



Statement – Responsible forestry

Introduction

Responsibly managed forests provide renewable, wood-based materials that meet consumer demands for recyclable products with a low carbon footprint. Forest-based products contribute to climate change mitigation by replacing fossil-based or carbon-intensive alternatives.

Responsibly managed forests also sequester carbon dioxide and play a vital role in preserving biodiversity and maintaining healthy forest ecosystems. Beyond their environmental value, forests offer a wide range of societal benefits, including recreation, employment, tax revenue, and other public goods.

Objectives and Commitments

SCA's operations rely on forests. Therefore, we are firmly committed to sustainable forest management that safeguards the long-term health of our forests, maintaining them as an enduring resource.

SCA's approach to responsible forestry combines the efficient production of valuable, renewable raw materials with comprehensive efforts to protect and promote all forest values. These include biodiversity, water quality, reindeer husbandry, historical and cultural heritage, recreation, and more. Our ambition is to manage and use forests in a way that ensures they remain at least as rich in biodiversity, natural experiences, and raw materials in the future as they are today.

SCA's nature conservation strategy sets out our positions and actions to achieve these ambitions. Ecological landscape planning is applied across all SCA-owned forests to determine which areas are prioritized for timber production and which are preserved or managed to enhance biodiversity. In some areas, multiple objectives are pursued simultaneously.

SCA is committed to zero deforestation, deforestation-free supply chains, and reforestation after harvest. The volume of standing timber in SCA's forests, as well as in all sourcing regions, continues to grow as forest growth exceeds harvest. Following each harvest, regeneration is always ensured, typically through replanting.

Monitoring, Measurement, Reporting, and Transparency

SCA's forests and forestry practices are certified and independently verified under CSRD, PEFC, FSC, and ISO standards. We are committed to transparency with our stakeholders. Key performance indicators—such as forest growth, carbon sequestration, biodiversity metrics, and harvested volumes—are reported annually. SCA's positive contribution to mitigate climate changes is reported in accordance with ISO 13391.

SCA works systematically to achieve continuous improvement, steadily advancing our operations and deepening our commitment to responsible forestry.