

SBTN Step 1 & 2 Self Assessment Tool - anticipated revisions (from V1 to V1.1)

The SBTN V1 self assessment tool, co-developed with BSR, is designed to support companies, consultancies, and service providers - who are currently engaged in the target-setting process - to assess their level of readiness and prepare for the submission of Steps 1 & 2. We are releasing the current version of the tool (V1) internally to provide these stakeholders with the most up-to-date tools and guidance.

The tool is based on V1 of the Step 1 and 2 methods (released in May 2023). A public version of the tool will be released alongside updated Step 1 & 2 methods (V1.1) in mid 2024, both reflecting optimizations based on results from our pilot initiative.

Companies that use the current V1 tool and corresponding methods will be in compliance with the majority of the revised V1.1 method requirements so should not anticipate significant rework. The anticipated revisions in V1.1 are intended to increase clarity and feasibility of method application.

For your planning purposes, below is an indicative list of key issues and proposed solutions that will inform the revision of V1.1. of the Step 1 and 2 methods.

Further information will be provided about the period of validity of using V1 Step 1 and 2 methods (i.e. a grace period) following the release of V1.1.

Step 1

- General changes: Updates to explain gaps in understanding and areas of confusion, reorganising and rewriting some content and layout to increase readability / accessibility
- Organizational boundary: Potential updates to organizational boundary definition and scope of direct operations activities and upstream sourcing
- MST & HICL: Changes to MST (Materiality Screening Tool) and HICL (High-Impact Commodity List) to improve accessibility of the tools, application of MST to upstream value-chain segments, and connectivity between both tools; additional guidance on how to refine the tool results with company data
- Business Unit Approach: Clarifications and further guidance on the use of the business unit approach
- Scope of assessment: Clarifications and potential changes to the validation requirements linked to the “≥67% sourced volumes” & “≥90% HIC volumes” rules
- Pressures & SoN indicators: Provide more guidance on the selection of pressure and SoN indicators, and how to combine them
- Negligible pressures: Potential new guidance on how to determine when a pressure is negligible and its activity can be considered out of scope from Step 2

Step 2

- Concept of target boundary: Clarification of the concept and terminology around target boundaries and what they imply for target setting
- Spatial requirements for target-setting: Include additional guidance on the spatial requirements to set each type of target
- Justification for Target Boundary B: Assess whether we need additional guidance on any justifications required to include volumes in Target Boundary B
- Defining and combining ranks: Clarification of the guidance to 1) define and combine the ranks (e.g., how to address ties) and examples of how to proceed with the 2) normalization and 3) harmonization processes (e.g., integration of multiple datasets, considerations for temporal harmonization, use of area-weighted datasets)
- Reprioritization based on co-benefits: Clarification of how to skip sites from the prioritized list on account of (lack of) co-benefits & strategic and feasibility factors