

2024 Highlights Report

The Forest Positive Coalition invited its stakeholder community to review the 2024 Highlights Report prior to publication and share their feedback. These comments from the organisations who responded to this invitation are provided in full and without amendment.

The Coalition thanks these organisations for their feedback and welcomes additional comments via email to forestpositive@theconsumergoodsforum.com

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

IDH Sustainable Trade Initiative

“We really appreciate the transparency on progress that FPC and its members promotes through this report and the challenges to achieve deforestation- and conversion-free (DCF) supply in commodities with long and complex indirect supply chains. We applaud FPC’s commitment to taking action to achieve DCF in a way that is smallholder inclusive, which is key to mainstreaming sustainability and securing future supply.

Pre-competitive alignment with other buyers and collaboration with governments, traders, processors, producers and CSOs in the production landscapes is critical to accelerate progress. As climate change impacts start to disrupt agriculture production, multistakeholder collaborations in production landscapes hold the power to scale climate resilient practices while conserving forests and the services they provide to regulate water and soil, essential to maintain and expand commodity production and supply.

We have been energised by the collaboration between FPC and SourceUp, an inclusive online platform developed by IDH to connect companies with landscape initiatives around the globe, to facilitate FPC’s reporting on progress towards its ambition to transform commodity areas into forest positive landscapes. The momentum for sectoral and landscape collaboration is growing, and FPC can be at the heart of this new wave of action.” -- Matthew Spencer, Global Director for Landscapes, IDH

Rainforest Action Network

[Securing Land Rights and Protecting Human Rights Defenders: Missing Elements in Forest Positive Coalitions Plan to End Deforestation](#)

A critical enabler of 'Forest Positive' supply chains and landscapes that must be prioritized is securing land rights for Indigenous and customary communities. Interventions to uphold land rights must be coupled with protections for those defending their territories from exploitation by the corporations driving the expansion of industrial logging and agriculture. CEOs must take a stand to stop the violence, intimidation and criminalization of land, environment and Human Rights Defenders that is being inflicted by the corporate groups they do business with.

The Consumer Goods Forum has driven several members to set new target dates for ending deforestation and conversion of natural ecosystems in their forest-risk commodity supply chains. This action remains a necessary step for all members due to their failure to accelerate collective action to end deforestation for palm oil, soy, beef, and paper and pulp/timber by 2020.

Change does begin with transparency. Transparent reporting on progress towards fulfilling the deforestation and conversion free (DCF) key performance indicators is important, but not enough to rebuild consumer confidence. The Forest Positive Coalition must define acceptable methodologies for determining 'deforestation-free' and 'NDPE' compliant suppliers. Civil Society Organizations are calling on the FPC to move beyond current approaches that are based on self-reported, not independently verified, claims of compliance and contain loopholes that will result in misleading deforestation-free claims.

Recently RAN exposed illegal and deforestation-tainted palm oil entering supply chains of CGF members. The deforestation crisis continues in the Orangutan Capital of the World in Indonesia and in Intact Forest Landscapes across the globe. This is a result of inadequate enforcement of NDPE/DCF policies and the failure of the CGF to galvanise resources needed to scale up landscape programs on forest frontlines. CGF members must invest more in programs that address the crisis facing the world's last rainforests without delay.