

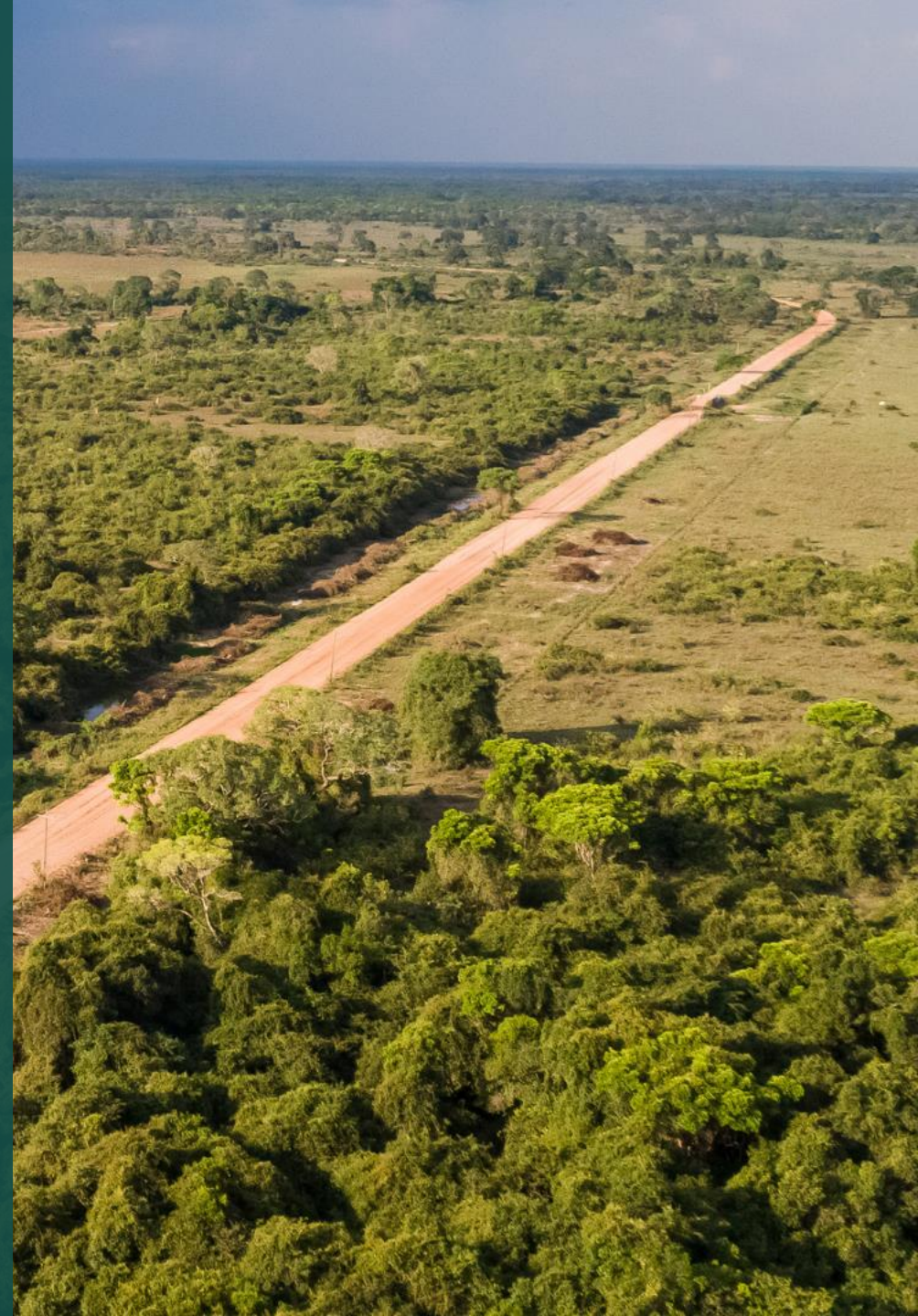


Accountability
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Setting clear nature, climate, and human rights goals with the Accountability Framework



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Setting supply chain goals with the Accountability Framework

Core Principles 1-3 of the Accountability Framework guide companies at all stages of the supply chain to set strong goals, commitments, and policies related to deforestation, natural ecosystem conversion, and human rights.

- **Operational Guidance**
- **How to guide on policy development**





Why are commitments important?

- To formalise intentions into specific, time-bound sets of actions and results
- To articulate sustainability goals to the company's stakeholders
- To clarify the company's expectations for its suppliers
- To support accountability and tracking of progress towards goals



No-deforestation and no-conversion commitments



Company policies should include a commitment to eliminating deforestation and conversion of other natural ecosystems from the company's operations, supply chains, and financial investments.

May be separate no-deforestation and no-conversion commitments

OR

May be a broad no-conversion commitment that addresses natural forests as well as other natural ecosystems



No-deforestation and no-conversion commitments



No-deforestation and no-conversion commitments should include a cutoff date

- Date after which conversion renders materials non-compliant
- Should be clearly stated for all commodities or for each commodity
- May not be later in time than the date the policy is issued
- Should align with existing sectoral cutoff dates where possible
- For no-deforestation commitments, should not be later than 2020

** For more information see Operational Guidance on Cutoff dates*



No-deforestation and no-conversion commitments



No-deforestation and no-conversion commitments should also include

- A commitment to taking appropriate measures to support the long-term protection of natural ecosystems in the company's operations
- A commitment to conducting or supporting restoration or compensation in cases where social or environmental harms have occurred

** For more information, see Operational Guidance documents on Remediation and Access to Remedy and on Environmental Restoration and Compensation*



Commitments to respect human rights



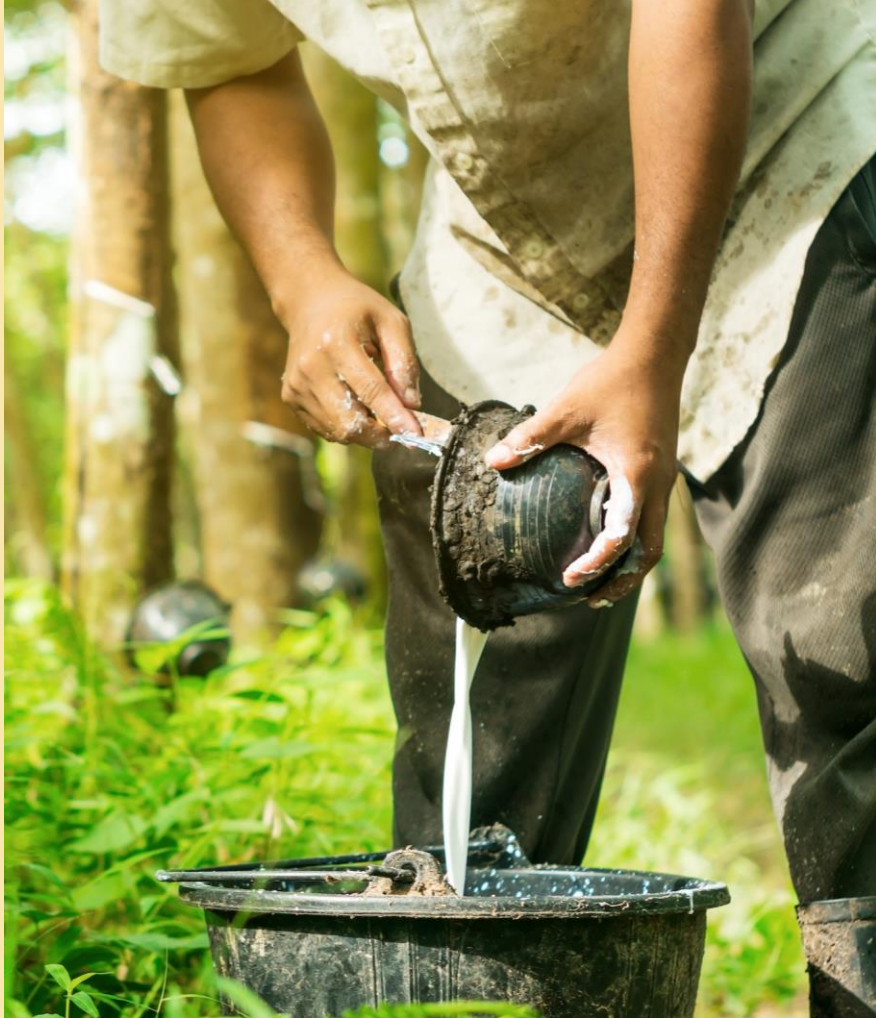
Company policies should include a commitment to respect internationally-recognised human rights.

This includes the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, workers, and others who may be affected by company activities.

** For more information, see Operational Guidance documents on Free, Prior and Informed Consent, Respecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and Workers' Rights*



Commitments to respect human rights



Commitments to respect human rights should include:

- Carrying out operations consistent with internationally-recognised human rights instruments/guidelines such as UNDRIP, ILO, and UNGPs
- Conducting human rights due diligence
- Securing free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC)
- Providing or supporting remedy when social harms have occurred
- Rights-holder and stakeholder engagement
- Providing grievance mechanisms
- Protecting environmental and human rights defenders



Clear and ambitious commitments



Commitments should be comprehensive in scope:

- Apply across all segments of the company's business
- Apply to all supplies including in operations, direct, and indirect suppliers
- Apply to all activities



Clear and ambitious commitments



Commitments should be timebound

Commitments should have an ambitious target date and timebound milestones

The AFi recommends that companies set or strengthen commitments to no-deforestation and no-conversion supply chains to include a target date that is as early as possible and no later than 2025



Accountability Framework

Company commitment to DCF sourcing and respect for human rights

Industry approaches to responsible sourcing

DCF supply chain and supplier policies

SBTi FLAG targets to reduce GHG emissions

- No-deforestation commitment
- Elimination of all natural ecosystem conversion

SBTN Land Target to protect nature

Elimination of all natural ecosystem conversion



Polling

For audience members who represent supply chain companies:

- Is your company part of industry associations or multi-stakeholder groups that have collective policies or commitments on deforestation, conversion, or human rights?
- Is your company setting an SBTi FLAG target?
- How has your company engaged with the SBTN land targets?

Science Based Targets

Connecting to the Deforestation & Conversion Free Agenda

Martha Stevenson & Marco Daldoss Pirri

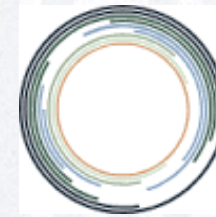


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DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION

SBTi was started in 2014, as a climate target setting platform and has over **5,300 companies** committed to setting targets in line with climate science, however did not require GHG emissions from land use change until **SBTi-FLAG** was launched in 2022.

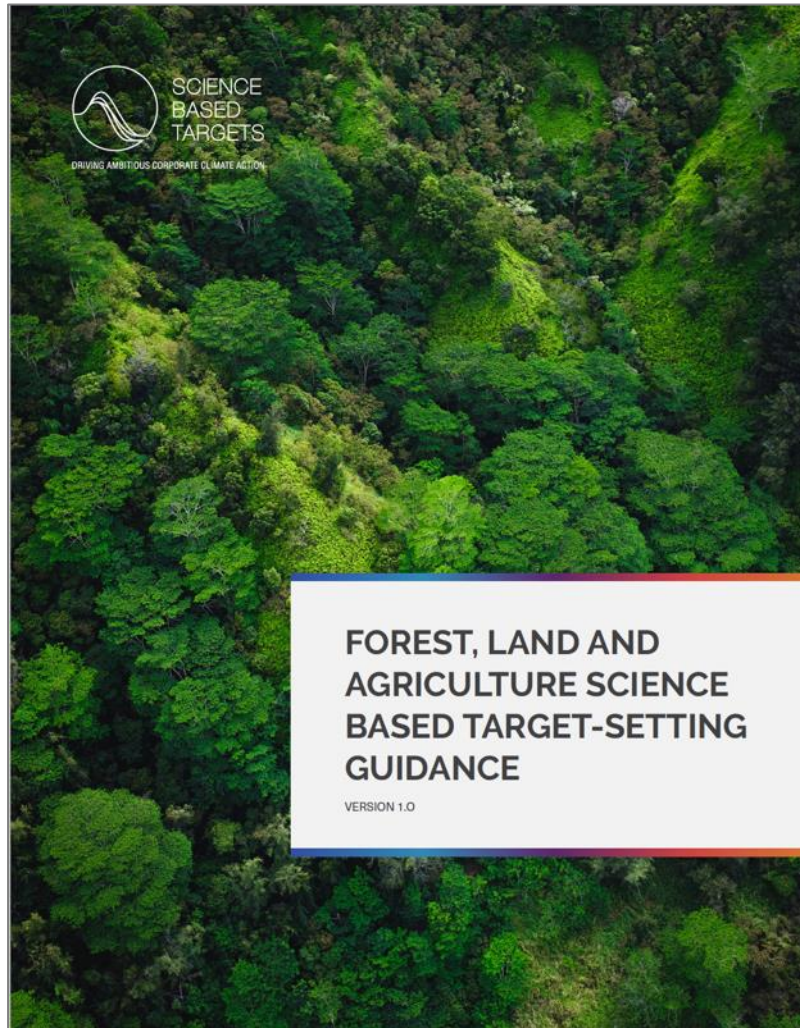



SCIENCE BASED TARGETS NETWORK
GLOBAL COMMONS ALLIANCE

SBTN was started in 2019 to align corporate targets with global nature goals. SBTN launched their **first set of methods in May 2023**, including a 'no conversion of natural ecosystems target' and a landscape engagement target. **17 companies will pilot these methods in 2023.**



SBTi Forest Land & Agriculture Guidance





**SCIENCE
BASED
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SECTORAL DECARBONIZATION APPROACH - FLAG TOOL

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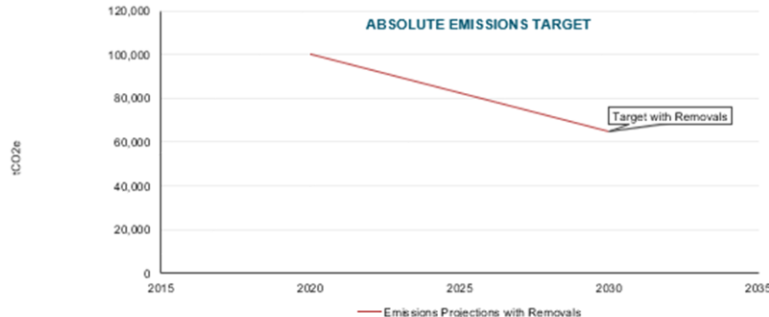
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SECTION 1. INPUT DATA

Target Setting Approach	Absolute Contraction	<i>Absolute contraction is the approach used in the FLAG sector tool. Intensity-based is available in the FLAG commodity tool.</i>
SDA scenario	1.5C	<i>1.5C is the temperature target available for all FLAG pathways.</i>
FLAG Base year	2020	
FLAG Target year	2030	
FLAG Base year emissions	100,000	<i>tCO2e. Base year FLAG emissions should include all relevant FLAG emissions following the FLAG Guidance Document.</i>

SECTION 2. FLAG ABSOLUTE CONTRACTION RESULTS - 1.5C

	Base Year (2020)	Target Year (2030)	Total % Reduction	Emission Reduction %	Removals %
<i>Absolute Contraction: Emission Reductions & Removals</i>	100,000	64,848	35.2%		



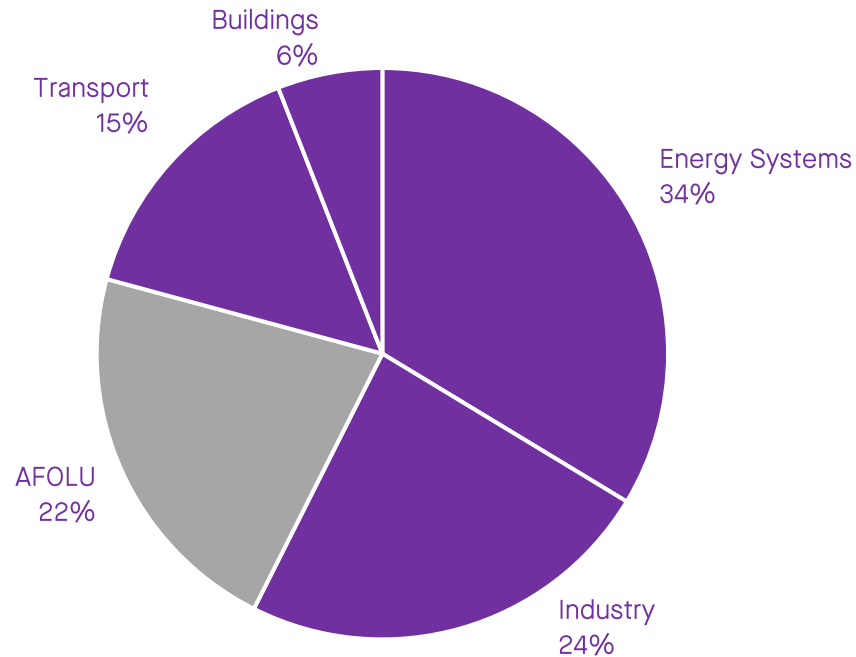
— Emissions Projections with Removals

WHY UNDERTAKE FLAG GUIDANCE?

FLAG expands SBTi to include AFOLU emissions (22% of global emissions)

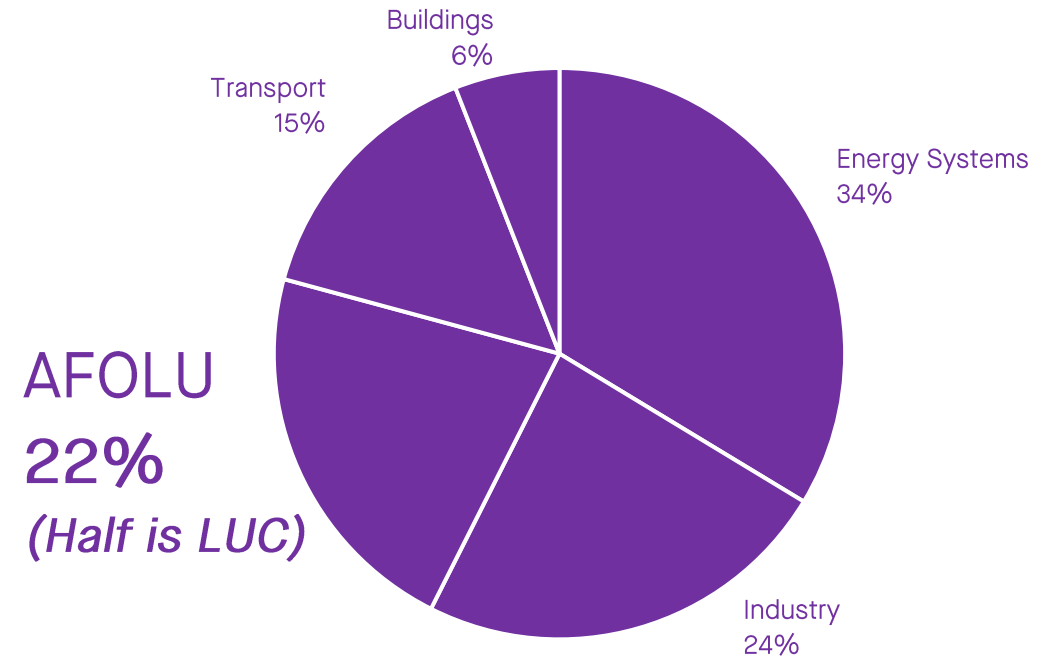
SBTi Coverage Before FLAG

SBTi does not uniformly require FLAG emissions in target setting



SBTi Coverage After FLAG

SBTi targets comprehensively cover all IPCC categories of GHG emissions



Land Conversion

GHG Emissions (CO₂) from Land Conversion

- ▶ All land use change/conversion emissions are included in the FLAG target setting pathways.
- ▶ Companies must include all land use change/conversion emissions in their inventory 20 years back from their baseline year in alignment with Greenhouse Gas Protocol draft.

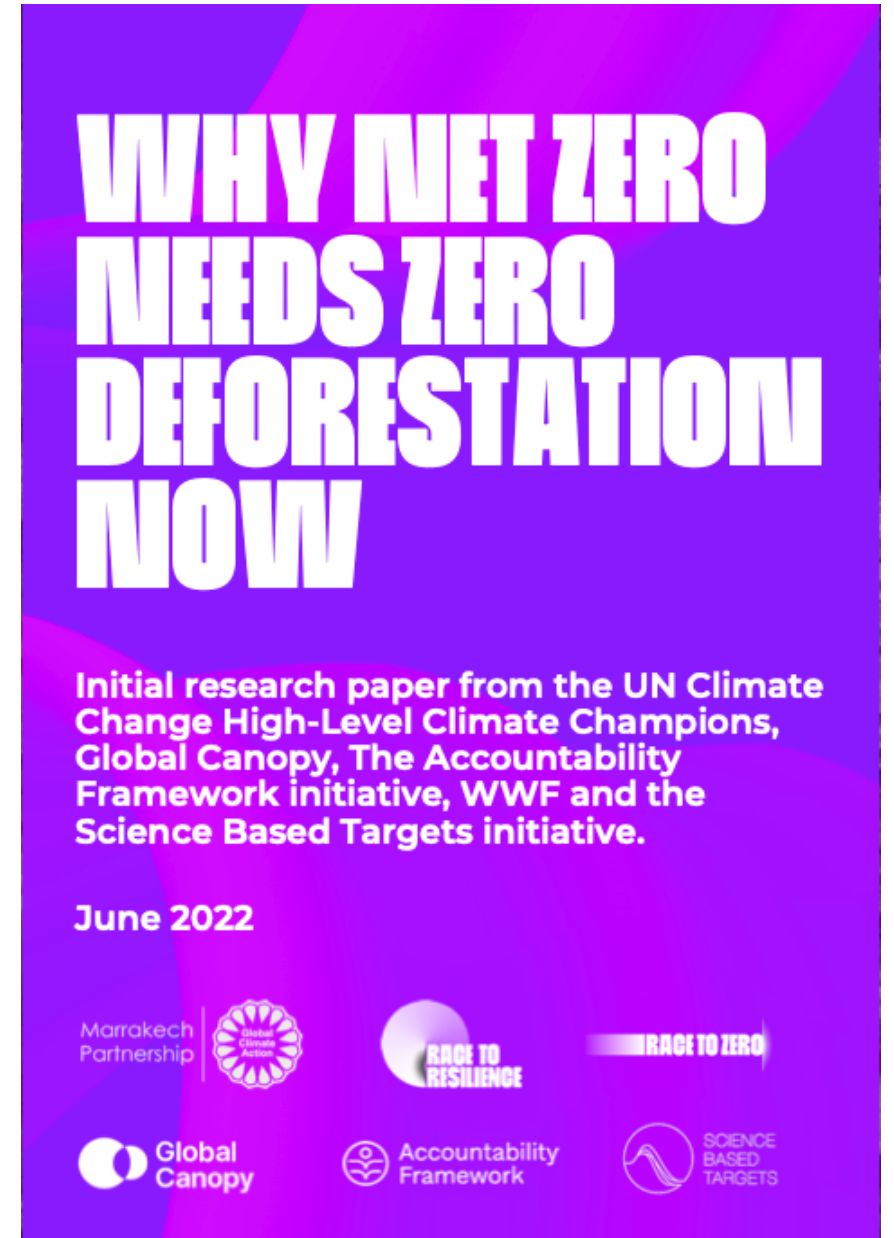
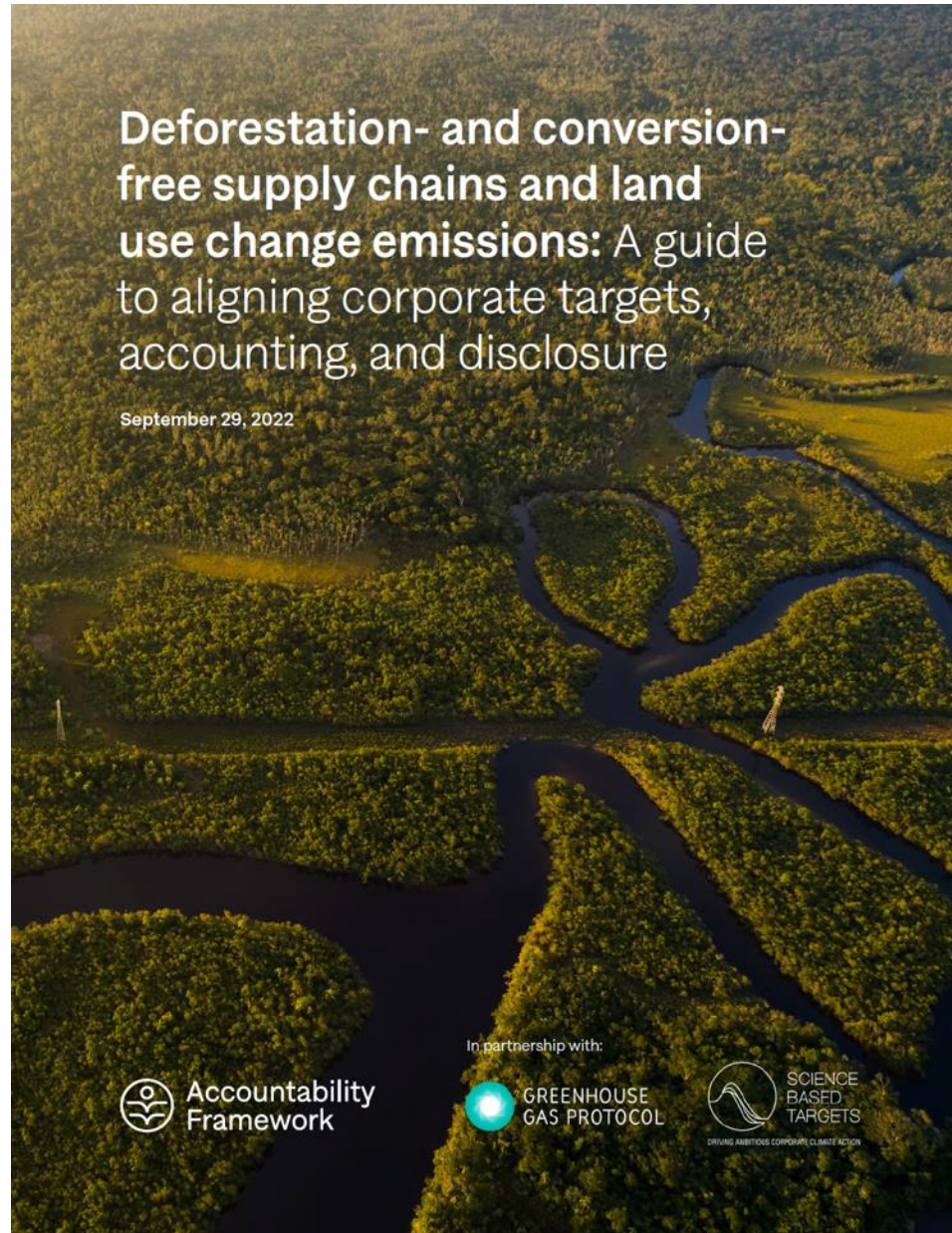
Additional Deforestation Commitment Requirement

- ▶ In addition, companies are **required** to submit a ‘no deforestation’ commitment, taking the following form:

“**[Company X] commits to no deforestation across its primary deforestation-linked commodities, with a target date of [no later than 2025].**”
- ▶ Companies are recommended to align commitments with the Accountability Framework initiative (AFi) guidance including a **2020 cut-off date**, no conversion commitment, and no peat burning commitment.



Two Publications
linking DCF <>
Climate Targets



Safe and just Earth system boundaries

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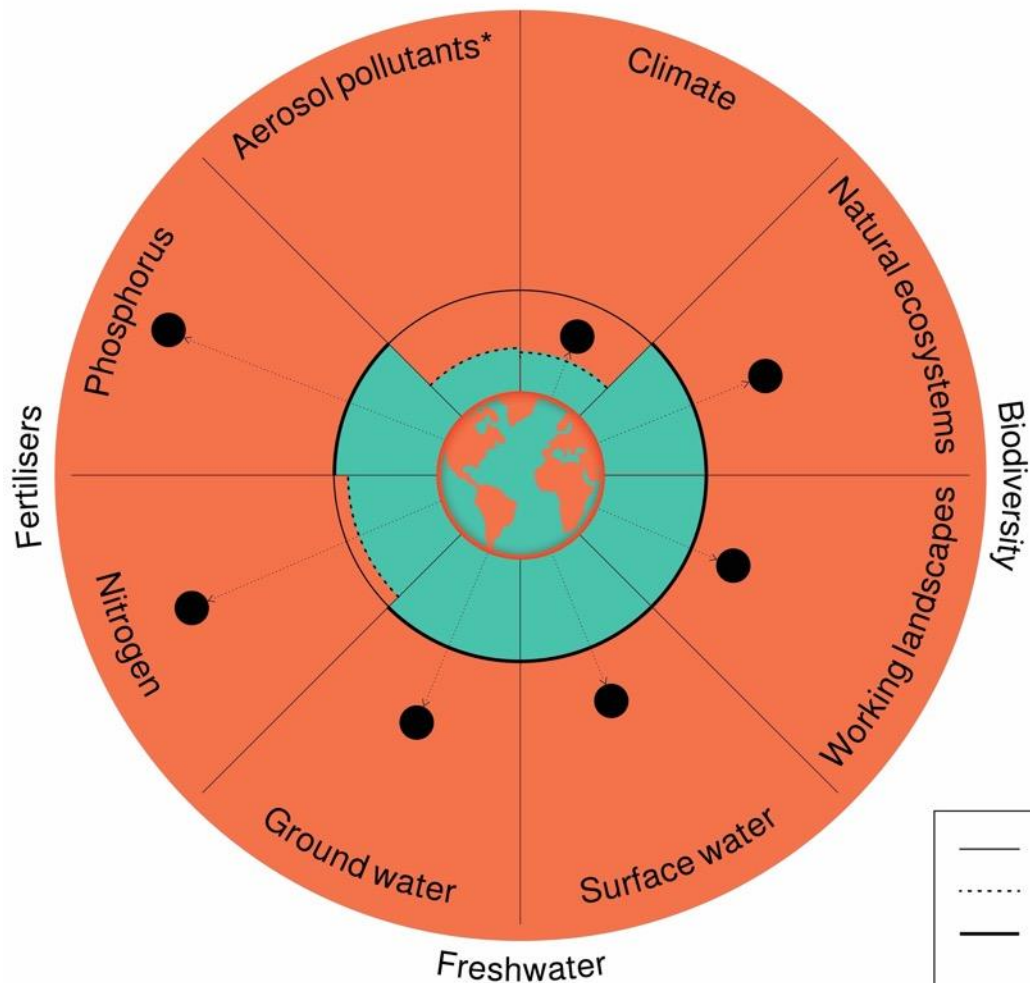
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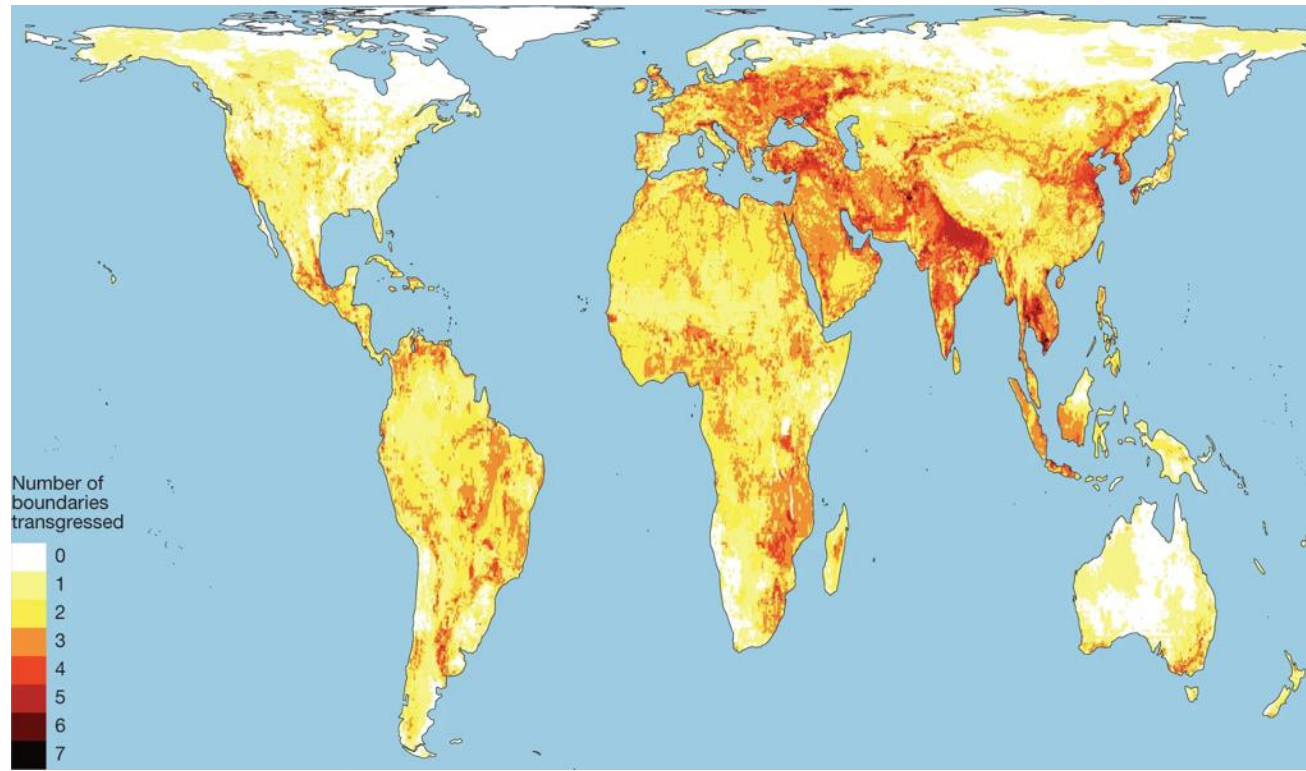
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	JUST		DANGER ZONE
	SAFE & JUST		CURRENT

*The just boundary has been breached in many places locally, but is still to be assessed at the global level



FIRST LAND TARGETS FOR COMPANIES TO TAKE **INTEGRATED** ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION



Target 1 No Conversion of Natural Ecosystems

Stop direct and indirect conversion of all natural, terrestrial ecosystems



Target 2 Land Footprint Reduction

Reduce the global occupation of production systems and liberate land, ideally for ecosystem restoration



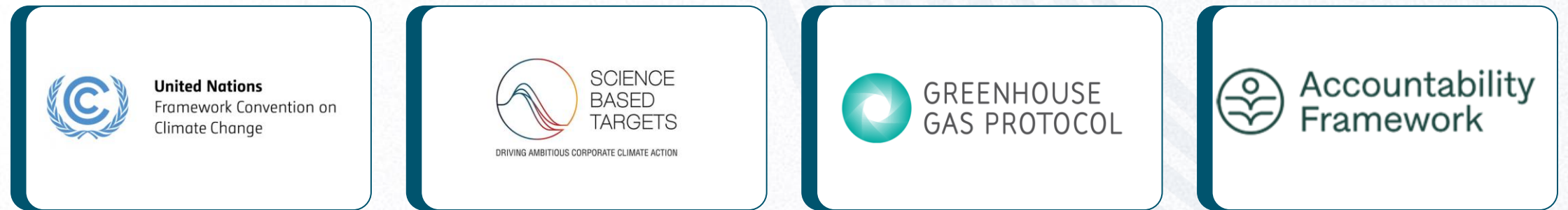
Target 3 Landscape Engagement

Engage in materially relevant landscape scale initiatives to support actions and enabling conditions that lead to substantial improvements in nature

*For Forest, Land and Agriculture (FLAG) companies: to set land targets you must additionally set an SBTi FLAG target.

DESIGNED TO **ALIGN AND BUILD** ON EXISTING SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

SBTN Land Targets utilize existing work on climate, deforestation-free and conversion-free commitments as momentum for developing commitments to nature:



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Land targets also align with the two major international frameworks related to land and biodiversity:



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TARGET 1 – NO CONVERSION OF NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS



■ Natural
 ■ Non-Natural

Global map of natural lands

No Conversion of Natural Ecosystems: Target requirements

Stage of value chain	Location of operation	Deforestation and conversion free (DCF) target* <small>Cut-off dates must not be later than 2020</small>
Site owners/operators	All natural lands	2025: 100% DCF across all sites
Producers	All natural lands	2025: 100% DCF across Global and Regional conversion-driving commodities (Annex 1)

Stage of value chain	Origin of commodities	"Global conversion-driving commodities"	"Regional conversion-driving commodities"
Sourcing from producers and from first point of aggregation	Core Natural Lands	2025: 100% DCF	
	All natural lands	2027: 80% DCF 2030: 100% DCF	
Sourcing from stages downstream of first point of aggregation	Core Natural Lands	2025: 80% DCF 2027: 100% DCF	2027: 80% DCF 2030: 100% DCF
	All natural lands	2027: 80% DCF 2030: 100% DCF	2030: 100% DCF

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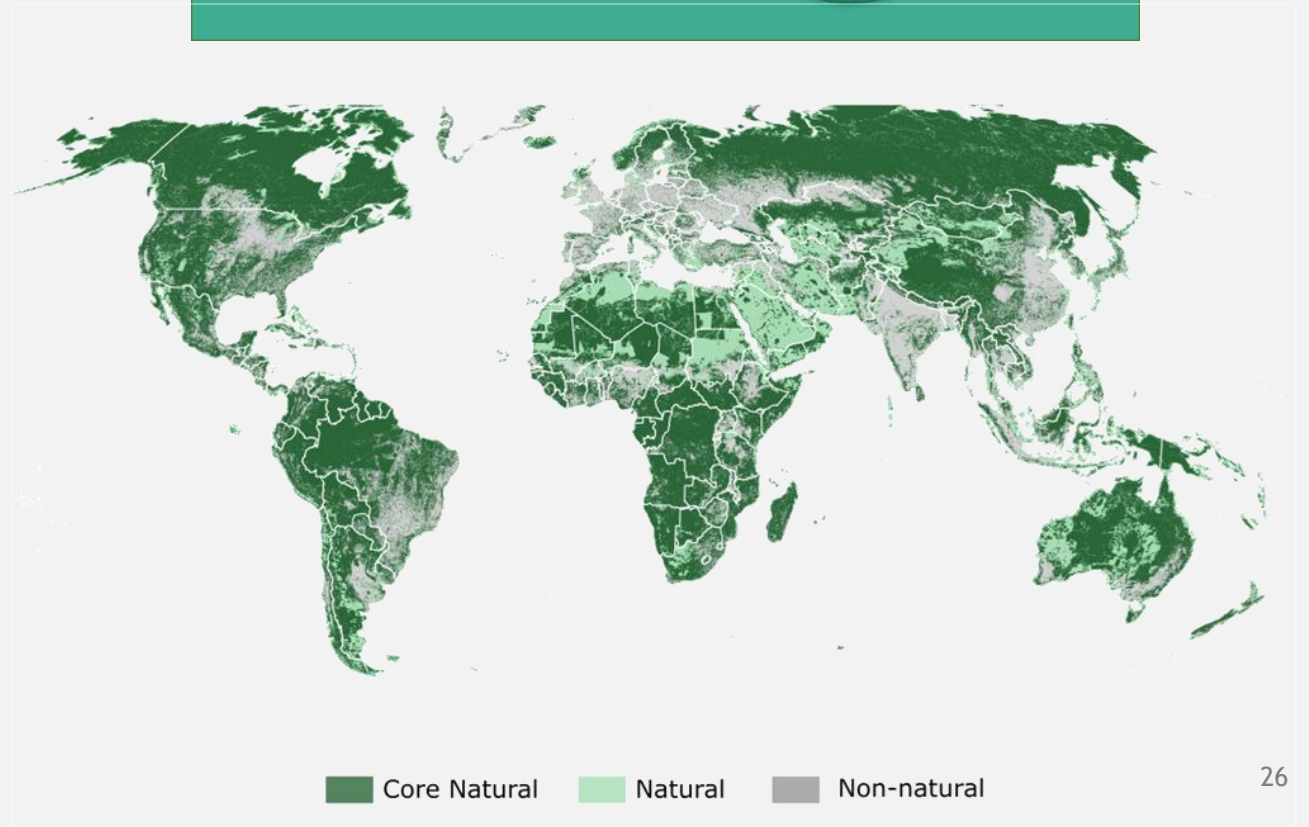
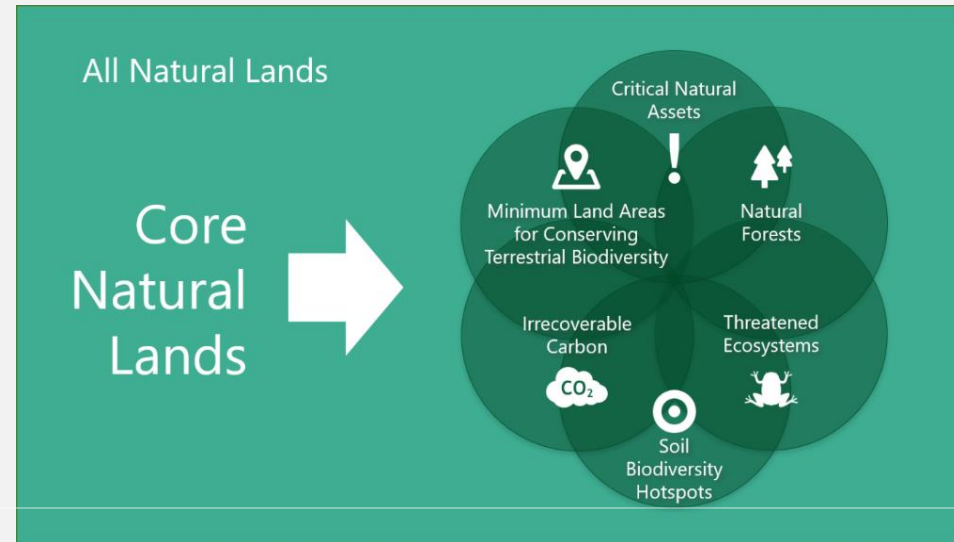
1. Companies must meet no-deforestation by 2025 for all stages of the value chain, in alignment with AFi and the SBTi FLAG requirements.
2. Companies can and should define target dates that are more ambitious than those required, should they be able to meet the requirements in less time, if a regional or place-based initiative has a more ambitious target date, or should global progress on conversion-free commitments for a specific commodity exceed these target requirements. For example, if a company has an existing zero-deforestation commitment and/or are working in support of the [Accountability Framework initiative's](#) 2025 target date ambition for high-risk commodities.

Core Natural Lands

Priority area that help companies determine where to focus their initial efforts on eliminating ecosystem conversion within natural lands identified by the SBTN Natural Lands Map.

“Core Natural Lands” refers to places with acknowledged ecological importance that require immediate action to prevent conversion due to:

1. Existing legislation and/or initiatives, which include commitments to deforestation and conversion-free commodities.
2. Extinction/collapse risk, irreplaceability, or natural uniqueness.
3. Maintaining natural ecosystem contiguity or intactness.
4. The provision of critical natural assets or contributions to people.



TARGET 2 - LAND FOOTPRINT REDUCTION



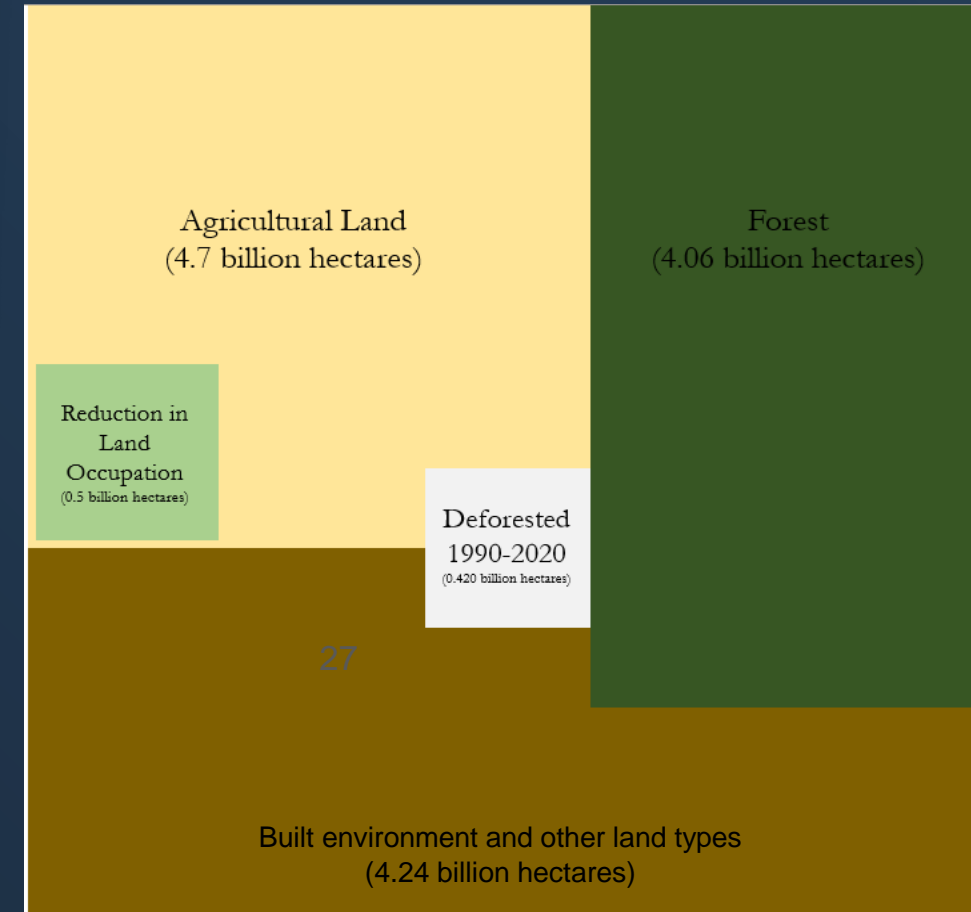
Land footprint for the purpose of this targets refers to the amount of land required per year to produce or extract the products produced or sourced by a company, and it is reported in hectares per year.

To achieve climate and biodiversity goals, there is a need to reduce the global agricultural footprint to free up land for ecosystem restoration and to sustain functional integrity (i.e., the capacity to provide ecological function and NCP).

The methodology used to quantify the reduction targets is based on the IPCC (2018) SSP1 scenario that identified the need to free-up 500 Mha of agricultural lands by 2050. Which is aligned with the Sustainable Developments Goals (and therefore balances human needs with goals on nature).

Safe and just Earth system boundaries reinforce the rationale for this target delineating the need for 50-60% of intact nature, whilst we lay behind at 45-50%. Additionally, to sustain functional integrity, at least 20-25% of each square km of working lands needs to be semi-natural habitat.

Global ice-free land area
(13 billion hectares)



TARGET 3 - LANDSCAPE ENGAGEMENT



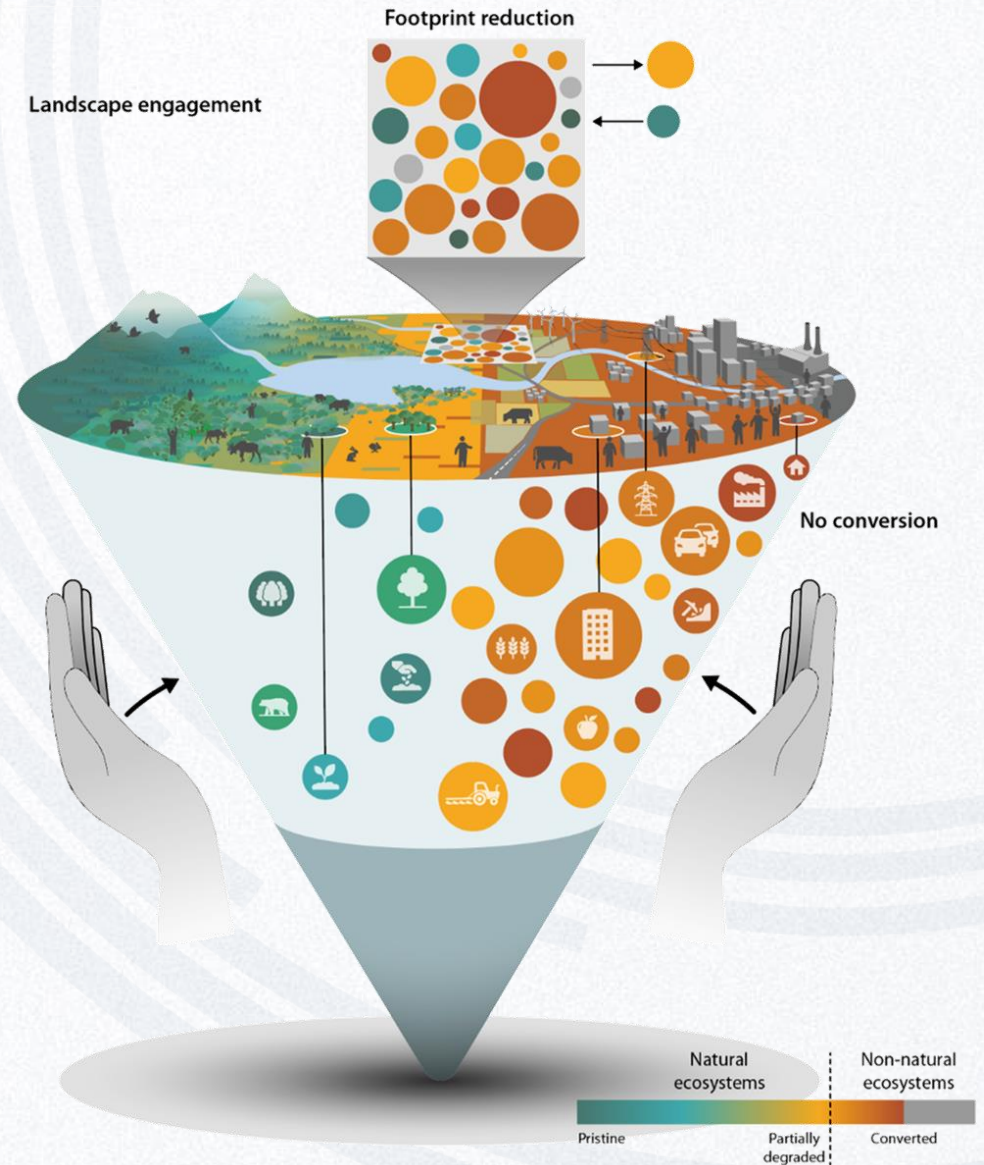
Landscape Engagement requires companies to **prioritize landscapes for engagement** and to commit to increase ecological and social conditions in landscapes.

Landscape Engagement is broad by design and encompasses a variety of potential actions that companies, and other stakeholders, can collectively implement for achieving holistic, multiple-objective, environmental, biodiversity, and social outcomes.



The target addresses the **regenerative, restorative, and transformative** actions required by companies setting Science Based Targets for Nature,

This approach links in-supply chain metrics (i.e., no conversion, land footprint reduction) with collective action at the landscape level, in and around direct operations and supply chains.



FLAG:

1. Elimination of all conversion emissions
2. Req - No deforestation commitment by 2025
3. Rec- No conversion, no peat burning target 2025

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SBTN Land Targets:

1. No Conversion of Natural Ecosystems
2. Land Footprint Reduction
3. Landscape Engagement

Implementation of your no-deforestation and no-conversion commitment is directly aligned with your SBTi-FLAG and SBTN Land Targets.

Additionally, SBTi-FLAG and SBTN Land Targets decrease land management emissions, increase carbon removals, reduce pressure on nature, and deliver regenerated and restored working and natural lands.



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