

OPEN LETTER

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Dear Ulf Larsson

No more 'talk and log' – time for solutions

Human activities are currently driving the world's species to extinction at up to 1,000 times the natural rate. To protect biodiversity and the functioning ecosystems that are vital to our well-being, we must reduce and ultimately halt our destruction and degradation of natural habitat.

Since the 1950s, in Sweden's portion of the Great Northern Forest, large areas of old-growth forest have been clearcut and the wider forest landscape fragmented. This has led to population declines in hundreds of forest species, with logging currently believed to be having significant negative impacts on over 1,300 red-listed plants, animals, fungi and lichens.

It is now 18 months since Greenpeace published its in-depth report '*Wiping away the boreal*', which highlighted SCA's role in continuing to destroy '*High Value Forest Landscapes*' in Sweden, as well as your company's aggressive expansion of plantation monocultures using an invasive and alien tree species (Contorta pine). Both which are continuing to impact the traditional livelihoods of the Sámi reindeer herders, so much so that the Swedish Sámi organisation (Sámiid Riikasearvi) issued a 'Zero tolerance to contorta pine in reindeer husbandry areas' ('Nolltolerans mot Contorta i renskötselområdet').

Since this report was published, Greenpeace forest campaigners, and several of SCA's largest customers, have engaged in numerous meetings with your company to seek clarity on how your company intends to address these ongoing forest conflicts. To date, no solution is in sight and your company continues to withhold crucial information needed to develop collaborative solutions.

The [SCA website](#) makes the claim that '*Forest assets are assigned greater importance by stakeholders than by SCA*' and '*Transparency is valued higher by stakeholders than by SCA*'. It should be no surprise that NGOs such as Greenpeace are asking for greater transparency from SCA regarding their existing and future operation, in the light of the company's recent pulp mill expansion.

SCA acknowledges that these mills will increase the '*demand for pulpwood and sawmill chips in northern Sweden for a considerable time to come.*' So, how does SCA plan to feed

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this mill without further impacting 'High Value Forest Landscapes' or the forests that the Sámi reindeer herders depend on?

Transparency is key to solutions. One [business dictionary](#) describes **transparency** as a '*lack of hidden agendas and conditions, accompanied by the availability of full information required for collaboration, cooperation, and collective decision making.*' So how can SCA claim it '[already considers itself to be a transparent company](#)' when it is not sharing with stakeholders how it plans to meet its long-term wood raw material needs?

In order to find collaborative solutions to these conflicts, SCA needs to share its current plans regarding how the company intends to meet its wood raw material needs to feed its mills in Sweden, and which forest areas may be under threat as a result of these plans.

To allow for '*collaboration, cooperation, and collective decision making*' to address these forest conflicts and find long-lasting and genuine forest and climate solutions we kindly request that you, as the President and CEO of SCA, make the following information available to NGOs:

1. SCA's current wood raw material sourcing (volumes and the origins, by logging plans);
2. SCA's wood raw material sourcing plans/assumptions for the next 10 years;
3. The site-specific geographical locations/sites of SCA's logging plans for the next 10 years (shared as QGIS mapping layers);
4. SCA's existing and planned private set-aside 'conservation areas' (shared as QGIS mapping layers);
5. SCA's action plan on how it intends to remove existing stands of invasive lodgepole pine plantations, in line with the policy of the Swedish Sámi organisation (Sámiid Riikasearvi).

Providing this information will help inform discussions and be a move away from SCA's '*talk and log*' process towards building bridges to genuine forest and climate solutions. We kindly request your response within one month.

With best regards,



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