

Forest and Land

Group Support Webinar

July 2026



Agenda

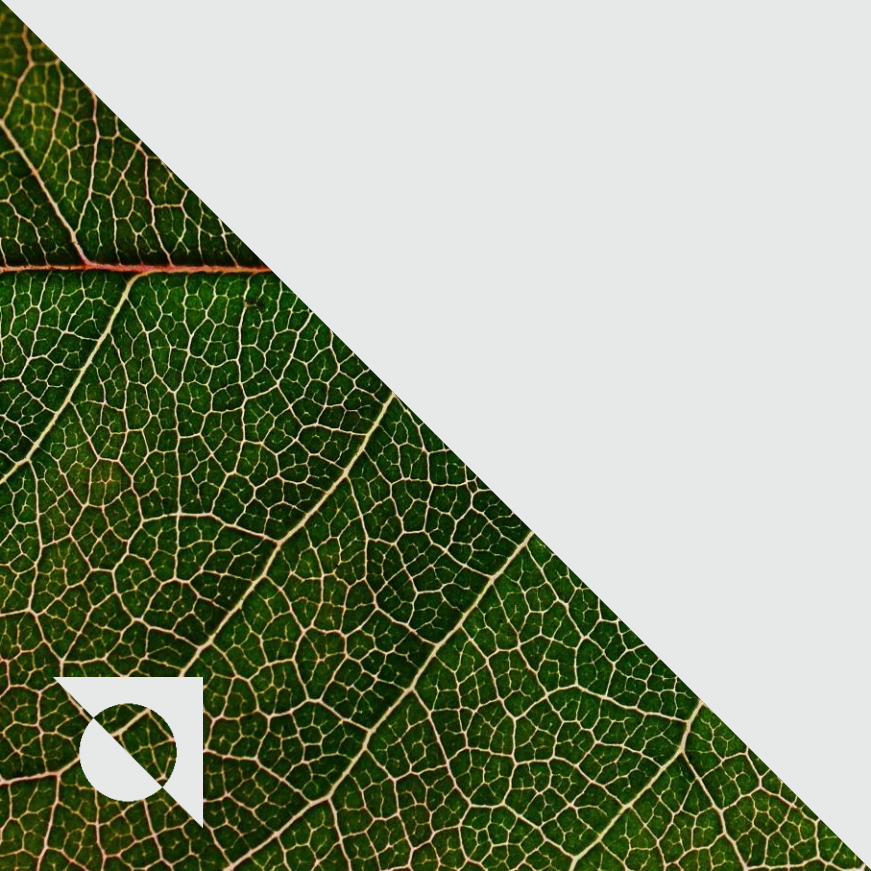
Why disclose on Forests?

What is the cost of inaction?

Why are supply chains important?

The benefits for suppliers

Forests disclosure journey



Why should we respond

An overview of impacts, dependencies, risks & opportunities and the power of disclosure



Disclosure drives action

Urgent action needed to address the impacts of human activity on forests. The private sector, particularly the agriculture and commodity supply chain.

75%

of terrestrial ecosystems
have been significantly
altered [\[source\]](#)

>50%

of global tree cover lost
since 1960 [\[source\]](#) and
11% since 2000
[\[source\]](#)

20-40%

of land is degraded
[\[source\]](#)

11%

of global GHG emissions
are from deforestation and
poor forest management
[\[source\]](#)



Why disclose on deforestation?

Forests permeate our economy and stabilize the climate

\$150tn

worth of ecosystem services provided by forests that businesses depend upon [\[source\]](#)

6.7m

hectares of tropical forest converted in 2024, releasing 3.1 gigatonnes of CO2 emissions

\$279bn

in financial risk faced by businesses disclosing through CDP



Forests enable ecosystem to function

Forests and land permeate our environment, stabilize the climate, and support critical **dependencies** across value chains, from water regulation and soil health to food production and livelihoods.

75%

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

30%

of GHG emissions from industry and fossil fuels absorbed by forests [\[source\]](#)

80%

of terrestrial plants and animals depend on forests [\[source\]](#)



Figure: Forest-based adaptation. FAO forestry, 2022.

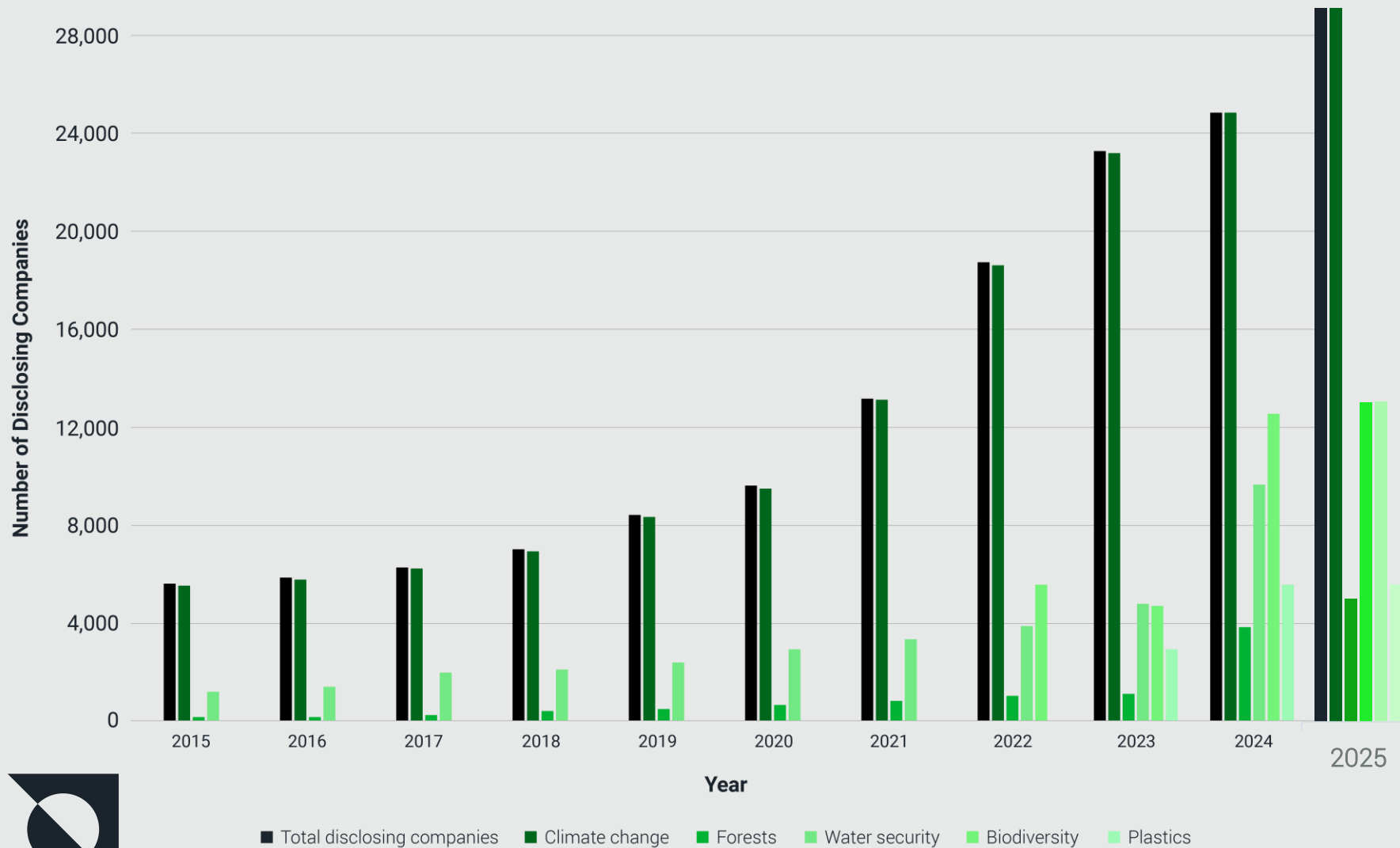
The pivotal role of supply chains in addressing deforestation

- Only 64 companies reported achieving a 100% deforestation- and conversion-free supply chain for at least one commodity in 2023.
- While 445 companies disclosed progress on deforestation and conversion-free supply chains, only 186 provided comprehensive and high-quality information.

Source: CDP 2023 Data



Nature disclosure growth



4,400+ companies disclosed on climate, forest and water in 2025 for the first time

316% increase in all environmental issue disclosure since 2023

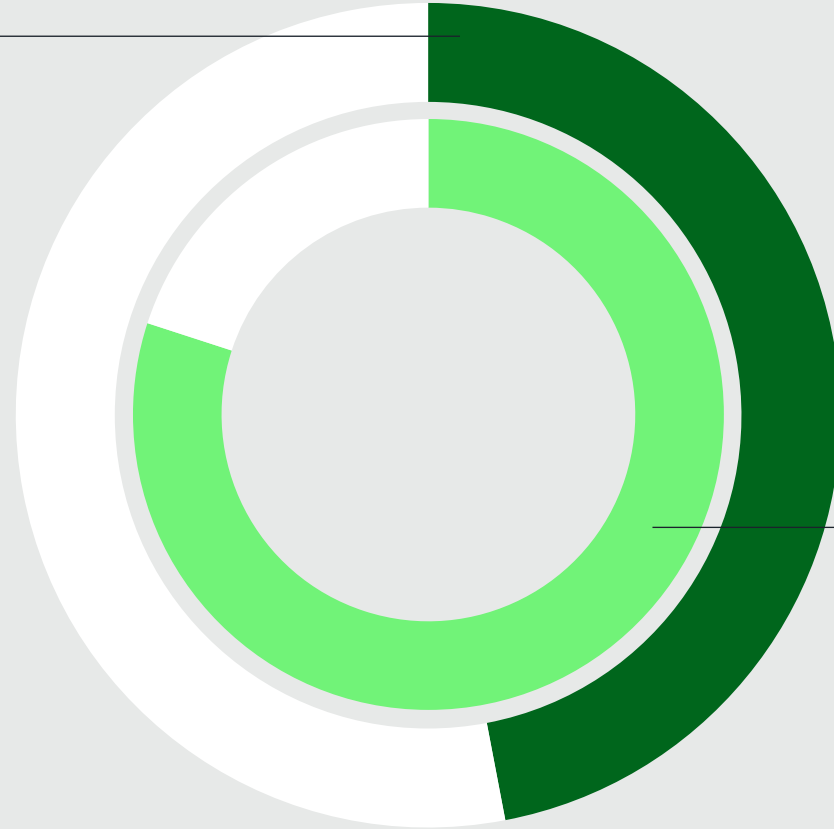
3,828 companies disclosed on forests in 2025



Forest disclosure is driving awareness...

47% of forest disclosers

responding to CDP
for the first time
have forest policies
or commitments.



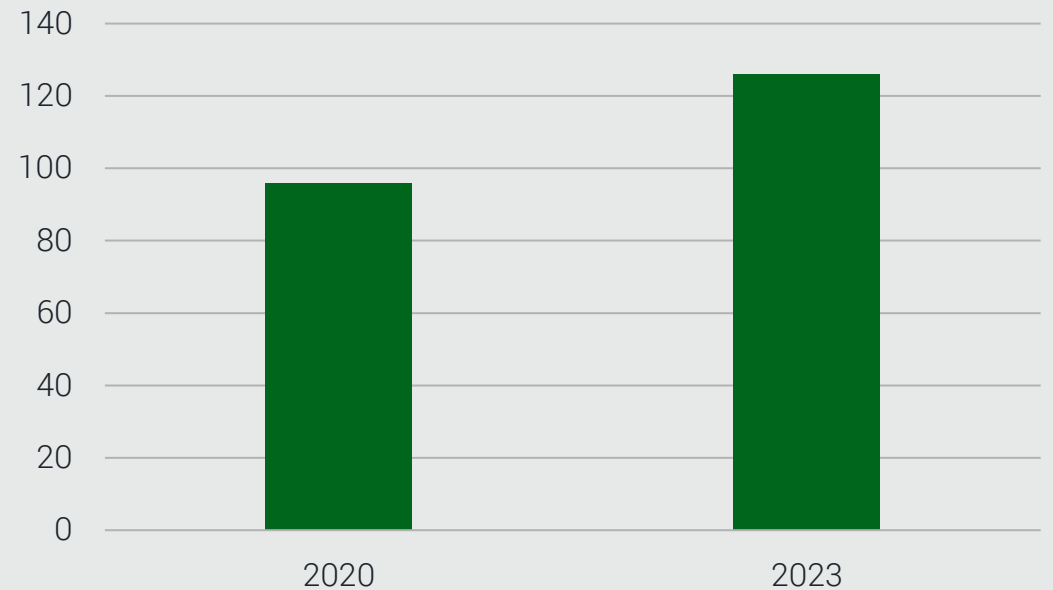
By their third year
of disclosure, **80%**
of respondents have
developed policies
and commitments.



...and action

- About **half of the 242 companies** consistently reporting on deforestation management from 2020 to 2023 now report near-eradication of deforestation for at least one commodity.
- This represents a substantial **40% increase** from the number of companies reporting the same in 2020 (90 companies).
- Overall, this still represents only a small group of companies – **35% of all companies** disclosing in 2023 claiming to be nearly deforestation-free for at least one commodity (189 companies).

Companies reporting nearing deforestation eradication for at least one sourced commodity



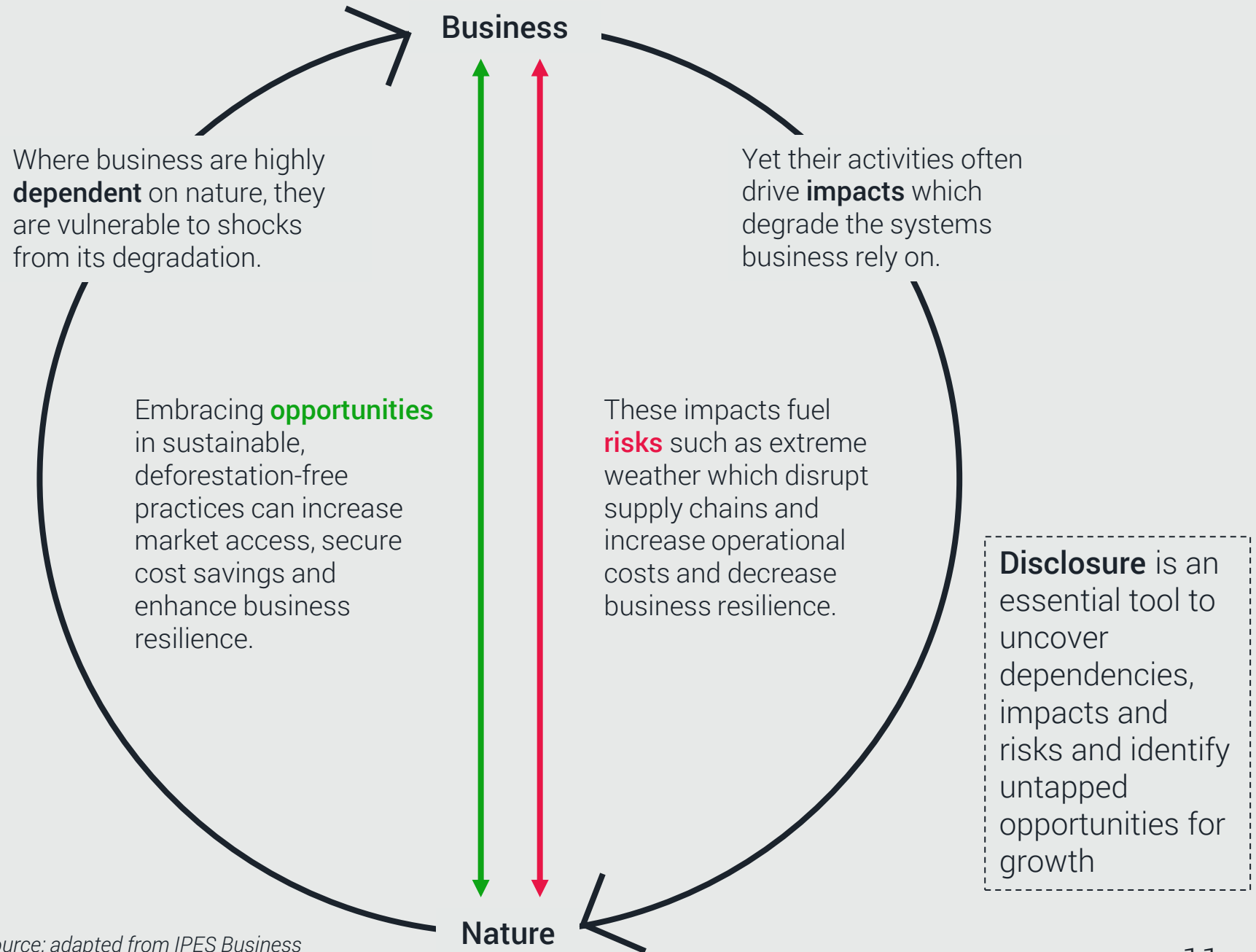
Source: [Disclosure Data Factsheet 2023 - CDP](#)



Business resilience

"Addressing deforestation is key for maintaining supply chain and business resilience, complying with regulations, and meeting stakeholder expectations"

- World Economic Forum



Source: adapted from IPES Business and Biodiversity Assessment

Critical

Agriculture

Crop/animal farming, logging and rubber tapping, biofuel supply, animal feed, Tobacco.



Food & beverage

Food processing, baked goods & cereals, chocolate, cooking oils.



Chemicals

Household products, Biofuels.



Forestry

Pulp & paper mills, sawmills & wood materials.



Retail

Supermarkets, agriculture, food, beverage & wood products wholesale.



Personal care

Toothpaste, lipstick, soap.



Hospitality

Fast food, food and beverage amenities.



Financial services

Investments financing forest clearance.



Very-high

Construction

Building and transport construction, real estate owners and developers.



Automotive

Automobiles, automotive interior, tires.



Print publishing

Billboards, magazines, books.



Power generation

Biomass generation.



High

Apparel

Apparel design & manufacturing, luggage & bags, textiles.



Leisure & home manufacturing

Accessories, furniture.



Medium

Biotech, health care & pharma

Pharmaceuticals.



Useful resources

- [2026 capital markets sample setting methodology](#) - Includes CDP's forests impact activity classification

What is the cost of inaction?



The cost of inaction is HIGH...

On average nearly US\$300 million at risk, versus
US\$17.4 million to respond per reporting company

The cost of inaction could be >17x higher than the
cost of action.

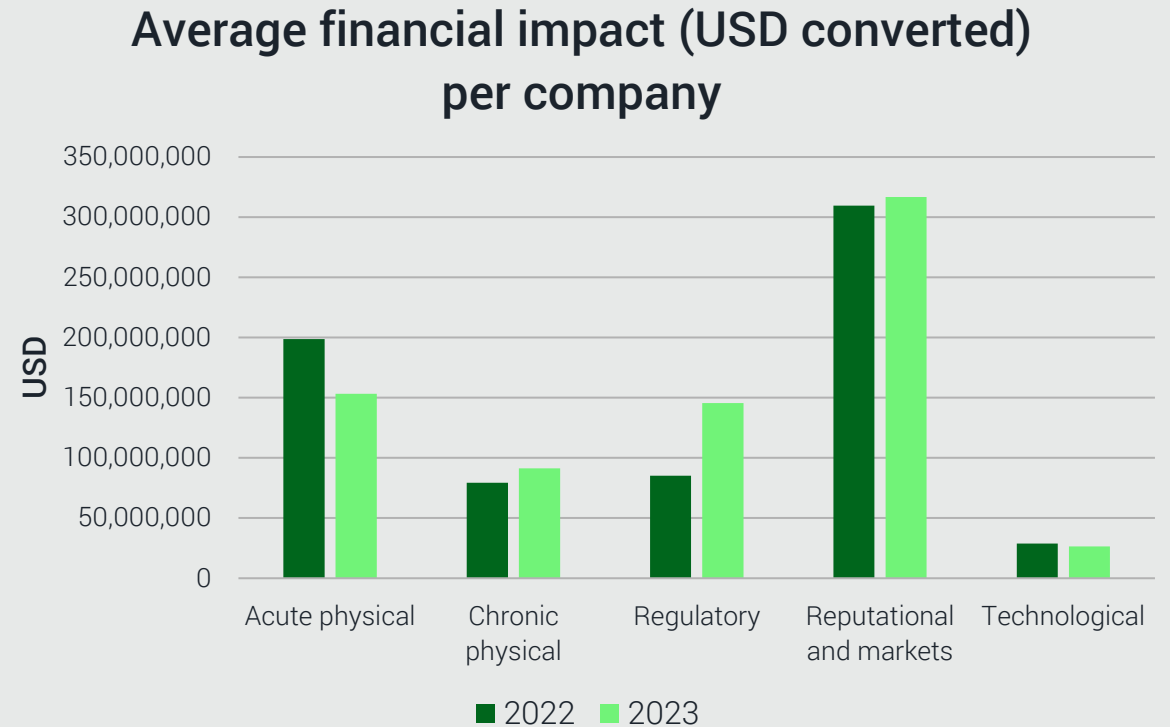
Source: CDP 2022 Data



Updated Report: Blind Spots on the Balance Sheet:
Uncovering Financial Implications of Deforestation - CDP

Forest-related supply chain risks are overlooked while being significant

- 52% of risk drivers occur in the supply chain
- >50% of disclosing companies are not assessing and evaluating risks.
- 84% of companies that undertook a forest-related risk assessment for a specific commodity identified risks associated with deforestation.
- Only 54% of forest-related risks covered by a potential financial impact value.



Source: CDP 2021-2023 Data



...and awareness brings rewards

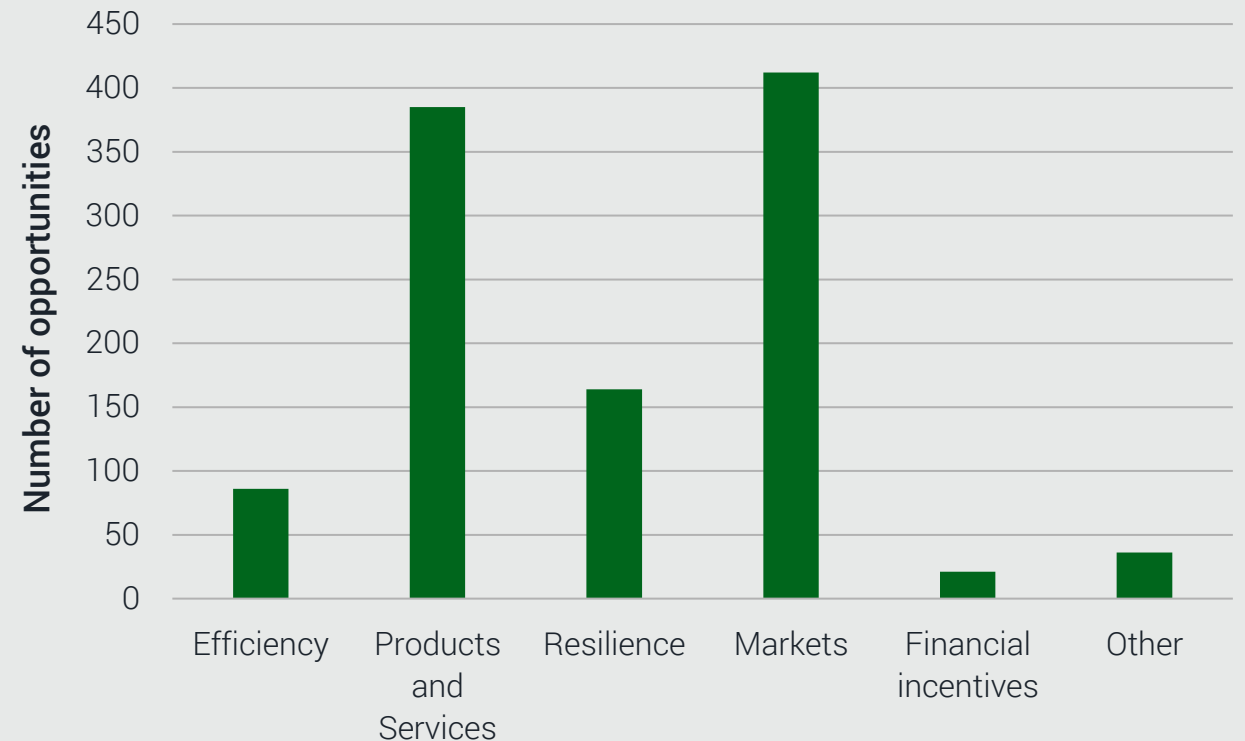
29% of companies identified forest-related opportunities with potential to have substantive financial or strategic impact on their business.

231 companies reported opportunities worth US\$58 billion.

Source: 2022 CDP Data.



Forests-related opportunities identified by companies



Source: 2023 CDP Data.

DIRO & materiality - Forests

Forests and other ecosystems provide key services (e.g., climate regulation, erosion control, freshwater, pollination, raw materials).

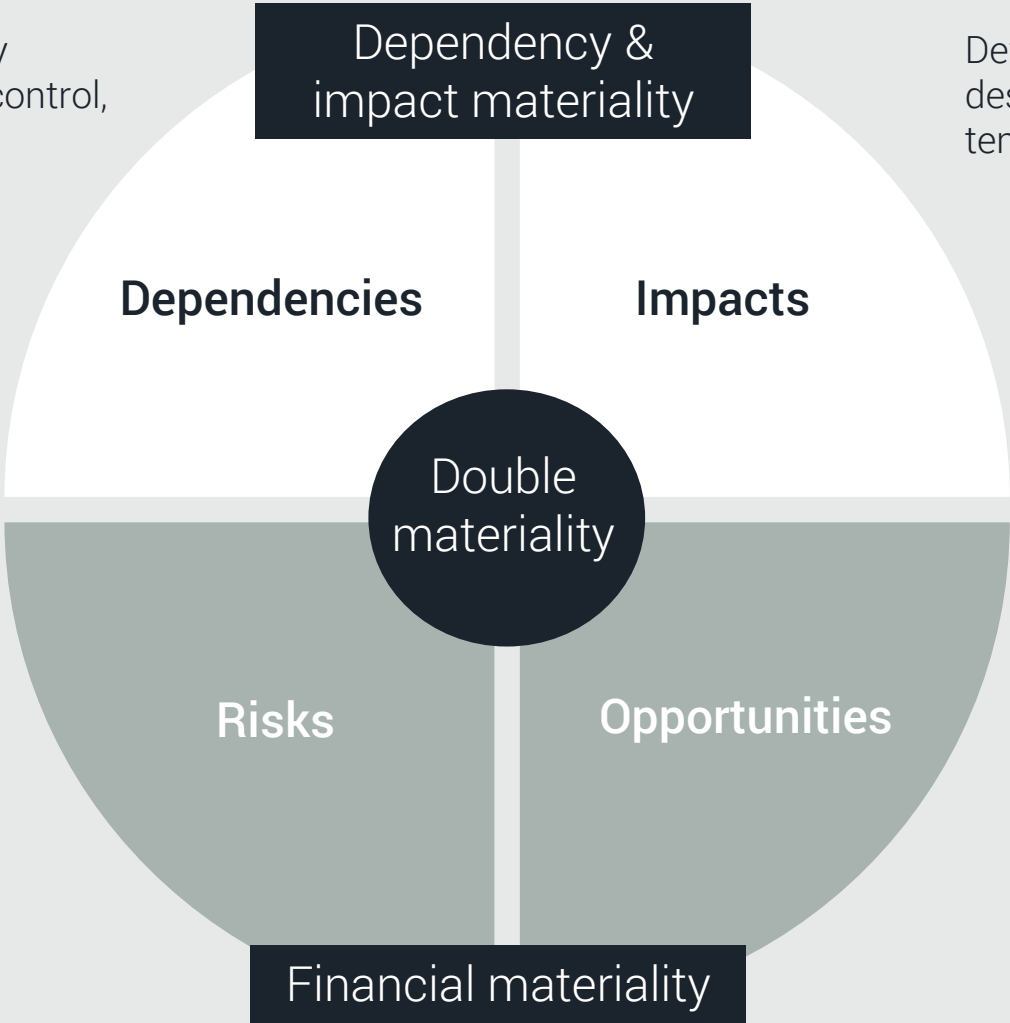
> 50% of global GDP relies on nature's services for stable operations and supply chain resilience [\[source\]](#).

\$50-150tn of services provided by forests that businesses and financial markets rely on [\[source\]](#).

Extreme weather and ecosystem degradation disrupt value chains and markets, increasing operational costs (e.g., water shortages, crop failures)

\$327 billion in losses in 2024.

\$2.7 trillion potential loss in annual gross domestic product by 2030 [\[source\]](#).



Deforestation and land-use conversion destabilise ecosystem, weather patterns and temperatures.

11–15% of global CO₂ emissions [\[source\]](#) [\[source\]](#).

~80% of terrestrial species extinctions [\[source\]](#).

Embracing sustainable, deforestation-free practices can create new markets and cost savings.

~\$3.6 trillion in additional annual business opportunities by 2030 could be unlocked by “Nature-positive” transitions in food and land use [\[source\]](#).

\$4.5 trillion in new business opportunities in the food & agriculture sector expected by 2030 [\[source\]](#).



What are the benefits for suppliers?



Key benefits of disclosure



Access to capital

Enhancing supplier position

340+ purchasing organizations with an annual spend of US\$6.4 trillion use CDP supplier data for procurement decisions.



Business competitiveness

Managing risks and unlocking opportunities

>50% of forest risk drivers are situated in corporate supply chains.



Compliance

Mandatory or voluntary

CDP's disclosure platform improves consistency of information for purchasing companies and investors.



Enabling standards-aligned disclosure globally

Supports disclosures in line with



CDP works closely with the Accountability Framework Initiative (AFi), a practical, consensus-based guide for action on deforestation, conversion of other natural ecosystems and ecosystem protection, to reflect current good practice into the forests disclosure content.

Disclosing through CDP can also support you on your path to compliance with the upcoming **European Union Deforestation Regulation.**



Expanding alignment



Exploring further alignment with European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) ongoing via an official partnership



CDP is partially aligned to the GRI standards. Technical coordination ongoing with GRI.



Partially aligned with TNFD disclosure recommendations, exploring further alignment



Forests disclosure journey

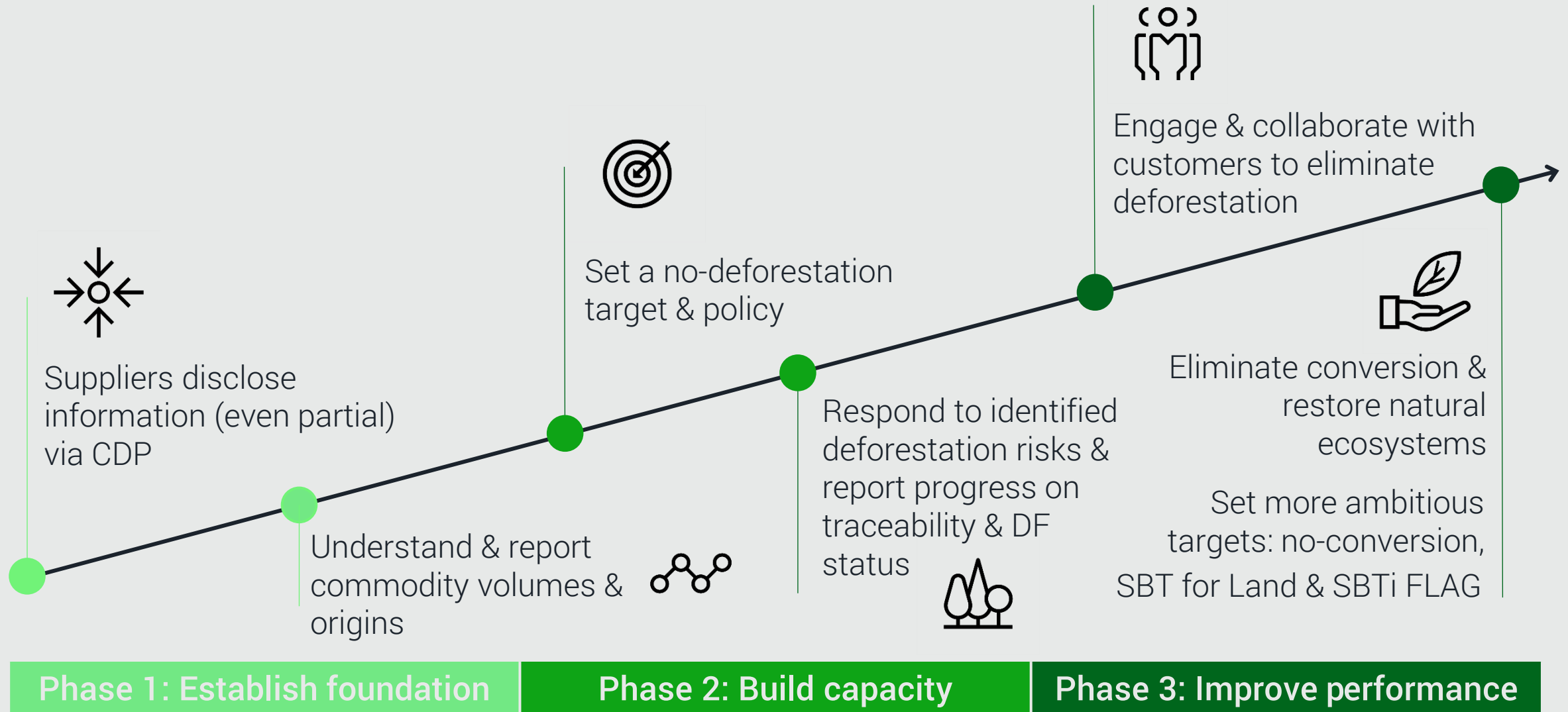
Using disclosure to drive
environmental improvement



Roadmap for disclosing suppliers

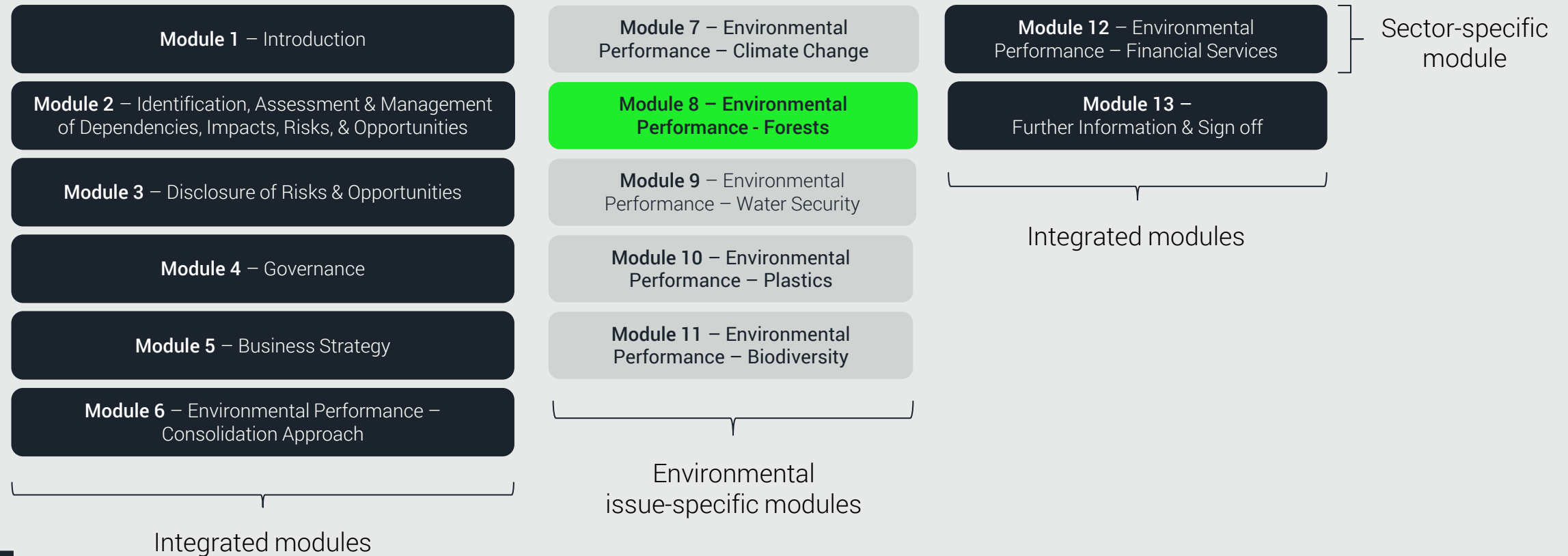


Example: forests



Full corporate questionnaire:

Streamlined, holistic reporting

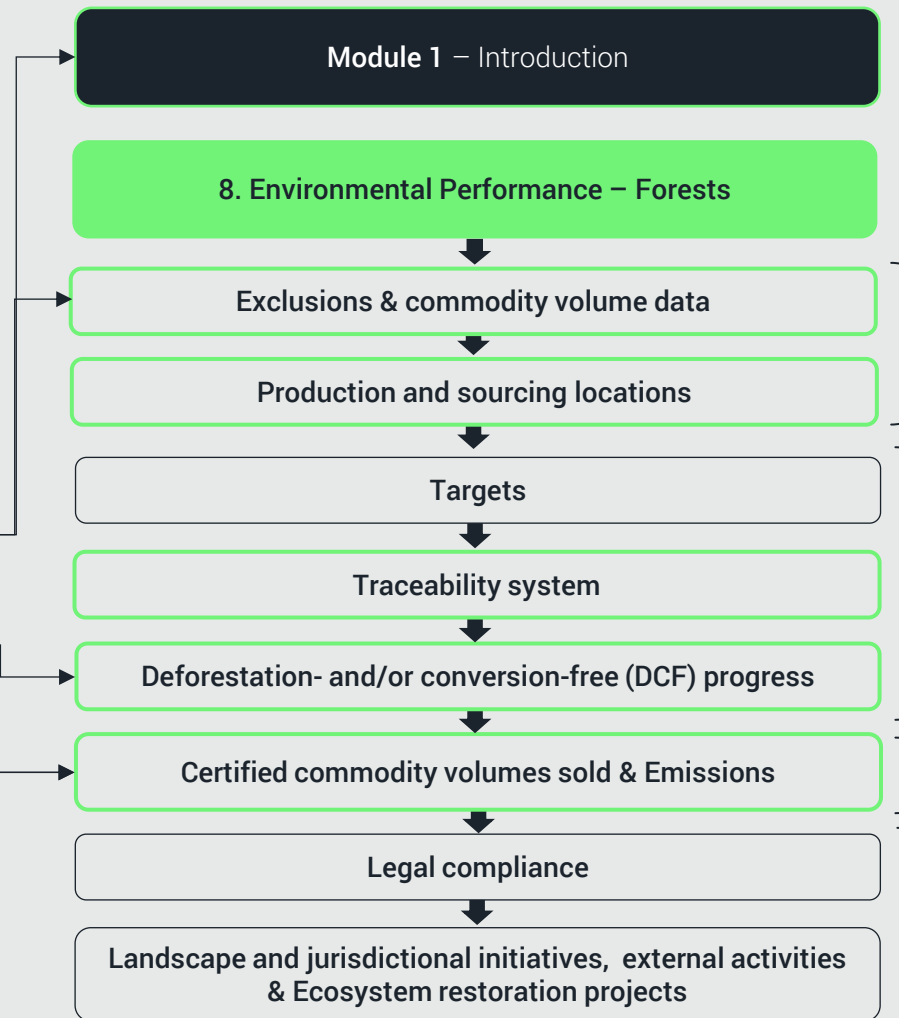


Forests Key Focus Areas

Disclose to CDP to the best of your abilities, preferably **publicly** and **full questionnaire**.

Encourage disclosure to these areas initially, if suppliers' capacity is limited:

1. Exclusions & commodity information
2. Deforestation- and/or conversion-free (DCF) progress
3. Supply Chain Request Questions within the questionnaire
 - Certified volumes sold
 - Land-based emissions reductions



Commodity information

Ensures DF/DCF performance data is decision useful and provides transparency on commodity dependence.

DF/ DCF Performance

Organizations progress in their journey to achieving deforestation- and conversion-free value chains.

CDP Supply Chain request only

Ecosystem stewardship

Showcases commitment and proactive actions towards forests stewardship.



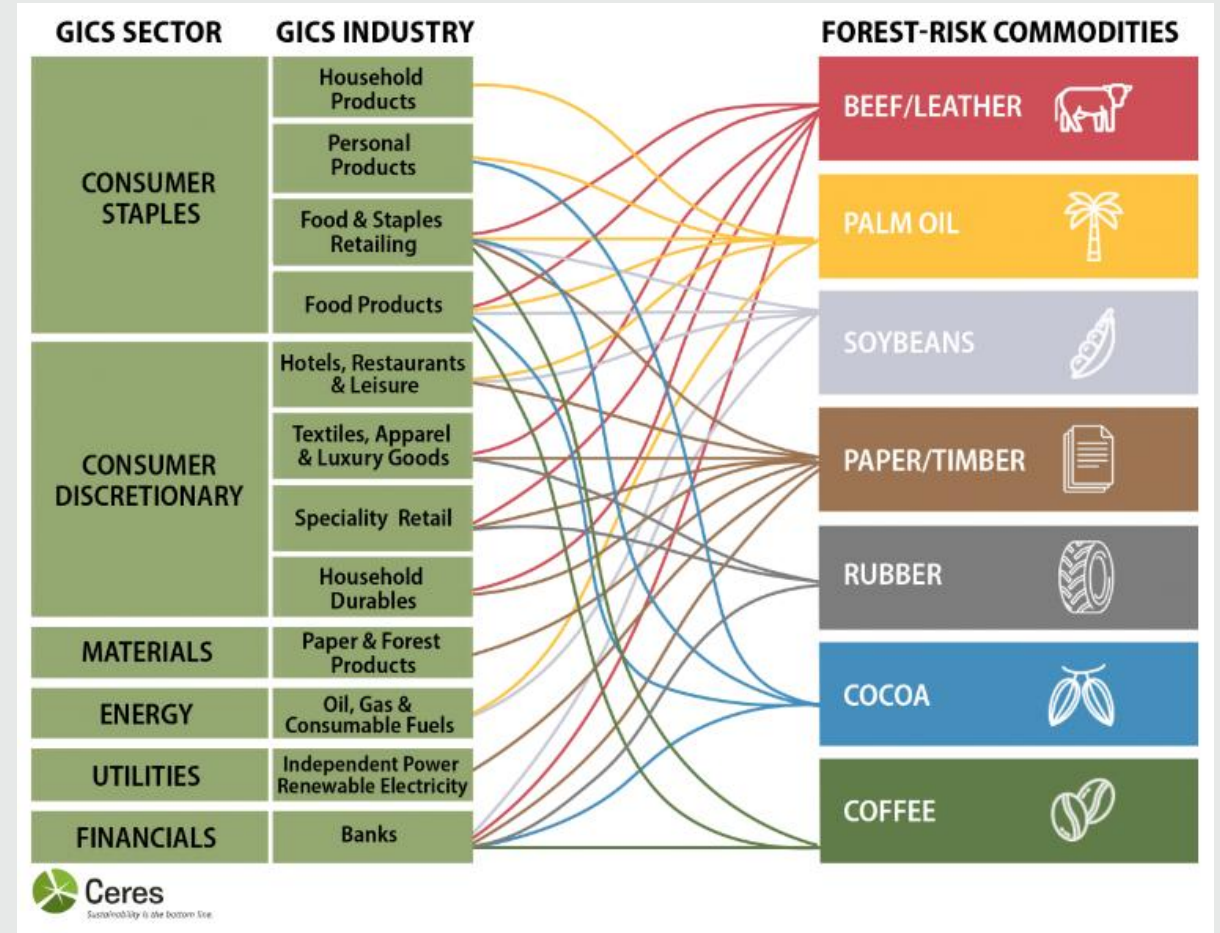
Introduction to commodity disclosure

The first stage of understanding your organizations:

1. **Impacts** on forests
2. **Risks** related to deforestation
3. **Opportunities** related to:
 - avoiding deforestation risks
 - transforming business strategy to reverse the loss of forests

...is understanding your business **dependence** on forests

Dependence on forests = producing or sourcing commodities that are linked to high levels of deforestation and dependent on ecosystem services for their production conditions



Questionnaire setup: Forests

Commodity disclosure

Commodity	Has your organization produced, sourced or used this commodity in the reporting period?	Will you be disclosing on this commodity?
Timber	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
Palm oil	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Cattle products	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Soy	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Rubber	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Cocoa	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Coffee	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☐ No

Refer to the [CDP Corporate 'Questionnaire Setup' preview](#) for more details



CDP forest disclosure: commodities

Organizations can disclose on the seven biggest known global drivers of deforestation and land use change through the CDP forests questions

- Around 30% of the questions shown to forests disclosers are commodity related.

From 2026 all seven commodities will be scored in the CDP questionnaire.

How does it work?

Respondents need to:

1. Actively choose the commodities they will disclose on in the questionnaire set up.
2. Add a row for each disclosed commodity in add row tables.

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	☐	No	☐	No
Palm oil	☐	Yes	☐	Yes
	☒	No	☐	No
Cattle products	☒	Yes	☐	Yes
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	☒	No	☐	No
Coffee	☐	Yes	☐	Yes
	☒	No	☐	No

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Focus:

Commodity data



CDP requests disclosers to report on **all** the commodity volumes produced or sourced, to create more transparent, comprehensive and comparable disclosure data.

- **Total commodity volume:** Total volume of a commodity produced and/or sourced regardless of whether this volume is included or excluded from your disclosure.
- **Disclosure volume:** The volume included in an organization's disclosure.
- **Produced volume:** The proportion of the "Disclosure volume" produced by an organization.
- **Sourced volume:** The proportion of the "Disclosure volume" consumed, sourced, purchased and/or used by an organization for processing, trading or used as an input for manufacturing and/or packaging.

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Example – Organization X

Produce and source
30,000 metric tons
of soy

Excluded 10,000 metric
tons of soy due to
merger in reporting year

"Produced volume" =
15,000t

"Total commodity
volume" = 30,000t

"Disclosure volume" =
20,000t

"Sourced volume" =
5,000t

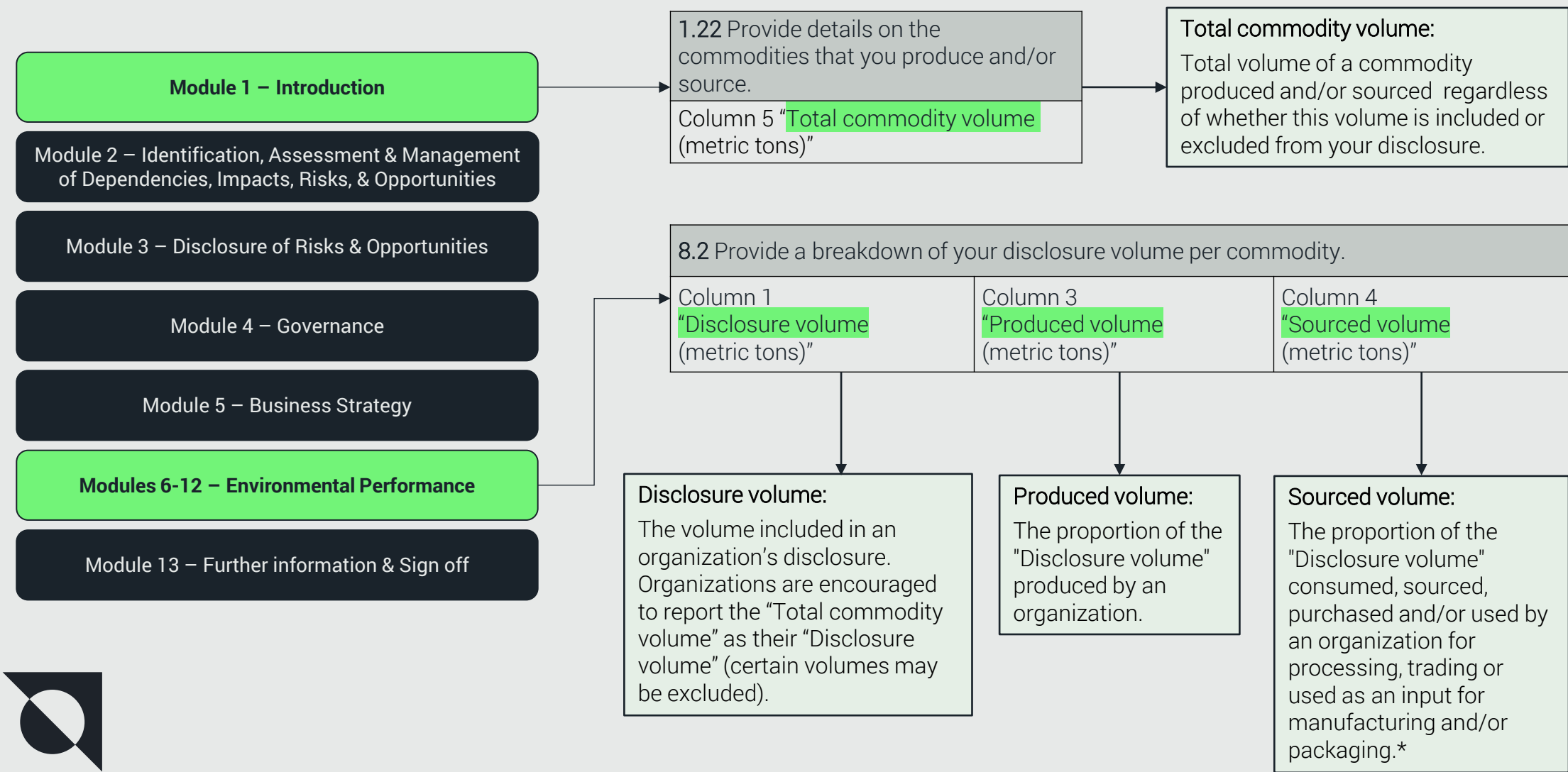


Useful resources:

[CDP Technical Note: Reporting Commodity Volumes](#)



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.



Focus:

Value chain mapping



What is it?

The process of understanding the flow of activities, processes, and value creation within an organization. It involves:

1. identifying actors in the value chain;
2. locating where they operate; and
3. understanding the relationships between them.



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Examples first steps

1. Identify organizational activities
2. Assign group-level codes
3. Identify direct suppliers in high-risk activities for forests
4. Create value chain maps for these suppliers

Useful resources:

- [CDP's Activity Classification system](#)
- [CDP's Forest impact classification \(See Appendix 1\)](#)
- [Accountability Framework initiative \(AFi\) guidance on supply chain management](#)
- [SBTN guidance on value chain assessment](#)
- [TNFD guidance on value chains](#)

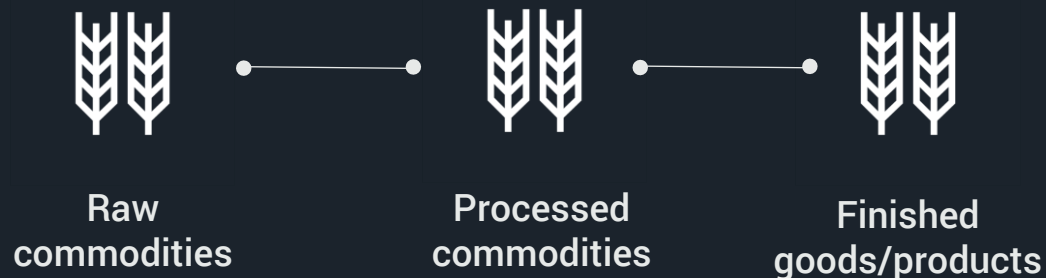
Focus:

Traceability



What is it?

the ability to follow a product or its components through stages of the upstream value chain (AFi, 2024).



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Methods

- Value chain mapping
- Supplier engagement
- Open data platforms e.g., TRASE
- Digital traceability systems/block chain
- Physical chain of custody certification

Useful resources:

- [CDP Technical Note: Reporting progress on Deforestation-and Conversion-free value chains](#)
- [Accountability Framework initiative \(AFi\) guidance on supply chain management](#)
- [TRASE open data platform](#)



Traceability levels

Least specific level

Other point **not in the country/
area of origin**

e.g. Traced to a first importer
in Peru and the country of
origin is unknown

Country/area of origin

e.g. Traced to Brazil and it
was produced in Brazil, but
the sourcing area within
Brazil is unknown

Sourcing area

e.g. Traced to the Mato
Grosso region in Brazil, but
the specific production unit
is unknown

Most specific level

Production
unit

*e.g. Traced to the plantation,
farm, ranch, or forest
management unit of origin*

EUDR requirement



Focus:

Deforestation and conversion of other natural ecosystems



What is it?

Conversion

the change of a **natural ecosystem** to another land use, or a profound change in the natural ecosystem's species composition, structure, or function.

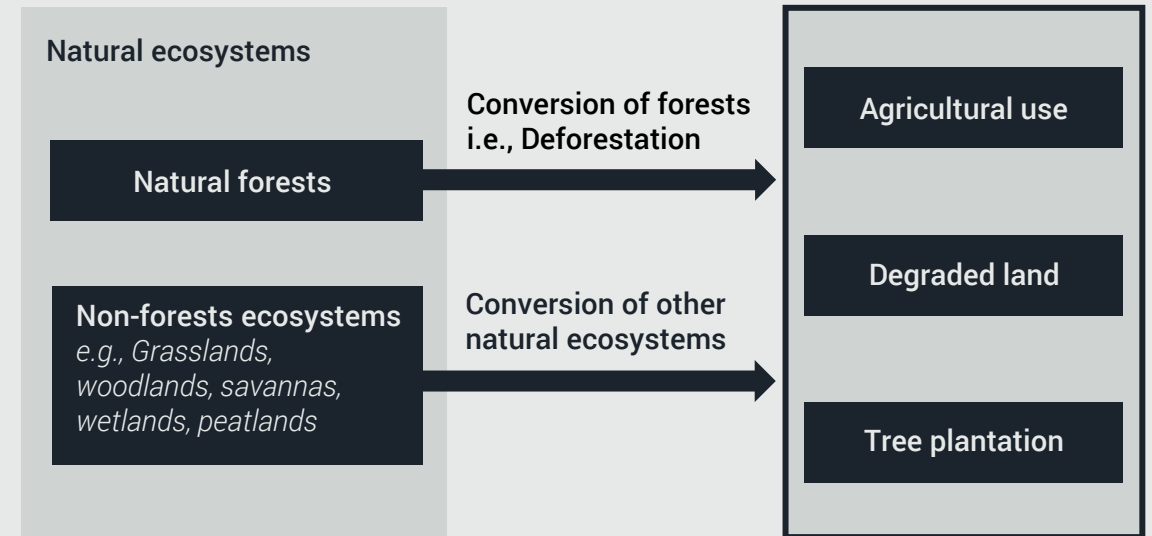
Deforestation

The change of natural forest to another land use, or a profound change in the **natural forests** species composition, structure, or function.

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**Forests are one type of natural ecosystem...
...Deforestation is one type of conversion.**



Useful resources

[Accountability Framework initiative \(AFi\) guidance on applying definitions related to deforestation and conversion](#)



Focus:

Deforestation and conversion free (DCF) status



What is it?

“No-deforestation or Deforestation-free”

Commodity production, sourcing, or financial investments that do not cause or contribute to deforestation.

“No-conversion or deforestation-and conversion-free”

Commodity production, sourcing, or financial investments that do not cause or contribute to deforestation and the conversion of natural ecosystems.



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Methods

- Third-party certification proving full assurance
- Production unit monitoring
- Sourcing area monitoring

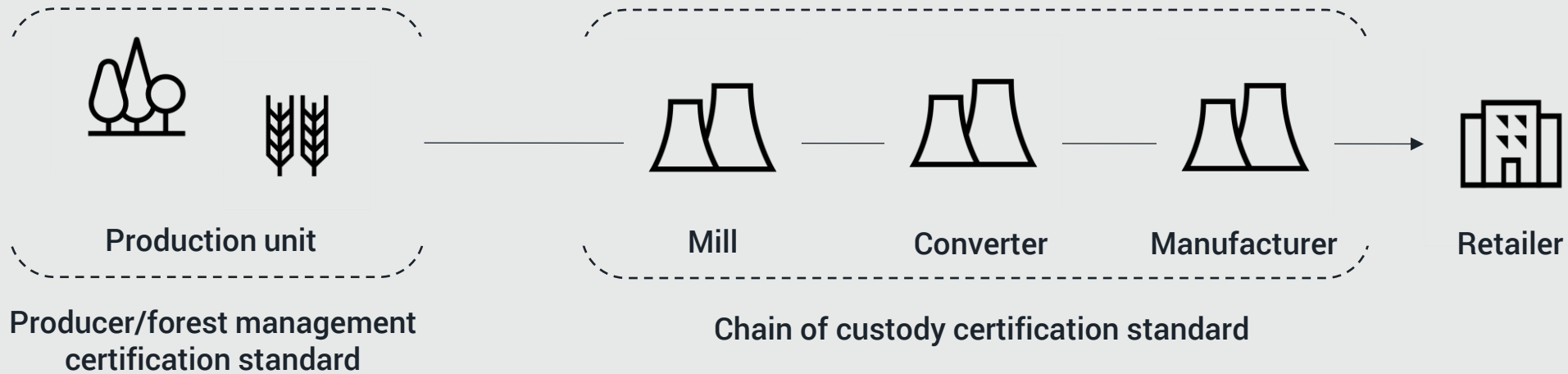
Useful resources

Accountability framework Initiative (AFi)

- [Guidance: DCF reporting](#)
- [Explainer: Assessing Compliance at the Production Unit Level](#)
- [Explainer: Responsible production](#)
- [Webinar: Sourcing deforestation- and conversion-free agricultural and forestry commodities](#)

Third-party certification

Schemes providing full DF/DCF assurance



Robust requirements on no deforestation and no conversion, after an appropriate cutoff date



Physical traceability of raw material supplies i.e., segregated or identity preserved chain-of-custody models.



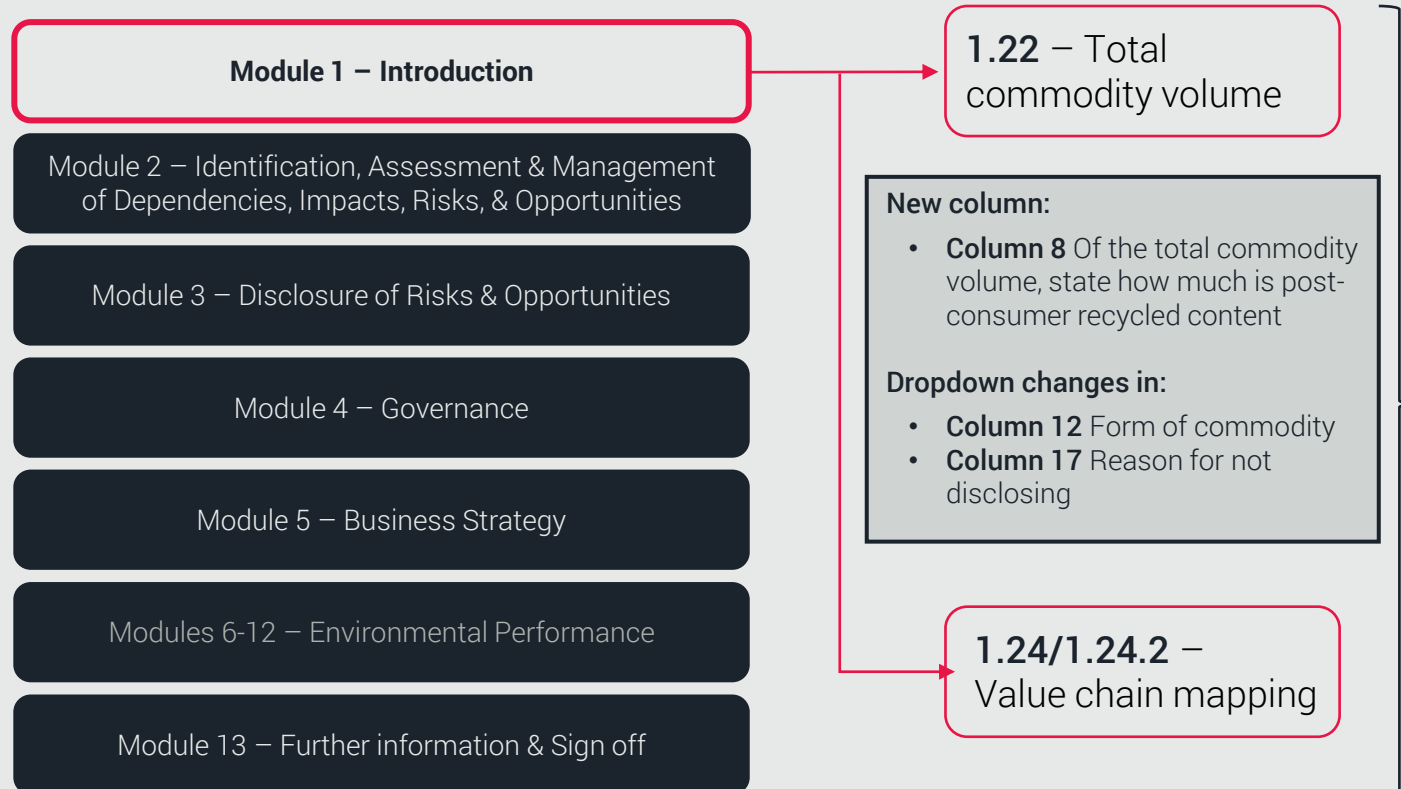
Key forests questions – deep dive

Using disclosure to drive
environmental improvement



Module 1

Total commodity volume & value chain mapping



Ambition

The organization discloses all commodities and volumes that they produce and/or source.

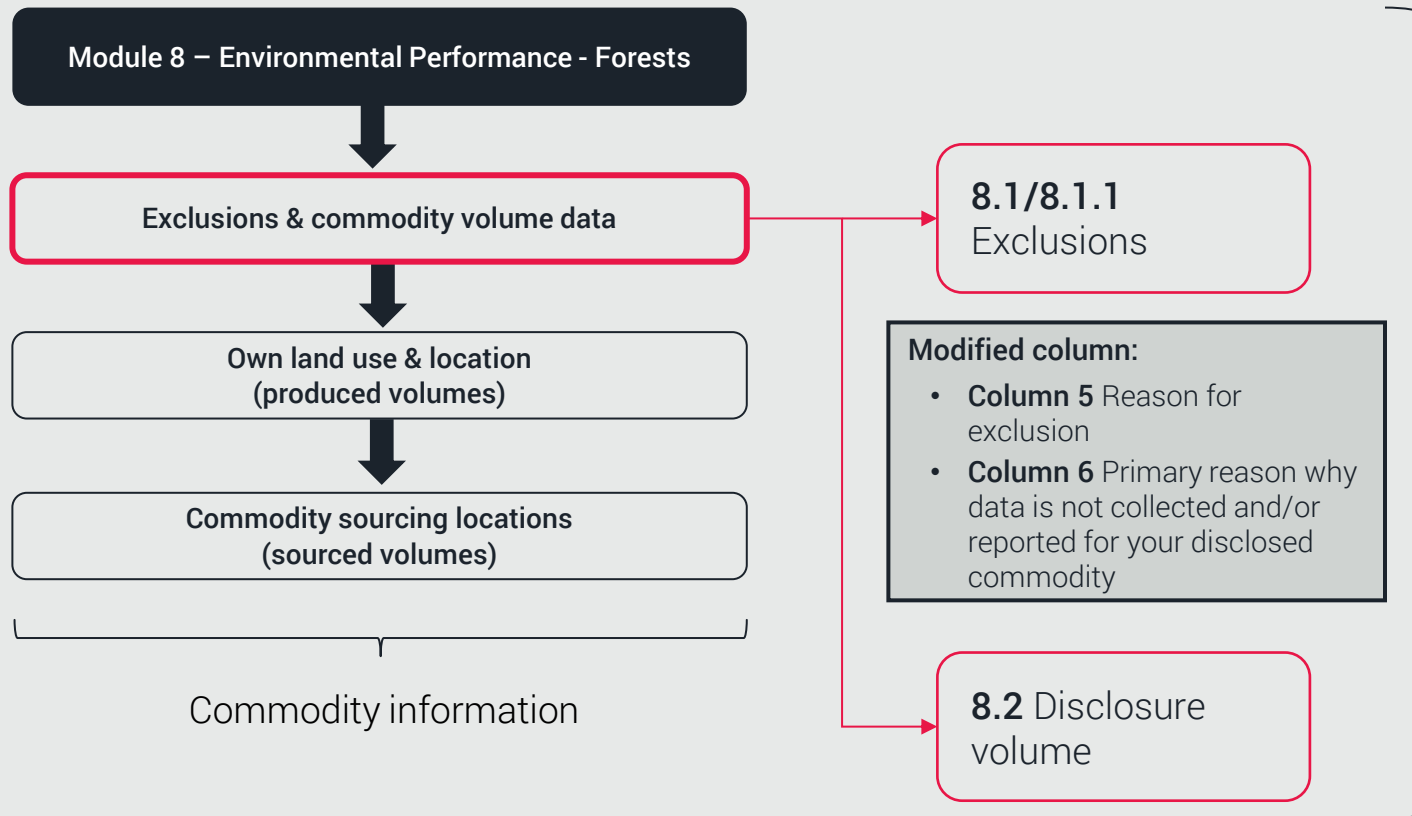
Ambition

Organizations have visibility into their value chains, enabling them to manage the environmental dependencies, impacts, risks, and opportunities related to their sourced commodity volumes.



Module 8

Exclusions & commodity volume data



Ambition

The organization reports on all exclusions from the reporting boundary and does not have any significant exclusions from their disclosure.

Actions

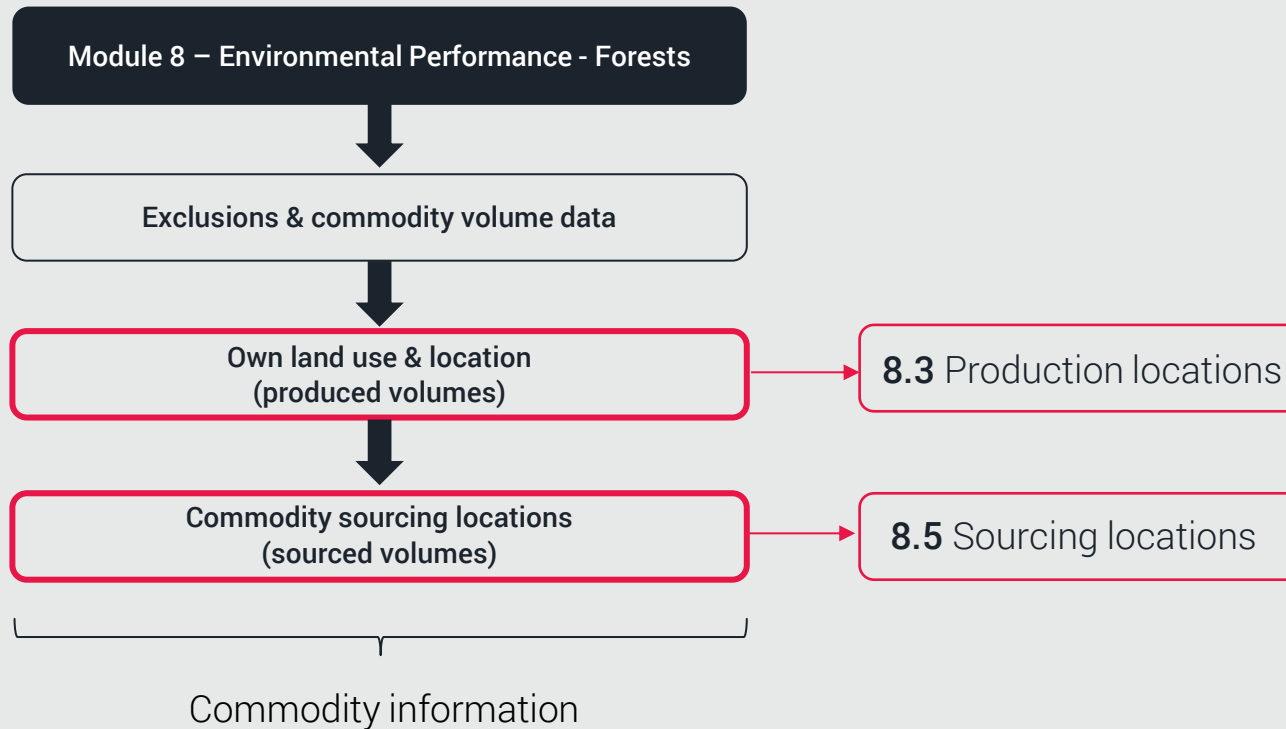
Set your reporting boundary and identify exclusions

EUDR does not allow small quantity exemptions – preparing a full commodity disclosure will support you to start with your due diligence obligations.



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Sourcing and production locations



Ambition

The organization discloses:

- all the sites that they own, manage and/or control.
- all the origins of their sourced volumes.

Actions

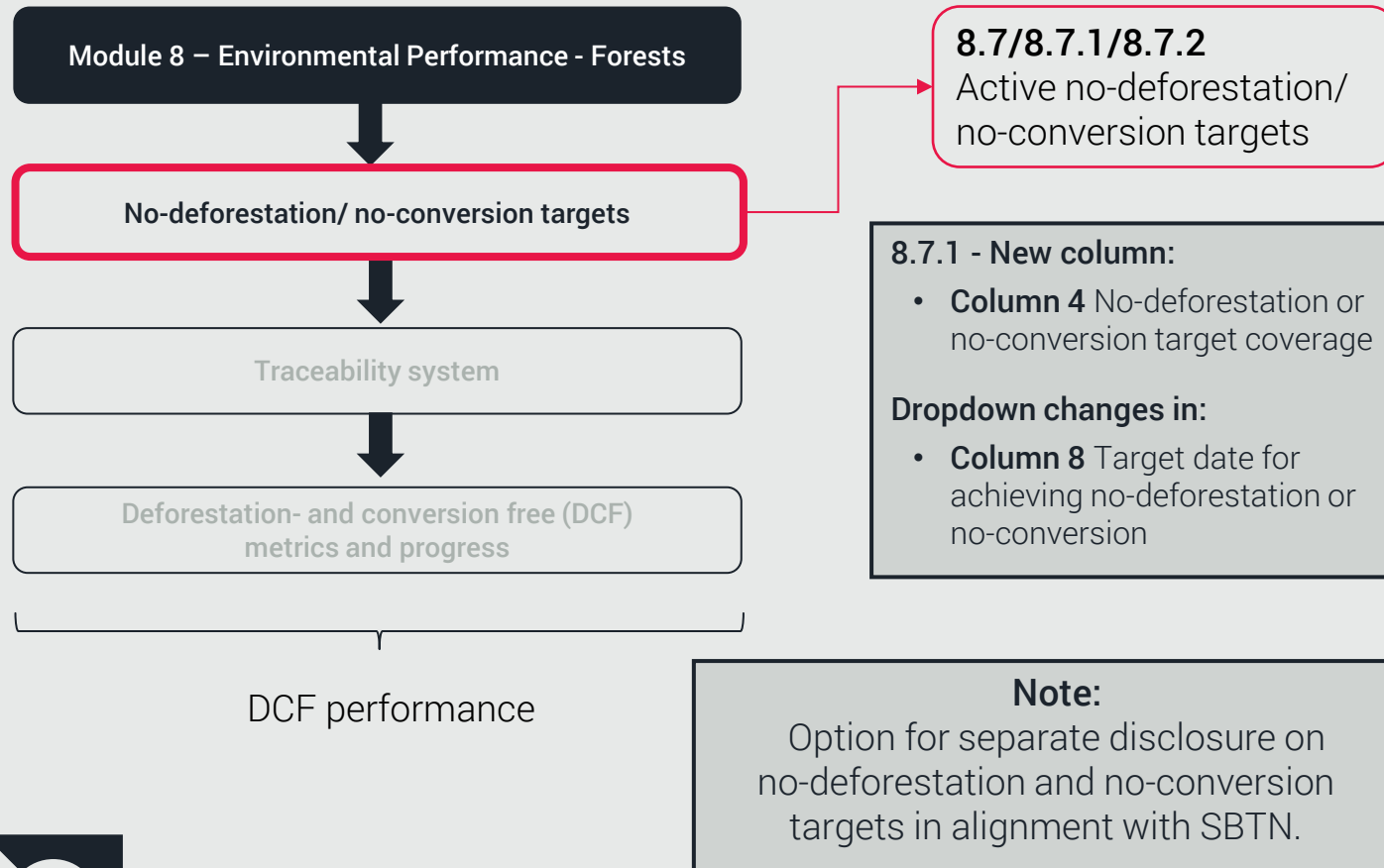
- Identify sourcing/ production locations.
- Provide geo-referenced maps or shapefile.

EUDR requires geographic coordinates of the plots of land where the commodities were produced or harvested.



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No-deforestation and no-conversion targets



Ambition

The organization sets organization-wide timebound and quantifiable targets to eliminate deforestation and conversion of other natural ecosystems.

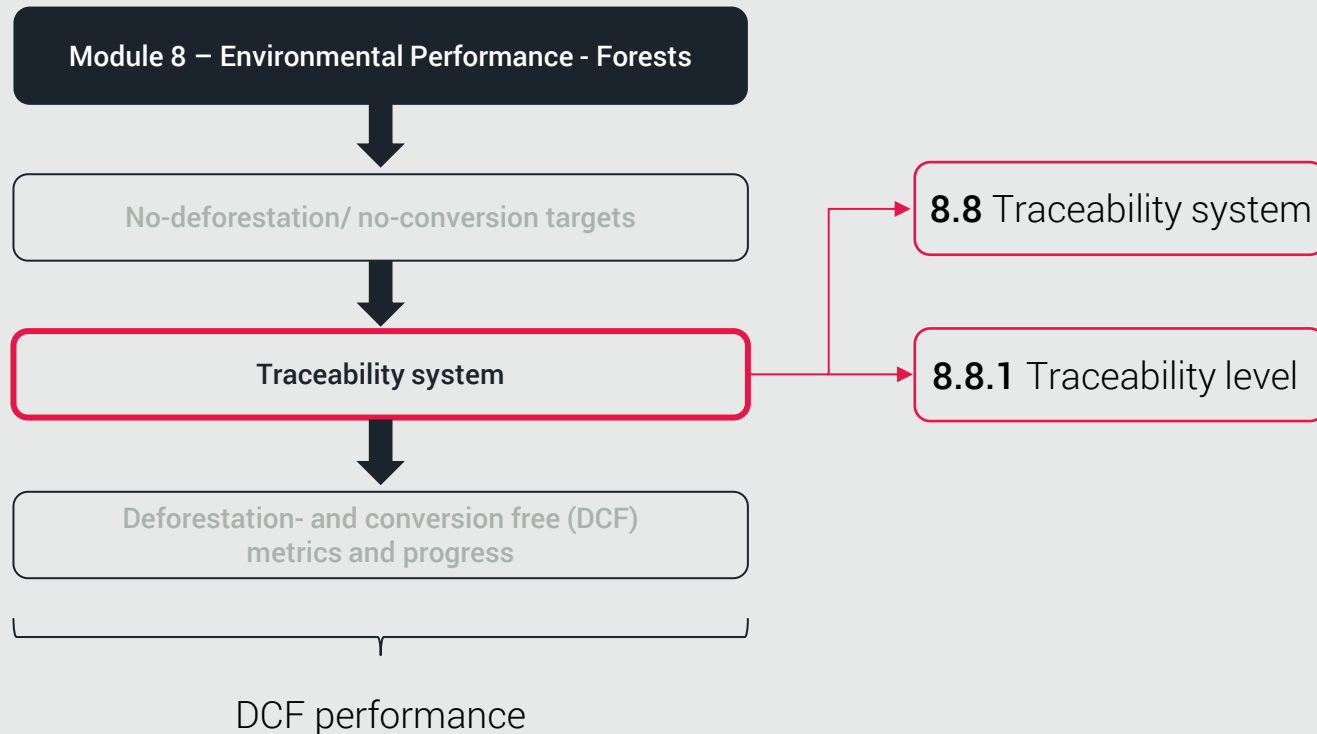
Actions

- Establish organizational definition of “No-deforestation” or “No-conversion” → Accountability Framework initiative (AFi) guidance on applying definitions related to deforestation and conversion
- Identify sector or region wide agreements for cutoff dates → Accountability framework Initiative (AFi) Operational Guidance: Cutoff Dates



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Traceability



Ambition

Organizations have robust traceability systems to ensure:

- the origins of the sourced volumes across their value chain are known or controlled.
- sourced volumes are traced to a point where it can be confirmed that no deforestation and no conversion of other natural ecosystems occurred during production, after a designated cutoff date.

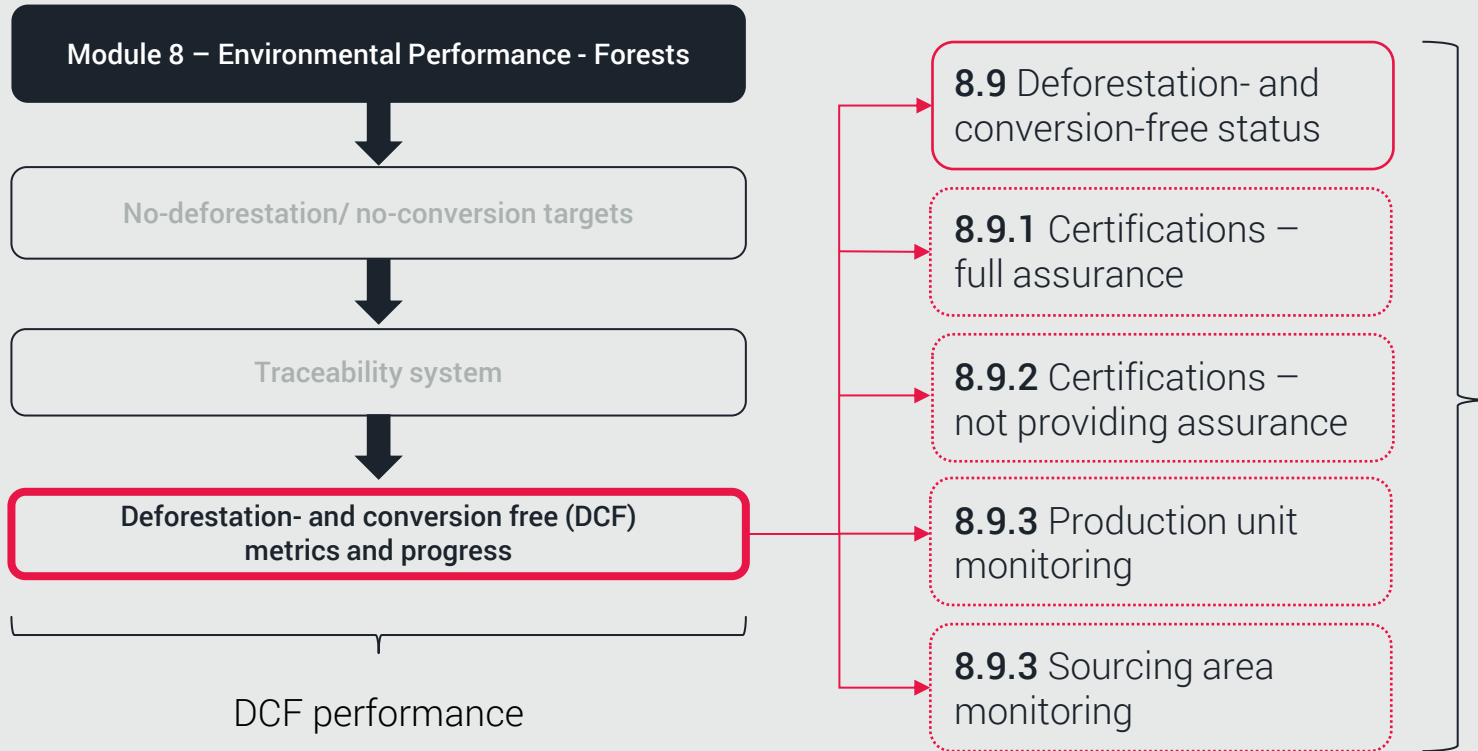
Action

- Engage direct suppliers and stakeholder to gauge existing traceability systems.
- Investigate traceability initiatives in your country/region e.g., [Traceability Initiatives in the Meat and Leather Value Chains in Brazil](#).



Module 8 -forests

Deforestation- and conversion-free status (DCF) of commodities



Ambition

- Organizations track progress towards achieving DF or DCF.
- Organizations disclose on their progress to achieving DF or DCF and disclose relevant methodological choices used to calculate DF/DCF volumes.

Actions

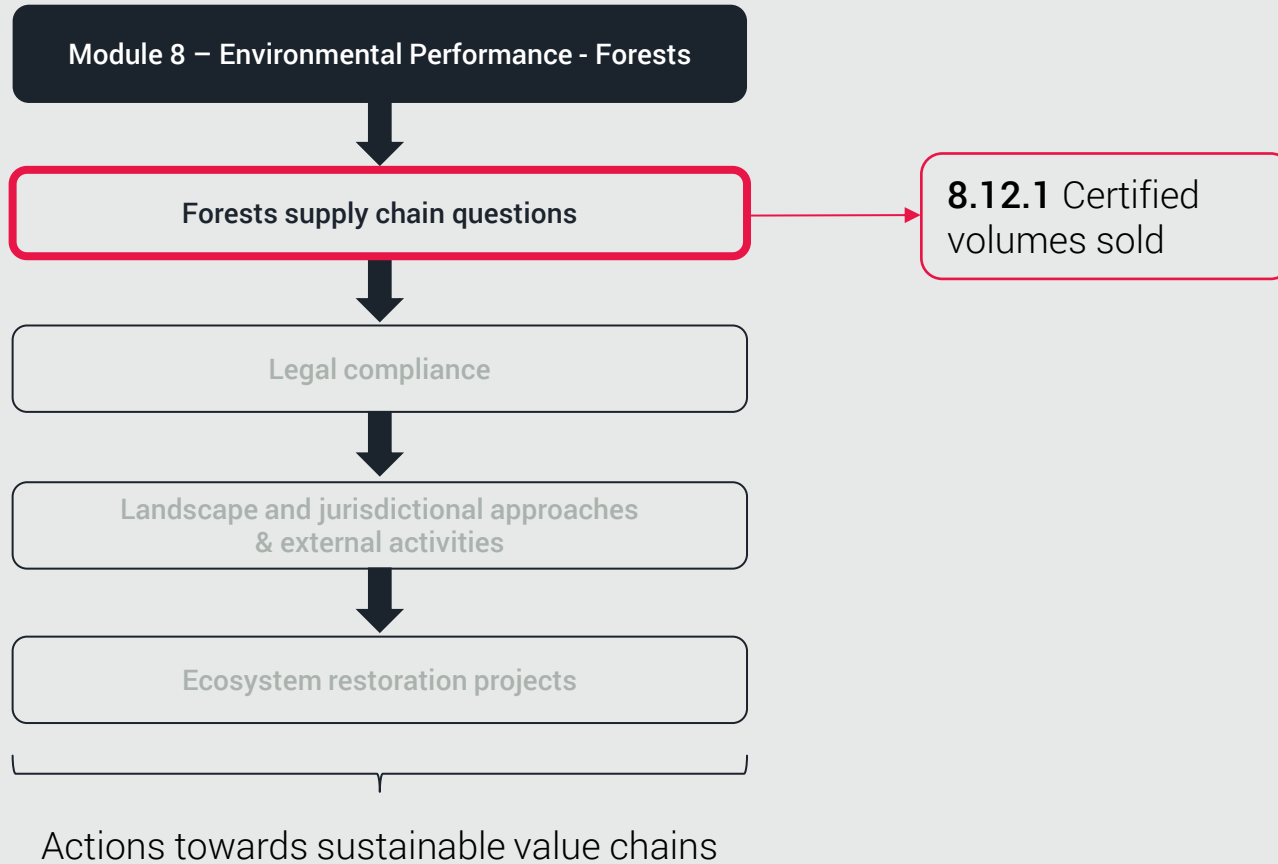
- Establish which method you will use to determine the DF or DCF status → Consumer goods forum (CGP) commodity roadmaps, DCF methodologies & guidance



Example responses and DF/DCF certifications list available in CDP technical note 'Reporting progress on Deforestation- and Conversion-free value chains'

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CDP Supply Chain request questions



Ambition

- Organizations provide the percentage of the total commodity volume sold to requesting members that is certified by a third party, the certification schemes used and forms of commodities that are certified.

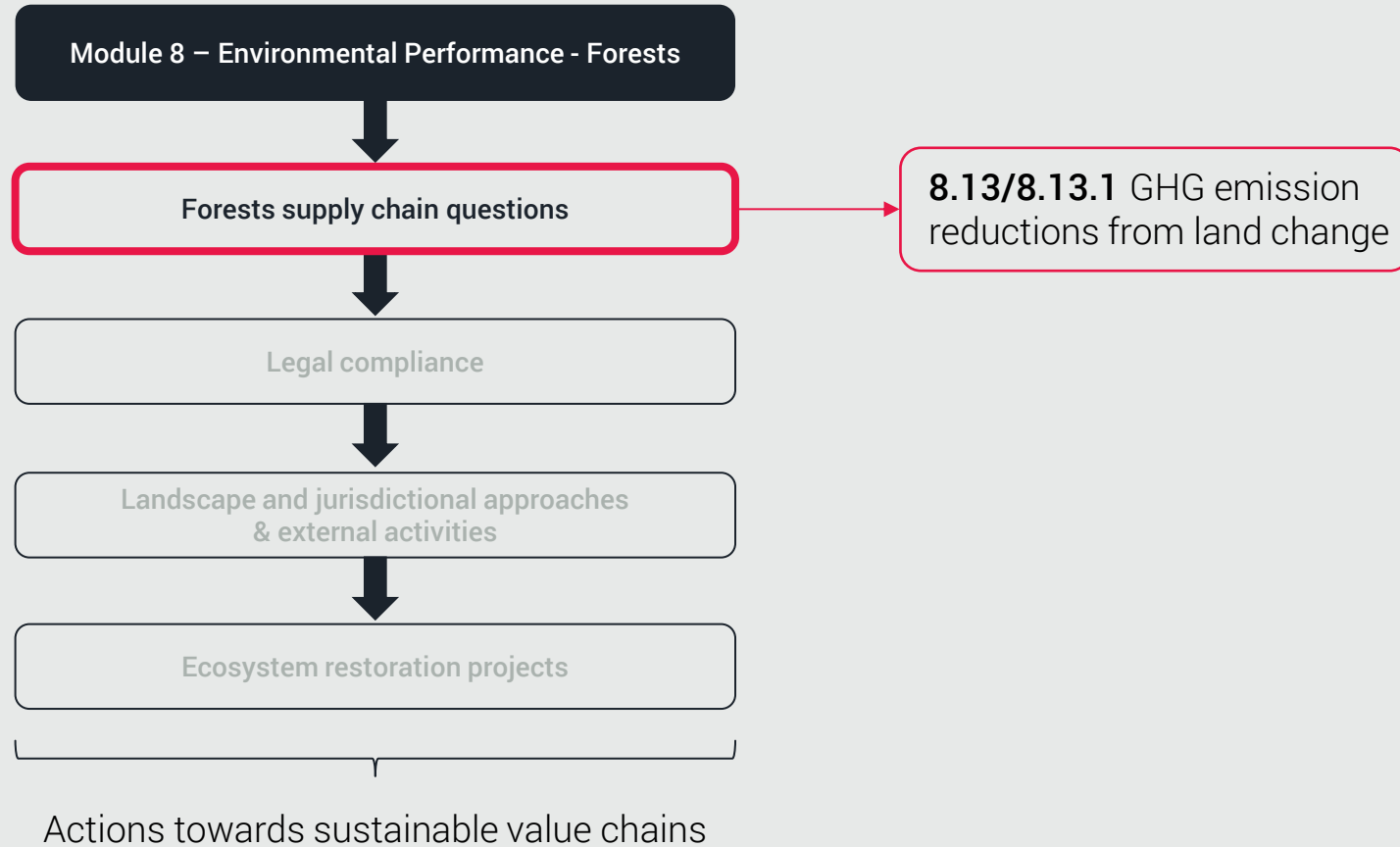
Actions

- Collect information on all the certifications you hold, and any that your suppliers hold.



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CDP Supply Chain request questions



Ambition

- Organizations provide the GHG emission reductions and/or removals from land use management and land use change that have occurred in their direct operations and/or upstream value chain

Actions

- Collect information any activities that that have resulted in an emissions benefit



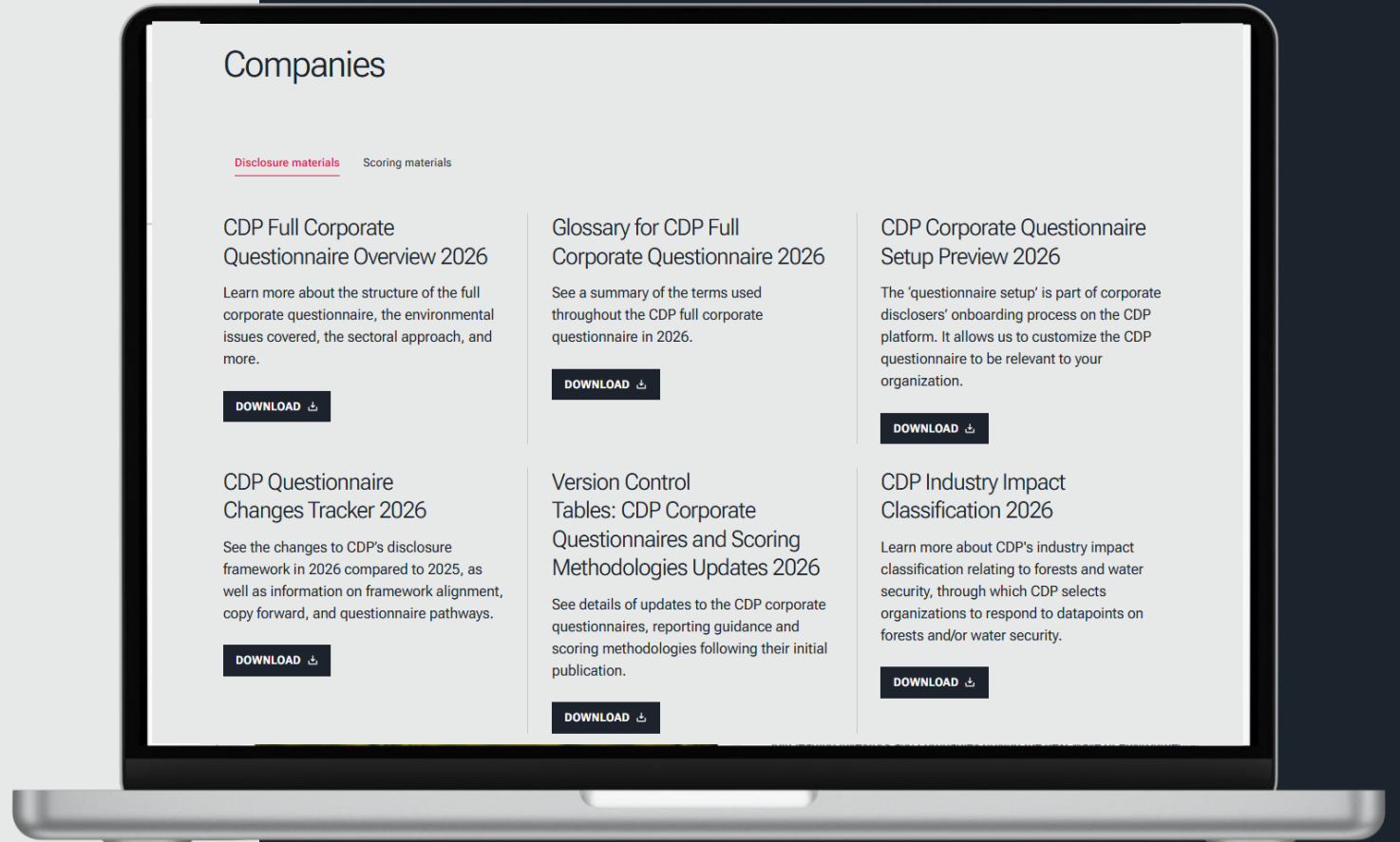
Additional support and resources

Getting started on your forests disclosure

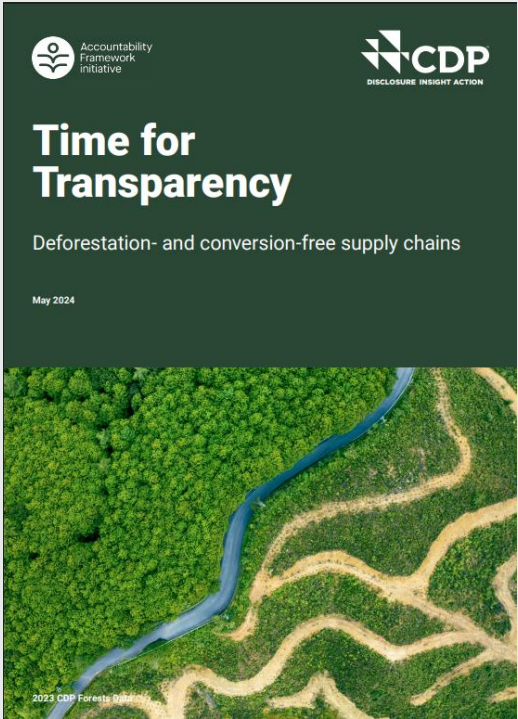


Guidance and Support

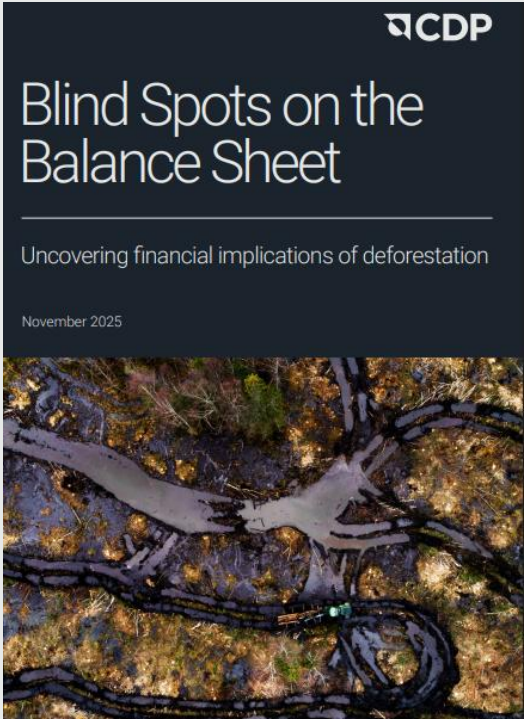
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- Hub for all available guidance documents.



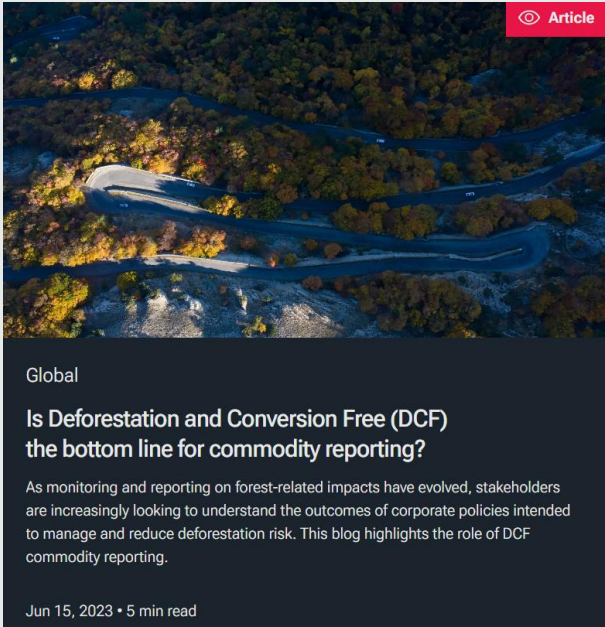
Reports & articles



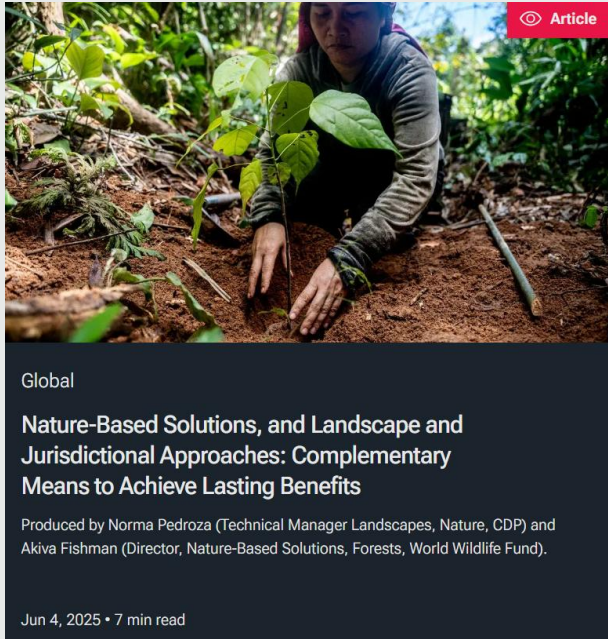
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Resources

CDP resources for disclosure in 2026

- [Questionnaire and reporting guidance 2026](#)
- [Questionnaire Changes Tracker for 2026](#)
- [CDP Guidance and scoring methodology for companies](#)
- [CDP Help Center: Knowledge Base and Support Tickets](#)
- [FAQs: General disclosure information](#)

CDP Forests disclosure resources

- [CDP Technical Note: Reporting progress on Deforestation- and Conversion-free value chains](#)
- [CDP Technical Note: Reporting Commodity Volumes](#)

Additional resources

- [Consumer goods forum \(CGP\) forest positive approach & guidance for commodity suppliers](#)
- [Accountability Framework initiative e-learning platform](#)
- [Accountability Framework initiative tools & guides](#)
- [Proforest academy e-learning platform](#)



Scoring Deadline
16 September 2026



Any Questions?



An aerial photograph of a dense forest with trees in various shades of green, yellow, and orange, indicating autumn. A dark, winding road or path cuts through the forest. The image is partially obscured by a white diagonal shape on the left side.

Thank you!

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