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Using CDP's framework to report Deforestation- and Conversion-Free (DCF) production and sourcing

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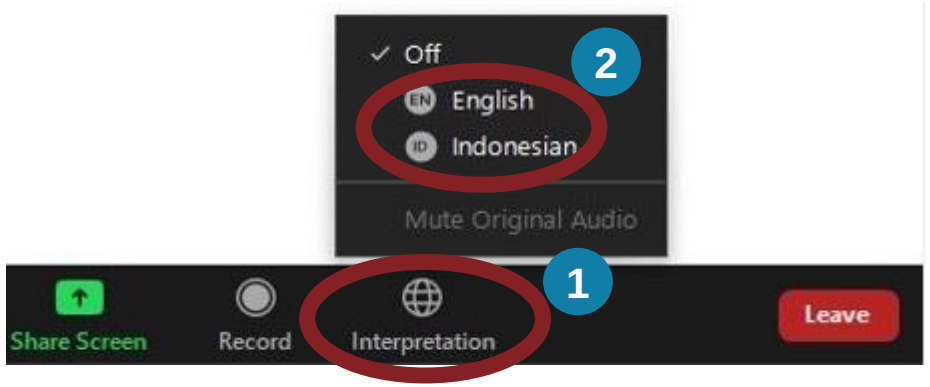

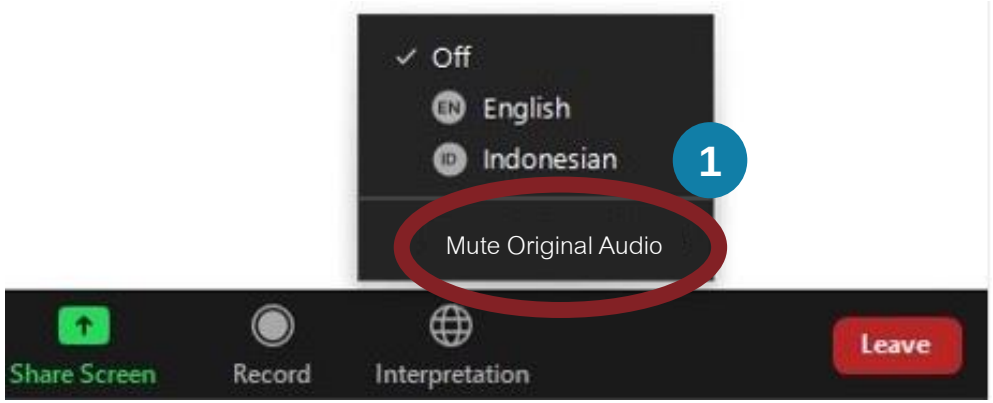

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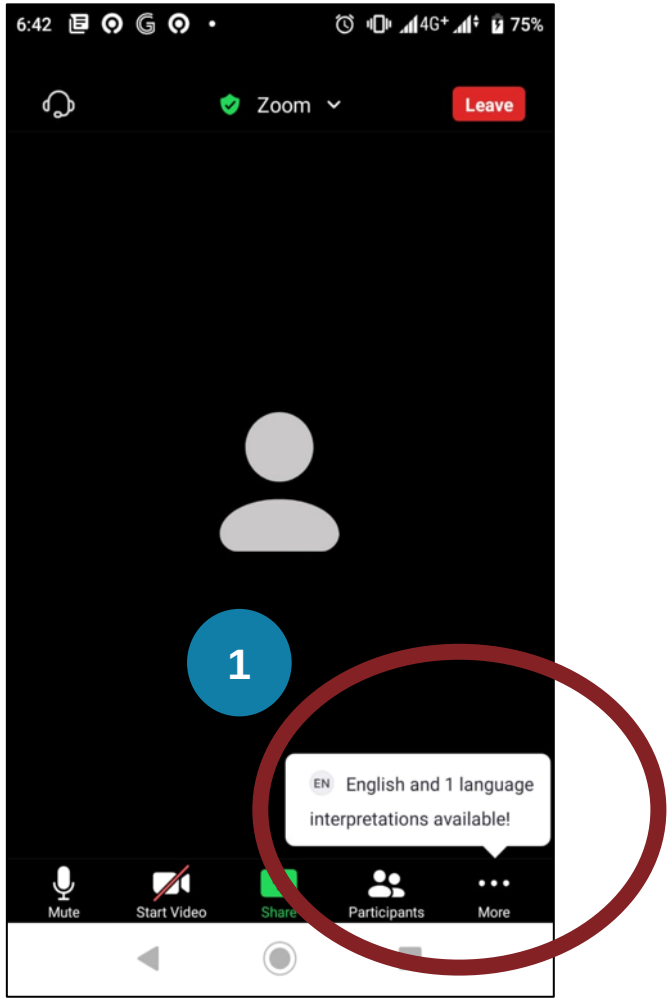

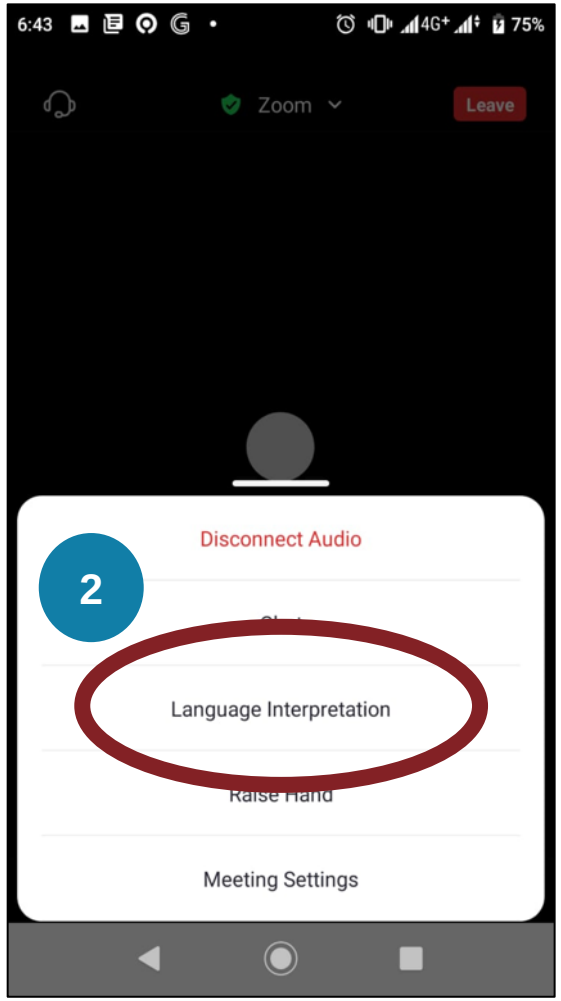

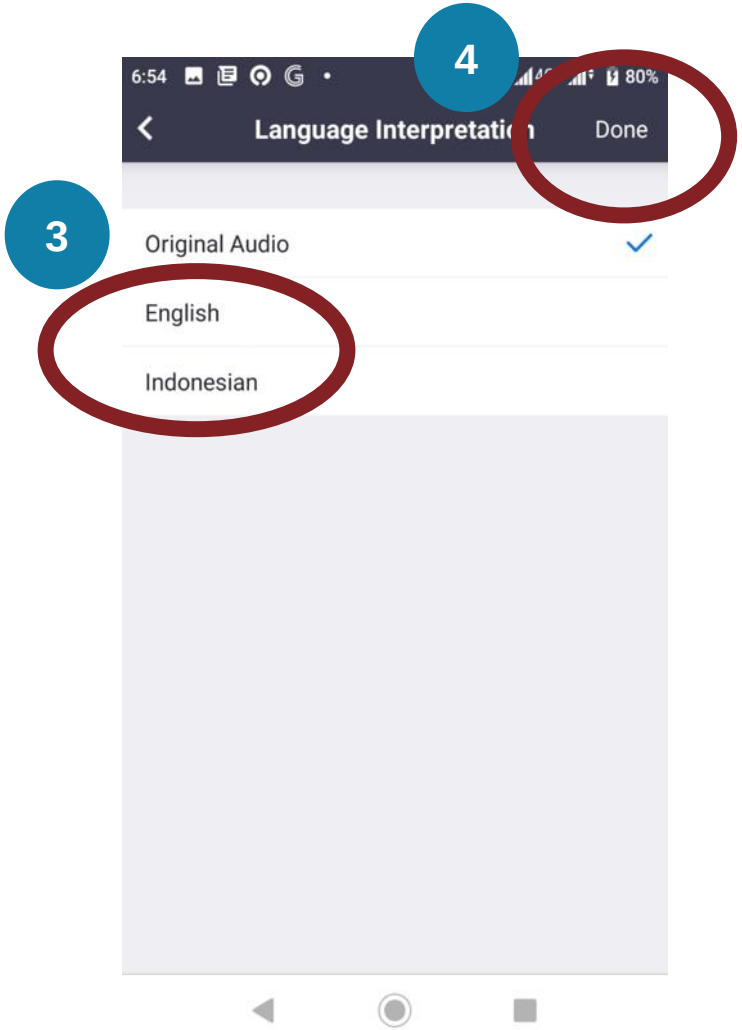

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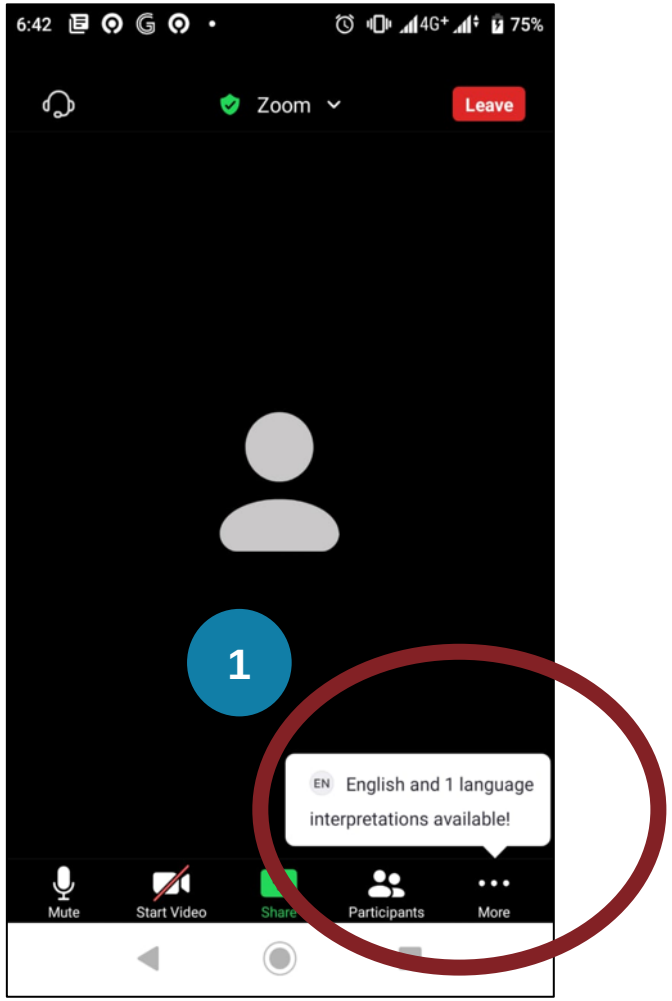

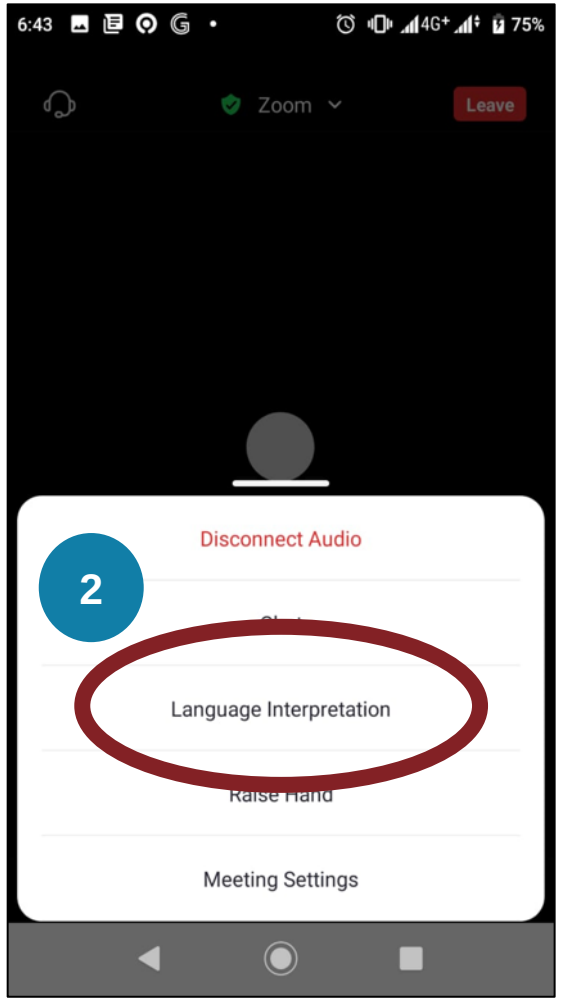

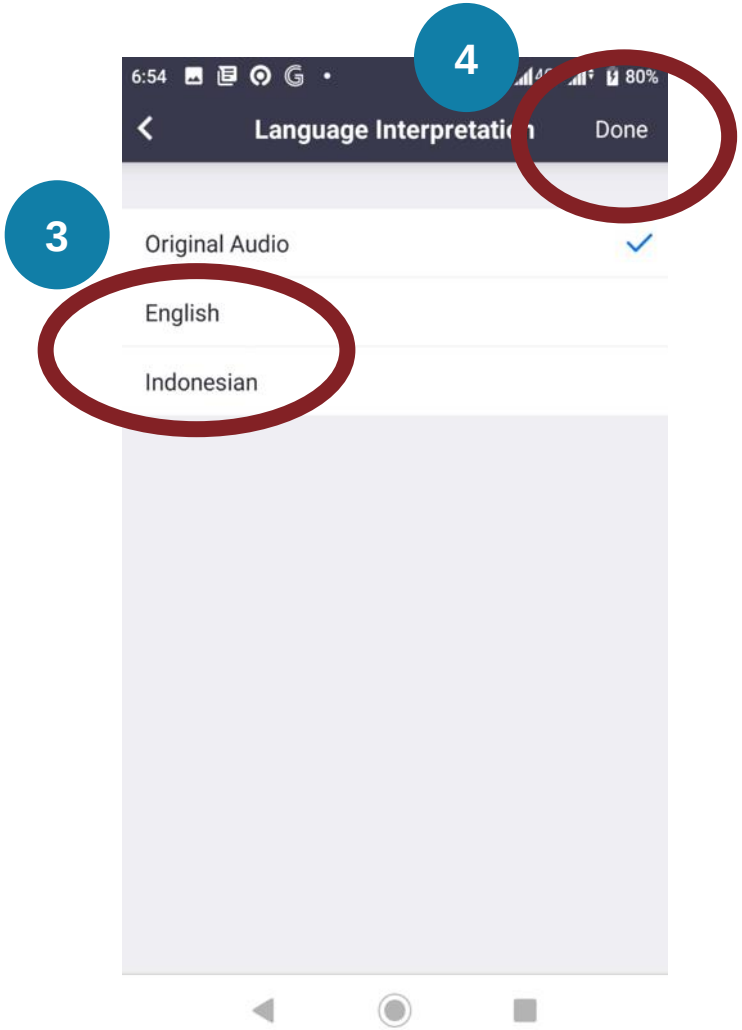

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15.00 – 15.05	Housekeeping	Rini Setiawati Senior Manager, Forests CDP
15.05 – 15.15	Using the Accountability Framework as a guide to achieve deforestation-and conversion-free supply chains: concept, definition, requirements	Ananda Putri Permatasari Coordinator AFi Southeast Asia Secretariat
15.15 – 15.30	Using CDP to report deforestation-and conversion-free status (aligned with AFi): Best practices in reporting deforestation-and conversion-free volume	Niall Robb Technical Manager, Forest Questionnaire CDP
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The Accountability Framework initiative (AFi)

A collaborative effort to eliminate deforestation, ecosystem conversion, and human rights abuses from agricultural and forestry supply chains

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The Accountability Framework

A shared roadmap for ethical supply chains

The Accountability Framework is made up of Core Principles, Operational Guidance, and Definitions that are:

Global

All regions where production of forest and agricultural commodities poses risk of deforestation, conversion, and human rights abuses.

Cross-commodity

Soy, palm oil, beef and leather, timber, rubber, cocoa, coffee, and others.

End-to-end supply chain

Producer, processor, aggregator, trader, manufacturer, retailer.

Why use the Accountability Framework?

What the Framework offers

- Consensus-based guidelines – all in one place
- A common approach for your whole organization
- Details when you need them
- Aligned tools and resources for every need: More than 70 sustainability tools, resources, and initiatives have aligned with the Accountability Framework – including reporting initiatives such as CDP!
- An approach for addressing deforestation commitments, climate targets, and biodiversity goals in concert – AFi, SBTi FLAG, SBTN, and GHG-P.

The Accountability Framework

Action areas and Core Principles

Set goals

Following Core Principle 1, a robust commitment to no deforestation and no-conversion:

- Clearly states a commitment to eliminate deforestation and conversion from supply chains and financial investments.
  - Includes key definitions, such as no-deforestation, aligned with the Framework.
  - Specifies a cut-off date(s) aligned with the Framework.
- Includes a commitment to support the long-term protection of natural forests/ecosystems.
- Includes a commitment to conduct/support restoration or compensation when environmental harms tied to supply chains have occurred.

Following Core Principle 3, commitments are supported by action plans:

- Includes targets and time-bound milestones for achieving commitments.
- The AFi recommends a target date of no later than 2025.

Operational Guidance and key resources to support companies in goal setting can be found HERE

Understanding deforestation

The Accountability Framework defines **deforestation** as the loss of natural forest as a result of: i) conversion to agriculture or other non-forest land use; ii) conversion to a tree plantation; or iii) severe and sustained degradation.

- This definition pertains to no-deforestation supply chain commitments, which generally focus on **preventing the conversion of natural forests**.
- Loss of natural forest that meets this definition is considered deforestation **regardless of whether or not it is legal.**
- The definition signifies **'gross deforestation'** of natural forest where 'gross' is used in the sense of the 'total; aggregate; without deduction for reforestation or other offset'

- The Accountability Framework adopts the forest definition from the **FAO Resources Assessment** with further elaboration.
- The AFi considers deforestation to include the conversion from natural forests to tree plantations. This form of conversion is not included in the FAO's definition of deforestation.

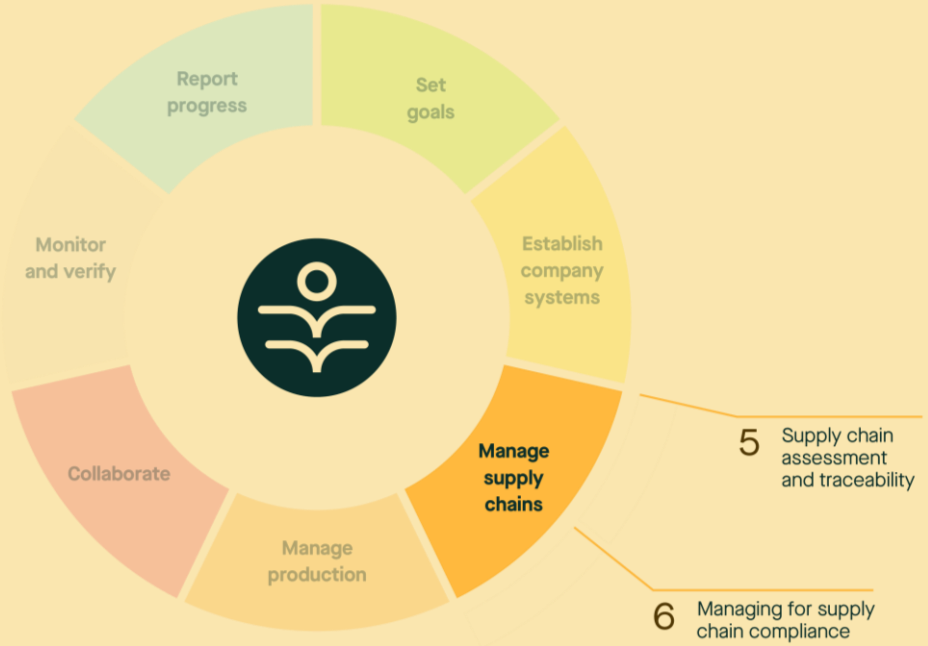
Manage supply chains

Companies should know the origins and compliance status of materials in their supply chains

- **Traceability**:
  - Primary processors and first intermediary traders know the origin of raw materials
  - Buyers downstream trace supplies upstream until they are able to ascertain compliance at the supply base level. There are four options to do this:
    - Trace back to the producers of origin.
    - Trace back to a supplier that has a control system that ensures supplies are traced to origin
    - Use a certification program aligned with the Framework and that provides effective traceability
    - Trace to a low risk jurisdiction

If traceability to these levels is not initially available, it is progressively realized over a pre-defined time.

These efforts prioritize the riskiest settings and provide support to smallholders and others who may require traceability assistance.



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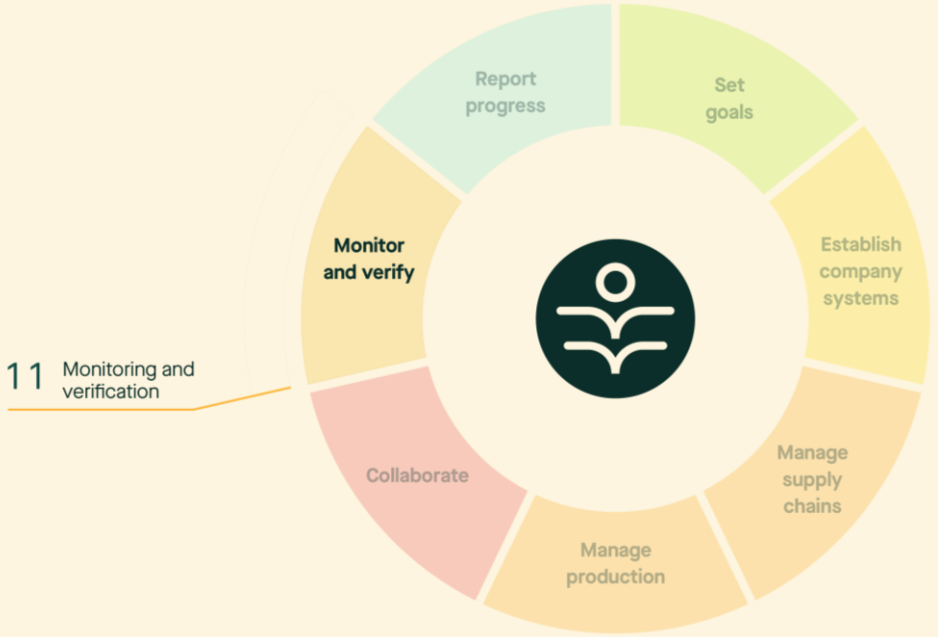
Monitor and verify progress

Direct monitoring of production or primary processing sites is preferred as it provides the most direct and accurate assessment of compliance and performance.

When companies are unable to collect information directly:

- Monitoring of a sourcing area is an alternative when companies are not yet able to trace products back to the production level.
- Monitoring supplier management and control systems is an alternative for companies far downstream that rely on their suppliers to monitor compliance and performance of DCF supply chains.



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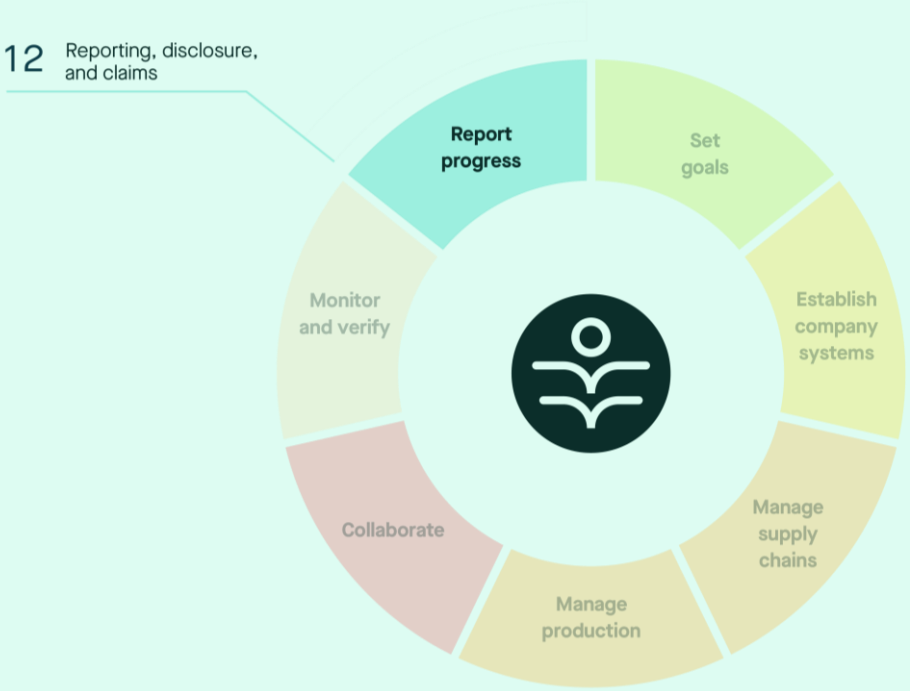
Report progress

Reporting enables companies to communicate clearly about the environmental and social performance of their supply chains, fulfill stakeholder expectations for transparency, and be recognized for progress.

- Leading reporting and assessment platforms, such as CDP, provide a clear and consistent way for companies to disclose performance and progress toward DCF supply chains aligned with the Framework.
- Four key areas of progress to be reported:
  - Exposure and risk
  - Implementation and management systems
  - Traceability and control
  - Compliance and outcomes on the ground
- It is important for all companies to report on these areas regardless of their position in the supply chain or level of progress!



Operational Guidance and key resources to support reporting, disclosure, and claims can be found HERE

Accounting and disclosure for deforestation- and conversion-free (DCF) volumes

Recommended indicators
What percentage of total volume of the commodity produced, purchased, sourced, or used by the company in the past year is demonstrated to be deforestation-free and/or conversion-free (DCF)? This should be the sum of the following three indicators.
What percentage of the commodity produced, sourced, or used by the company is physically certified to a standard with Accountability Framework-aligned DCF criteria, and which certification or verification schemes are used?
For what percentage of the commodity produced, sourced, or used by the company is deforestation/conversion monitored at the farm level on production units known to be in the company's supply chain?
What percentage of the commodity produced, purchased, or sourced by the company is produced in areas with negligible deforestation risk, and how was that risk level determined?

Disclosure of progress for non-DCF volumes

Recommended indicators
Does the company have a process for regular supplier engagement?
Does the company have a mechanism to identify and to respond to non-compliances?
How many noncompliant producers or suppliers are engaged through improvement plans or other processes, and what percentage of the company's non-DCF supply chain volume does that represent?
What percentage of the commodity produced, purchased, or sourced by the company is produced in areas with negligible deforestation risk, and how was that risk level determined?
Does the company participate in landscape or jurisdictional initiatives in high-risk areas from which it sources, and what percentage of the company's non-DCF supply chain volumes does this represent?
Does the company offer support to smallholder producers to help them enter responsible supply chains and achieve compliance with commitments? If so, how many smallholders do they support, and what percentage does this represent of total sourcing from smallholders?
What polices and activities are in place to improve supply chain traceability and control?

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Thank You!

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Using CDP to report deforestation-and conversion-free status (aligned with AFi): Best practices in reporting deforestation-and conversion-free volume

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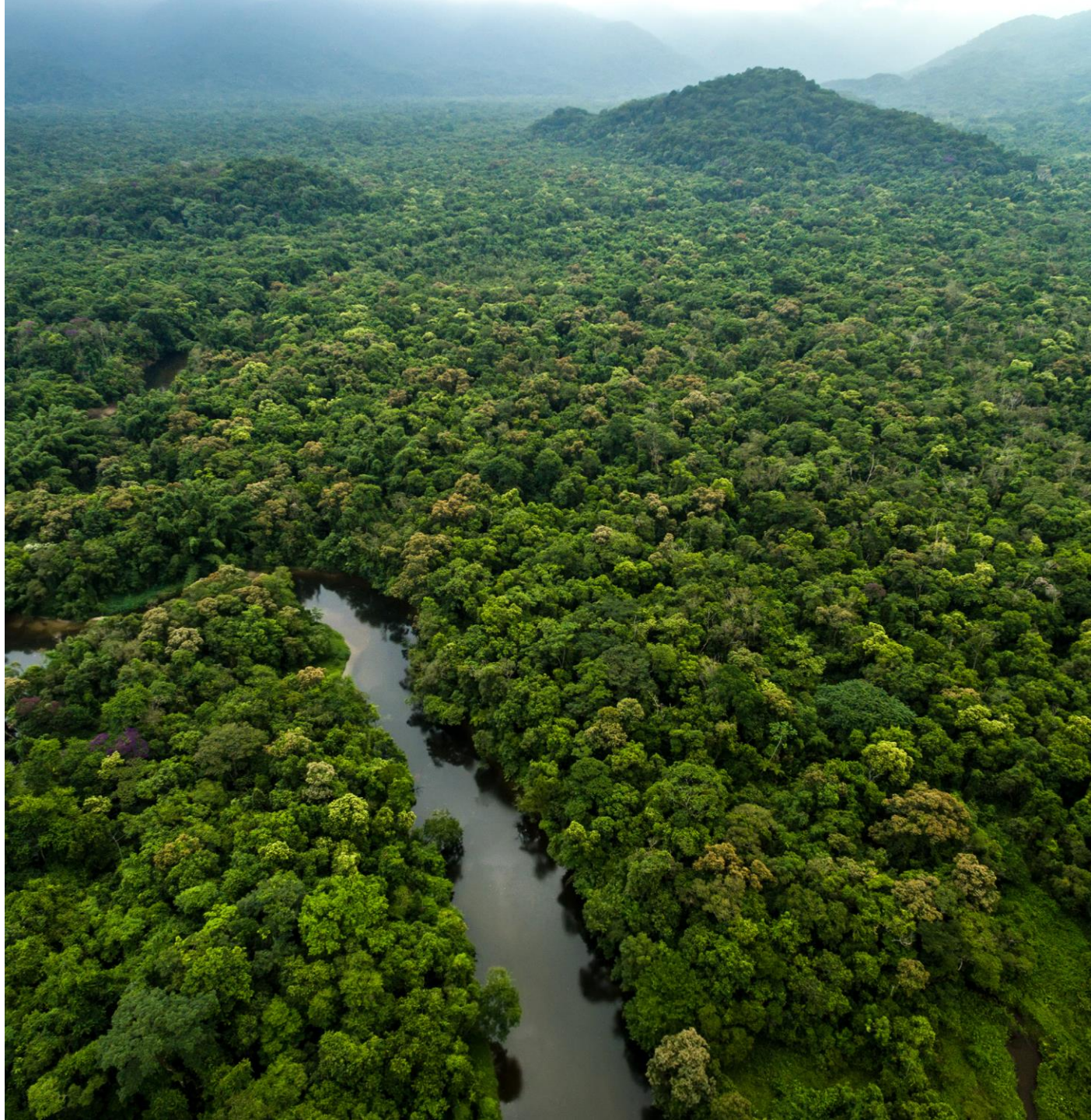

CDP Approach to DCF

- DCF (deforestation and conversion free) content in CDP Forests Questionnaire 2023 has the principal objective of understanding the risk of deforestation/conversion across a company's total commodity volume.

- Volumes that are verified DCF are considered the lowest level of risk to contributing towards deforestation or conversion

- Volumes that are from unknown origins are considered the highest risk

- This approach seeks to integrate AFI's strategy of determining risk associated with commodities by whether there is enough traceability to assign DCF status. Confirmed DCF status equates to low risk (and verification is broken down), and all other risk is considered varying degrees of 'high risk' until traceability determines it is not.

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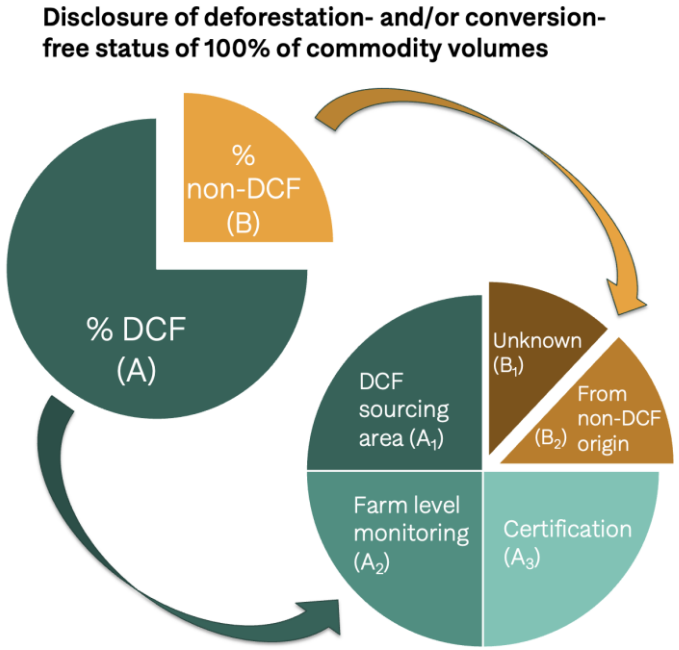

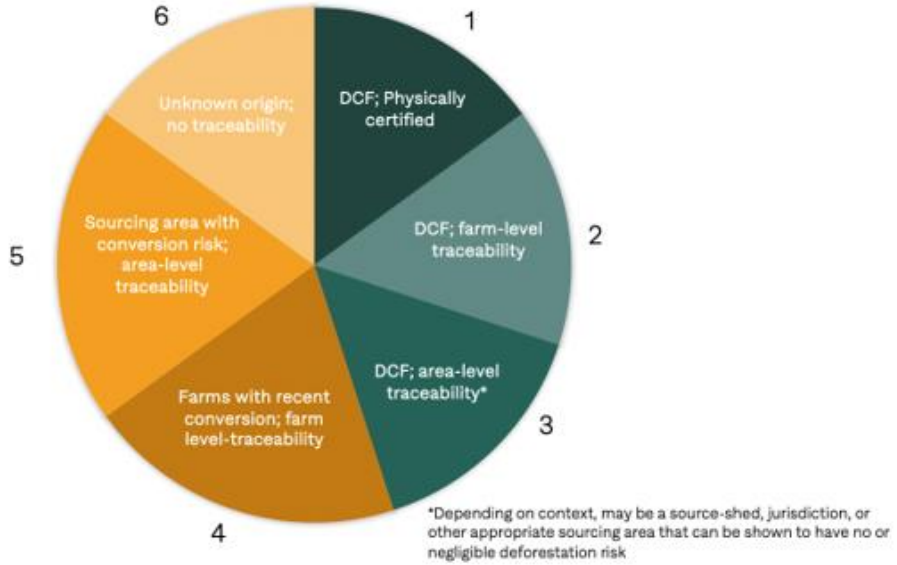

- CDP Forests questions F1.5a and F1.5b seek to establish how much of a company's total volume is DCF and how much isn't, and ask for respective break-downs of each
- The green section represents DCF, and the orange section non-DCF
- DCF volumes are broken down by verification method, and non-DCF volumes by traceability point

DCF Questions

(F1.5a) Disclose your production and/or consumption figure, and the percentage of commodity volumes verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free.

Key columns

Forest risk commodity	Data type	Commodity production/ consumption volume	Metric for commodity production/ consumption volume	Data coverage	Have any of your reported commodity volumes been verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free?	% of reported volume verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free	Please explain
Select from: List created from forest risk commodities for which you selected '...disclosing' in F1.5	Select from: • Production data • Consumption data	Numerical field [enter a number from 0-999,999,999,999 using a maximum of 2 decimal places]	Select from: • Metric tons • Liters • Gallons • Round wood equivalent (RWE) • Wood raw material equivalent (WRME) • Cubic meters • Square meters • Other, please specify	Select from: • Full commodity production/ consumption • Partial commodity production/ consumption	Select from: • Yes • No, but we are planning to verify volumes as deforestation- and/or conversion-free in the next two years • No, and we are not planning to verify volumes as deforestation- and/or conversion-free	Numerical field [enter a number from 0-100 using a maximum of 2 decimal places]	Text field [maximum 2,400 characters]

- F1.5a asks whether any of the total reported volume for a commodity can be verified as DCF in column 6
- Column 7 asks what % of your total volume is verified as DCF
- Methods for verifying this volume as DCF can be stated in column 8 (Please explain)

DCF Questions

(F1.5b) Provide a breakdown of your DCF and non-DCF volumes relevant to your stage in the supply chain according to how verification is achieved and the highest level of traceability.

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- Requests information on your organization’s DCF and non-DCF volumes.
- Developing a comprehensive 'risk profile' for commodity volumes, in terms of **deforestation and conversion free** status or traceability to origin, and its verification.

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Palm oil – Non DCF	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soy – DCF	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0
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- Example of a company disclosing on 3 commodities, with different DCF volumes for each.
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Rationale

- Developing a comprehensive ‘risk profile’ for commodity volumes, in terms of DCF status or traceability to origin, and its verification, enables companies and CDP data users to better understand the risk of deforestation and or conversion linked to volumes produced or consumed by the company.

- **Ambition:** Companies are able to account for the DCF status or traceability of all commodity volumes and are working towards eliminating the deforestation and conversion of other ecosystems in their supply chains.

Scoring

- **F1.5a: Scored at Awareness level**

  Option 'Yes' selected in column 'Have any of your reported commodity volumes been verified...' AND a figure greater than 0 is provided in column '% of reported volume verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free' - 1 point
  OR
  Option 'No, but we are planning to verify volumes as deforestation- and/or conversion-free in the next two years' selected in column 'Have any of your reported commodity volumes been verified...' - 0.5 points

- **F1.5b: Scored at Awareness level**

  Column 'Total percentage of production/consumption volume reported [auto-calculated]' is completed with 100% (up to ± 5%) in all applicable rows - 1 point

  This question will only be scored for forest risk commodities where 'Yes' is selected in column 'Have any of your reported commodity volumes been verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free?' of question F1.5a. If a figure of '100%' is provided in column '% of reported volume verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free' of question F1.5a, then only the 'DCF' row will be scored.

CDP Resources

- Reporting Guidance
- Scoring Methodology
- Technical Note “Implementing commitments on deforestation and ecosystem conversion”

THANK YOU

Important dates

Jan 2023

2023 questionnaires guidance are available on our guidance page.

April 2023

The Online Response System (ORS) is open for 2023 corporate disclosure.

July 2023

Companies must submit their response to investors and/or customers using the ORS in July, 2023 to be eligible for scoring and inclusion in reports (where applicable).

Sept 2023

The Online Response System (ORS) is closed for 2023 responses.

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