Assessing Company Progress: Implementing the New York Declaration on Forests

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Eliminating Deforestation from the Production of Agricultural Commodities

Goal 2 Assessment Report

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The New York Declaration on Forests (NYDF)

Signed during the 2014 UN Climate Summit.

Endorsed by 180 national and sub-national governments, companies, and civil society organizations.

GOAL 2:
Support and help meet the private-sector goal of eliminating deforestation from the production of agricultural commodities such as palm oil, soy, paper, and beef products by no later than 2020, recognizing that many companies have even more ambitious targets.
NYDF Assessment Partners

An independent network of civil society groups and research institutions that annually evaluates the progress toward the NYDF’s ten goals.
Agriculture is a major driver of forest loss

Source: Climate Focus calculations based on European Commission, 2013.
Evaluating progress toward supply chain commitments

Company procedures, external support and forest monitoring

Data from transparency initiatives & interviews

Future research, planning and implementation
About CDP

380 Investors
$29 trillion
Purchasing Organizations

Data & Analysis

CDP

CDP Responses

200+ responding corporations
Revenue is at risk from deforestation

Up to $906bn in annual corporate turnover is at risk because of deforestation
# Measuring progress toward NYDF Goal 2

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CRITERION 1: Private-sector commitments to deforestation-free commodities

i. DEFORESTATION-RELATED COMMITMENTS

Total number of commitments and companies that made any commitment; Commitments by commodity

Source: Climate Focus analysis based on SupplyChange.org
CRITERION 2: Implementation of private-sector forest commitments (1)

i. POLICIES & STRATEGIES

Adoption of policies/strategies

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Percent adoption (%)

Adoption of time-bound, actionable plans

- Palm oil: 49%
- Timber: 25%
- Pulp/Paper: 20%
- Soy: 16%
- Cattle products: 13%

Source: CDP, 2015; Forest 500, 2016.
ii. MONITORING

Companies with traceability systems in place

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Percent adoption (%)

Manufacturers and retailers that can trace to points of origin

- Farm: 48%
- Plantation: 14%
- Forest: 7%, Timber: 2%, Soy: 2%, Cattle products: 23%

Source: CDP, 2015
The Power of Procurement
iii. COMPLIANCE

Self-reported compliance of companies

Source: Climate Focus analysis based on SupplyChange.org
CRITERION 3: Enabling environment (1)

i. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- CDP has seen a doubling in investor interest on deforestation since 2013.

- Only one-third of 150 assessed financial institutions have made deforestation-related commitments.
CRITERION 3: Enabling environment (2)

ii. POLICY SUPPORT & GOVERNANCE

- Companies emphasize the public sector’s essential role for sustainable land use.

- Companies report little concrete improvement in forest governance and limited public sector support.

- Companies highlight improved collaboration and listed an increasing number of successful public-private initiatives.

- REDD+ has increased the political will to improve forest governance.
CRITERION 4: Impact on deforestation

i. REDUCTION OF deforestation
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