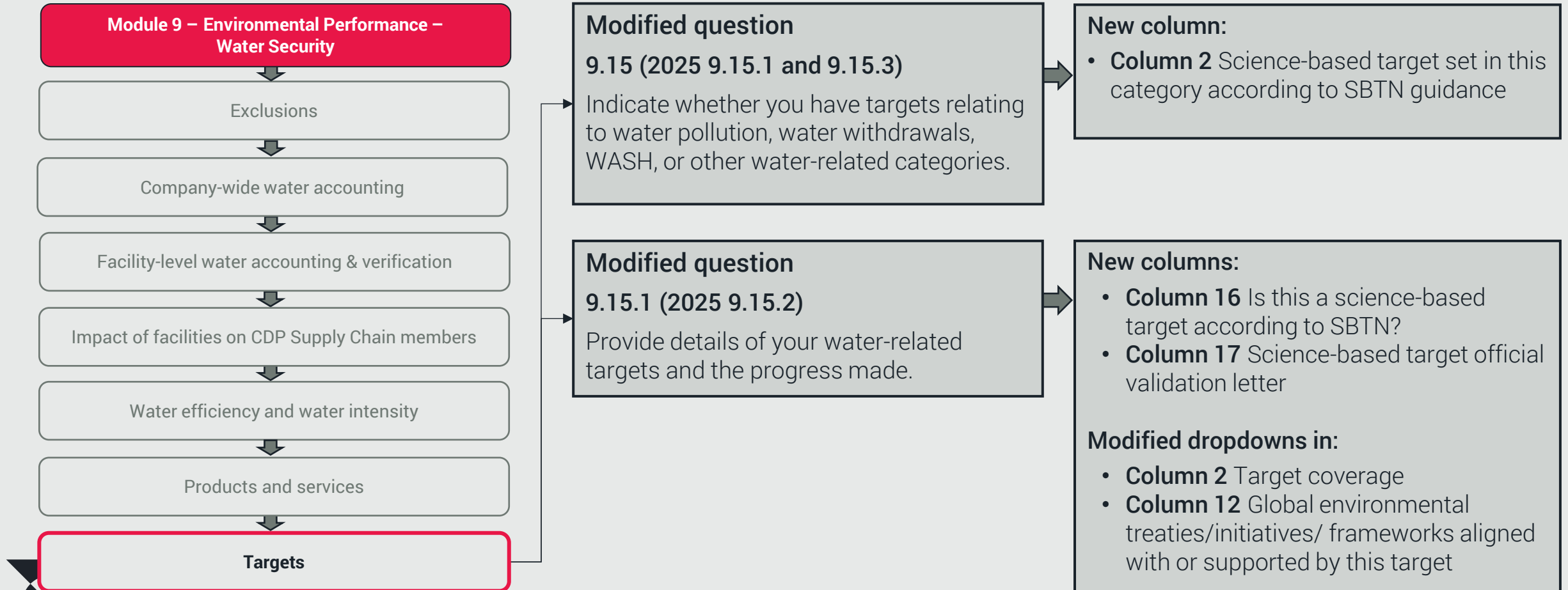
'Water-related targets' structure



2026 Question ↓	2025 Question	Change Label
N/A	9.15	Removed question
9.15	9.15.1; 9.15.3	Modified question [Merged]
9.15.1	9.15.2	Modified question

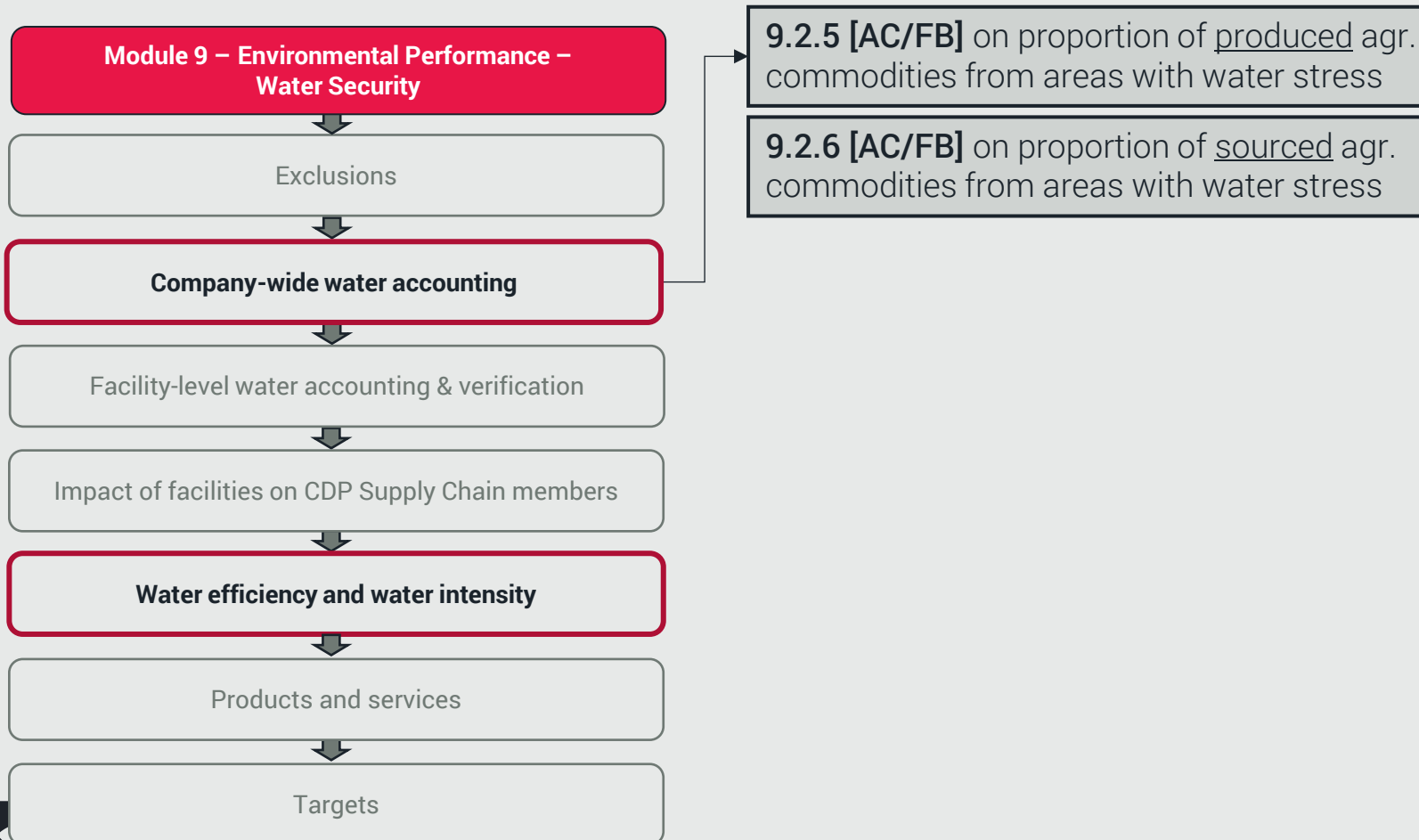
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Module 9:

Cross-cutting sector changes



Questionnaire sector key

AC: Agricultural commodities

CH: Chemicals

CO: Coal

EU: Energy utilities & power generators

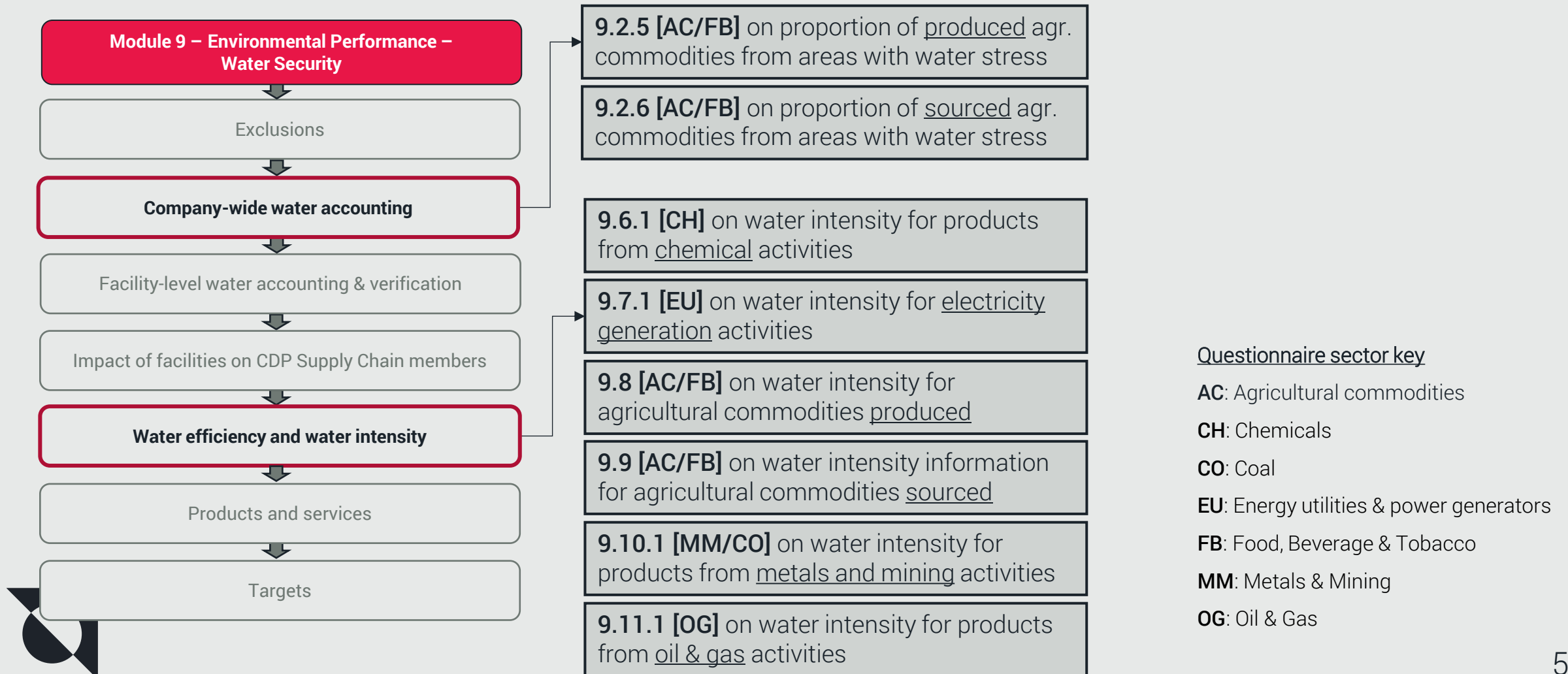
FB: Food, Beverage & Tobacco

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OG: Oil & Gas

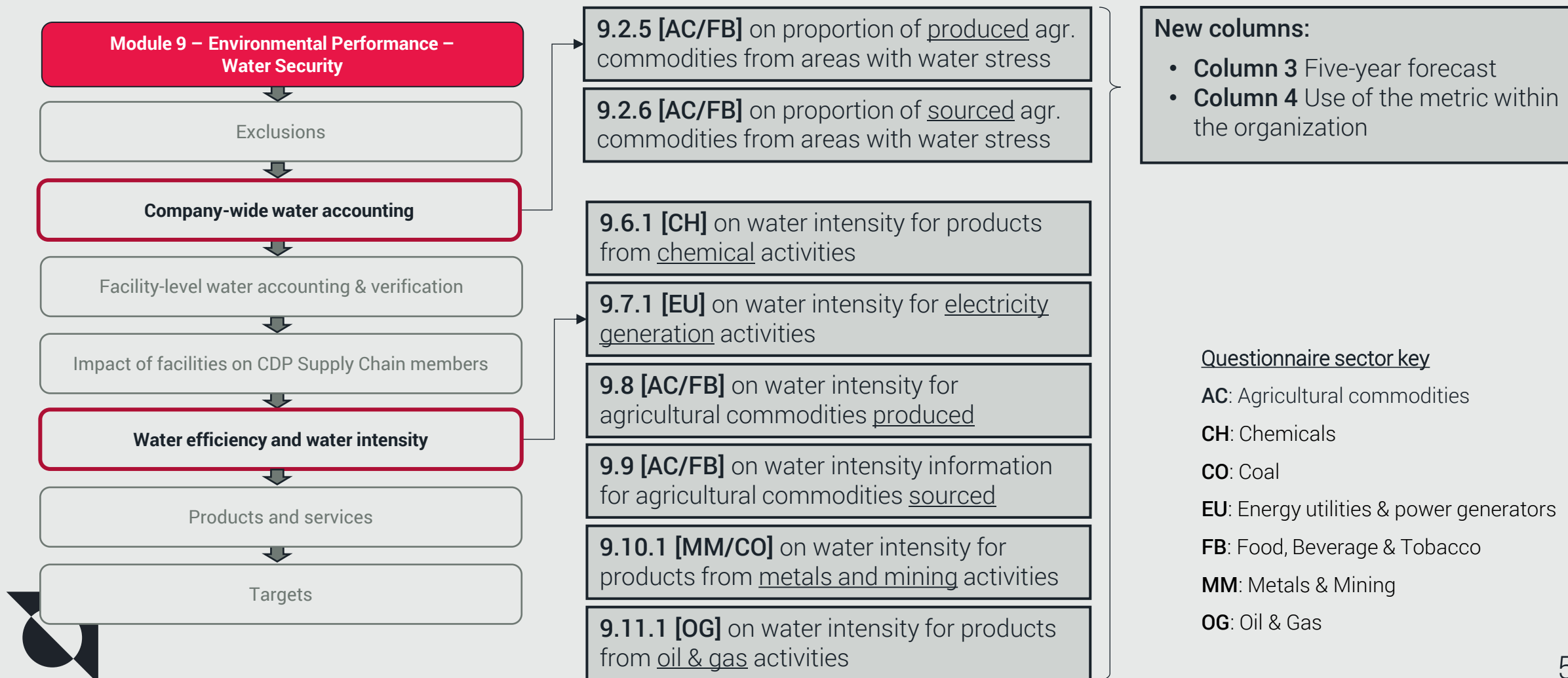
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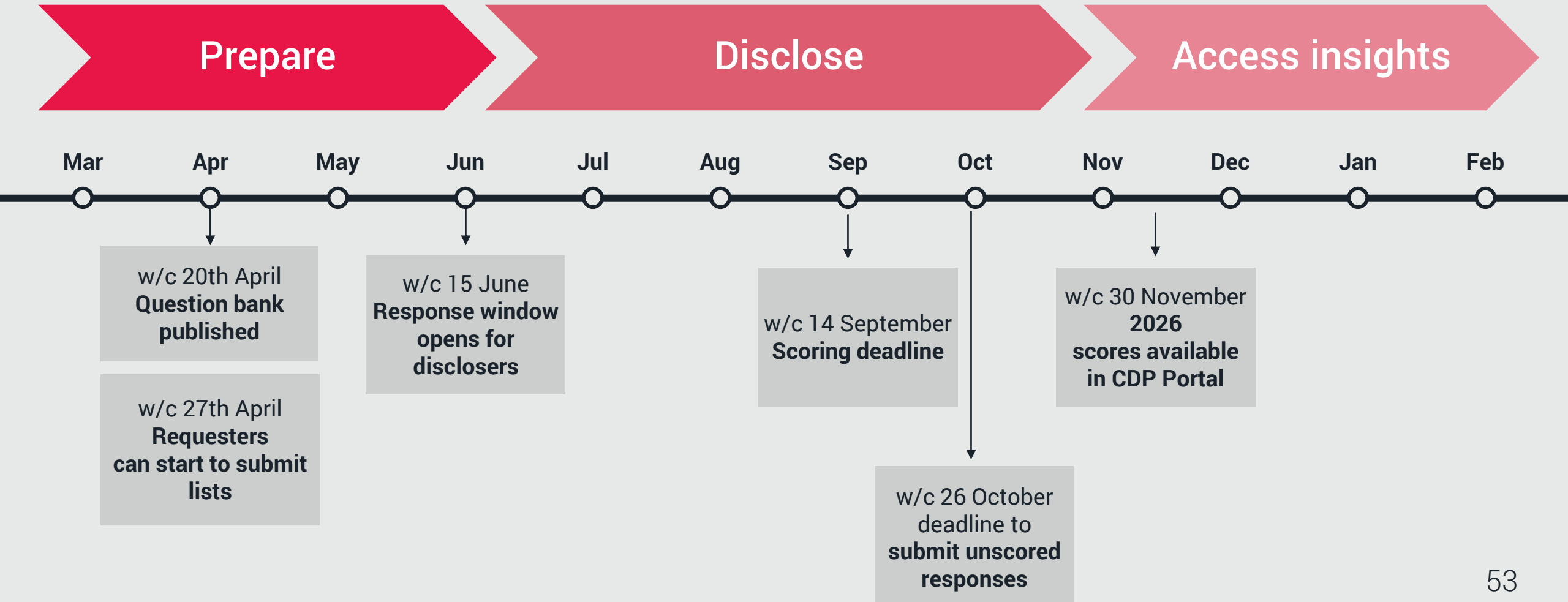
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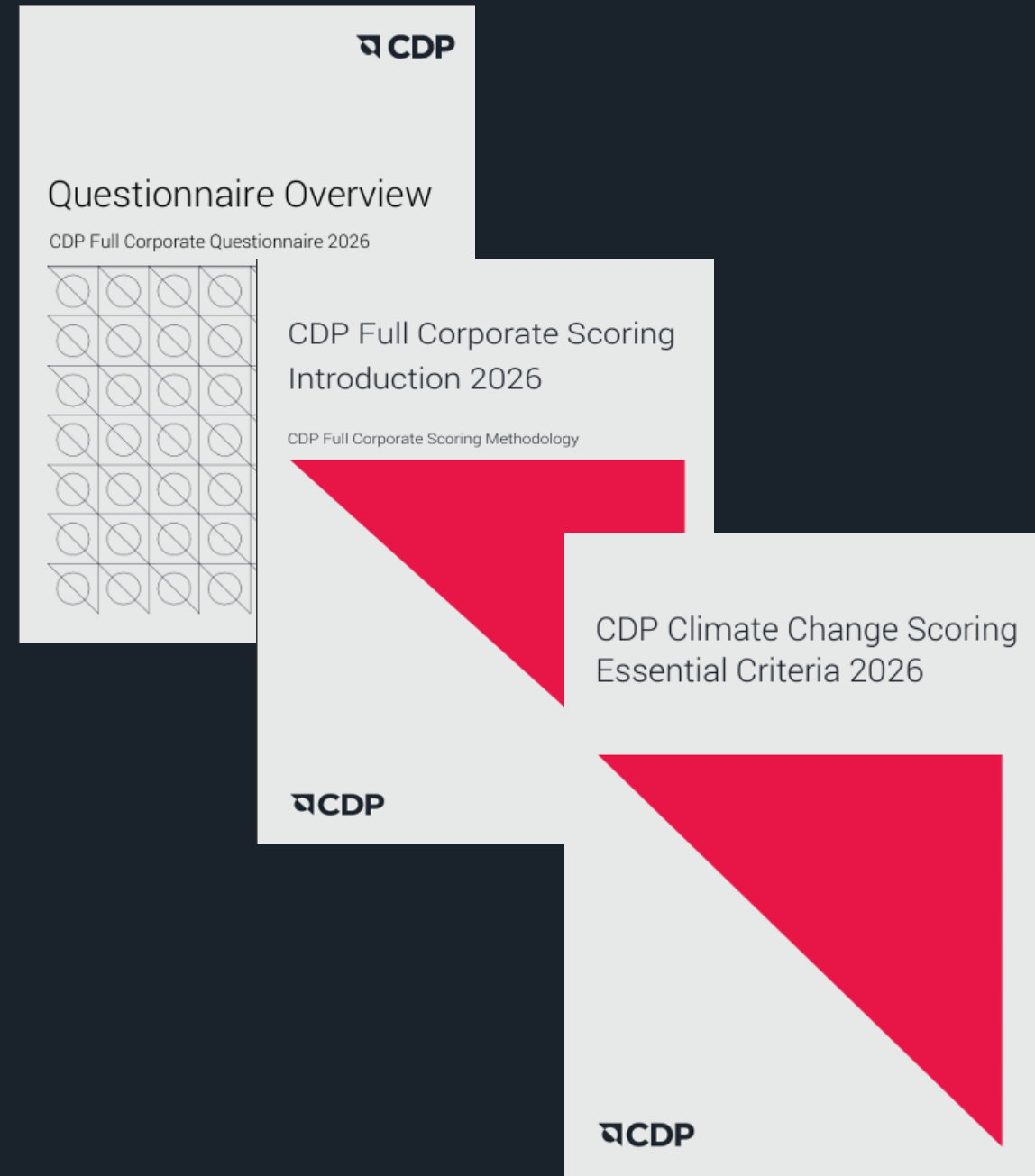


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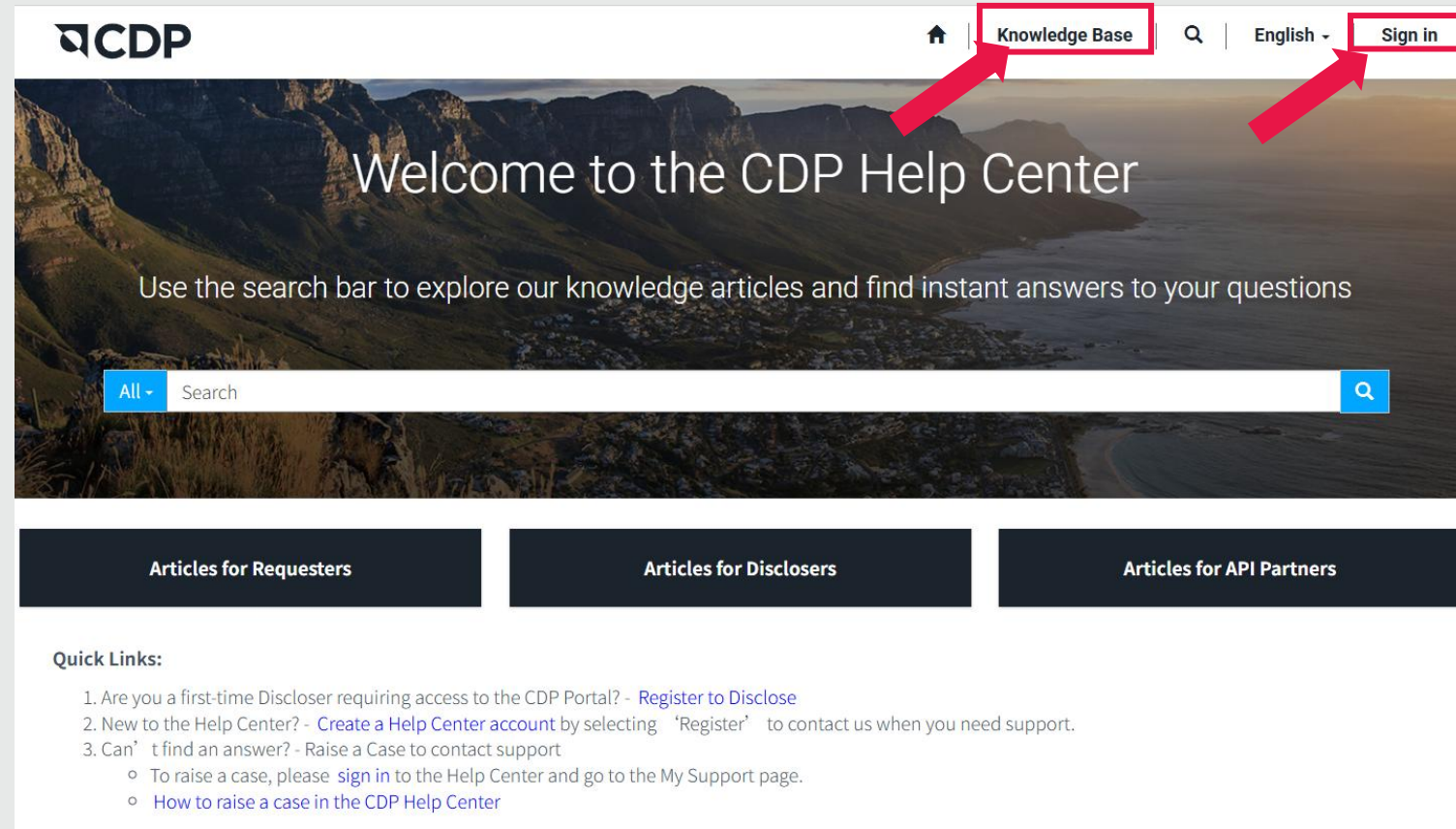
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- 2026 CDP Questionnaire Overview
 - [Full version](#) | [SME version](#)
- 2026 CDP Scoring Introduction
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- [2026 Questionnaire, Reporting Guidance, Scoring Methodology](#)
- [CDP Questionnaire Changes Tracker 2026](#)
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