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Updated guidance for assessing and prioritizing
nature impacts

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SBTN INTRODUCTION



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AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO NATURE ACTION

5 key action areas



Reducing
carbon
emissions



Preserving
freshwater
resources and
water security



Supporting
biodiversity
and ecosystem
services



Preserving and
regenerating
land systems

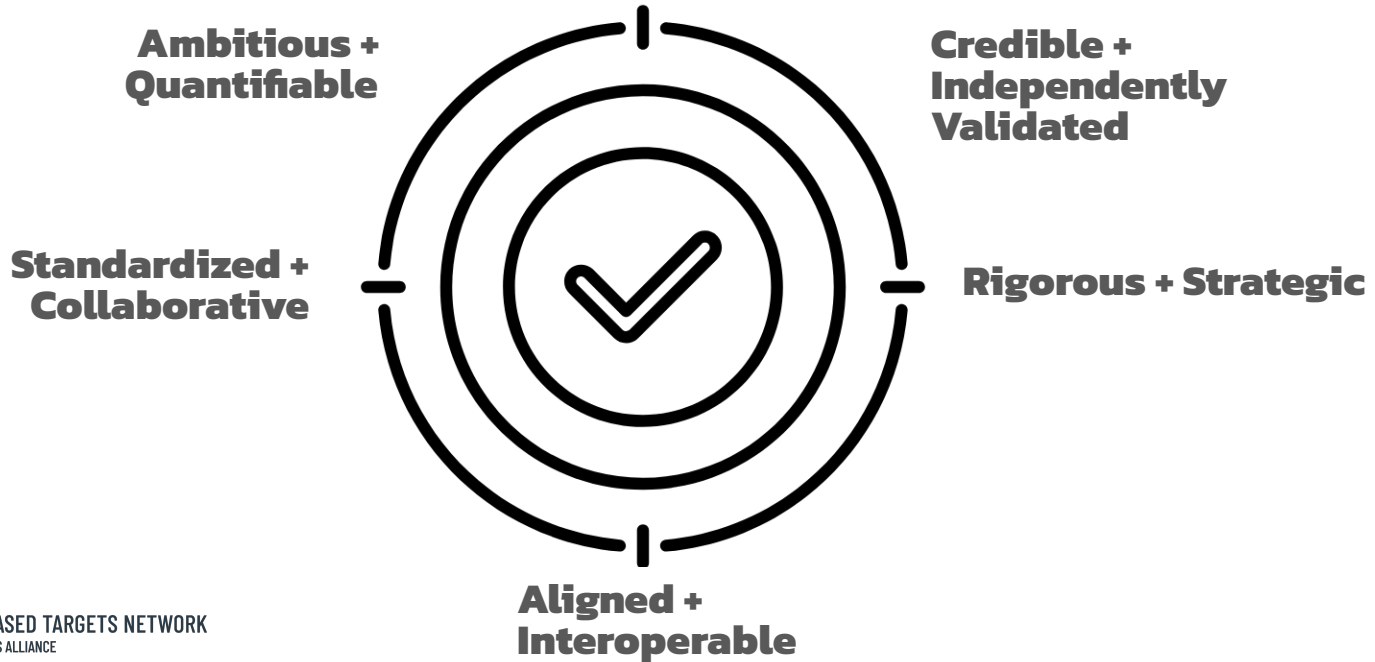


Securing
healthy, diverse
oceans



SBTN enables companies to take **enough** of the **right actions** in the **right places** at the **right time** to do their part to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030

WHY SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS FOR NATURE?



PROGRESS TO DATE

150

**preparing
to set
targets**

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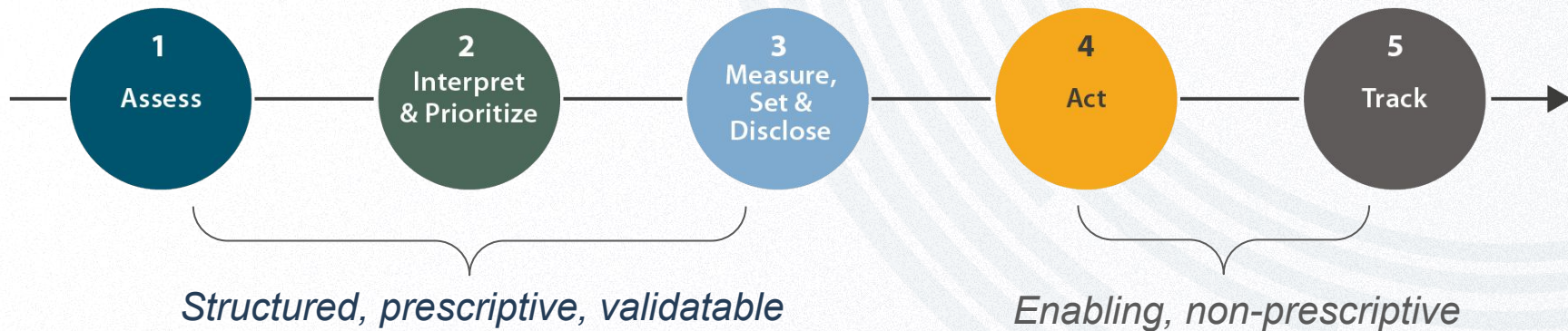
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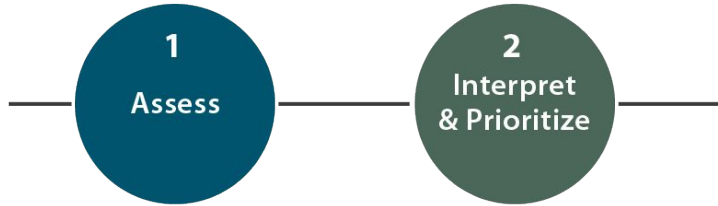
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SBTN'S 5-STEP APPROACH TAKES COMPANIES THROUGH TARGET SETTING



WHY STEP 1 & 2 MATTERS



Evaluate impacts on nature across the value chain.

Identify where action and target-setting can have the greatest benefit for nature.

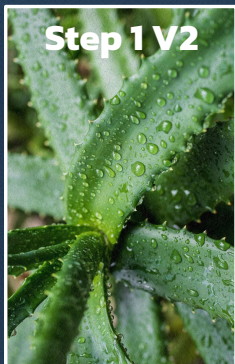
*“after getting the Steps 1 & 2 results, we took quick actions to mitigate risk for some sourcing locations”
~ pilot company*

✓ **Make informed decisions about where to act.**

✓ **Focus resources where they matter most.**

✓ **Build a credible foundation to advance to targets.**

STRENGTHENING & EXPANDING THE GUIDANCE IN SBTN'S FINAL MAJOR RELEASE



COMING MID-2026

ABOUT THIS PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This public consultation focuses on key proposed changes for Steps 1 & 2 and invites broad feedback to inform the finalization of Version 2.



Consultation dates: March 24 – April 17, 2026



Format: Key method development decisions, not the full method text



Inputs welcome from:

- Companies, consultants, coalitions, financial institutions
- NGOs, policy makers, researchers
- Indigenous Peoples, community stakeholders, youth, faith-based groups, affected stakeholders, and interested individuals

Particularly welcome expertise in sustainability, ecology, land, freshwater and ocean systems

KEY PROPOSED CHANGES

Version 2 of Step 1 & 2 will aim to help companies move more efficiently from impact assessment and prioritization to target-setting and action – while maintaining the scientific integrity of the approach.

Key areas of refinement under consideration in Version 2 are:



Better ways to assess: Enhancing materiality assessment and interoperability with existing frameworks



Easier ways to progress: Enabling progress through flexibility, transparency, and clearer prioritization



New ways to act: Advancing traceability and expanding pathways for action across the value chain

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Better ways to assess

Topics in the consultation:

- **Updates to the Materiality screening tool and High impact commodity list**
- **Additional options to leverage existing assessments and disclosures**
- **Increased integration of dependencies for a double materiality perspective**



Assessment of dependencies

Assessing dependencies in Step 1 helps increase alignment with other sustainability frameworks and disclosures and strengthens the double materiality perspective in the methods.

We are considering two approaches:

- **In the materiality screening:** covering the whole organizational boundary and applied at economic activity level (no spatial data), using tools such as ENCORE or pre-existing analysis.
- **In the value chain assessment:** applied on a location-by-location basis, using natural capital or risk-based approaches, or tools like Critical Natural Assets datasets, InVEST models, Nature Risk Profile methodology, and others.



Easier ways to progress

Topics in the consultation:

- Progress-based assessment with traceability disclosures
- Traceability prioritization criteria
- Changes to the ranking of SoN and biodiversity priorities
- Changes to the strategic and social prioritization approach
- Use of Step 1 & 2 results to contextualize target claims



Progress-based assessment with traceability disclosures

- The assessment scope is determined based on traceability and disclosed transparently, instead of minimum coverage requirements that may create barriers to progress
- The additional transparency helps contextualize targets and provides incentives to advance traceability.
- Companies that go beyond current minimum requirements will be able to show their progress more clearly to external audiences.

Level 1	The resolution directly matching the Step 3 methods
Level 2	Subnational or better, but not yet sufficient for baselining and target-setting
Level 3	Coarser data (e.g., low traceability, national or multinational level)



New ways to act

Topics in the consultation

- **Targets on multiple value chain stages**
- **Supplier engagement targets:
traceability & recruitment**
- **Joint-target setting with suppliers**
- **Response option targets**



Supplier engagement pathways to target setting and progress

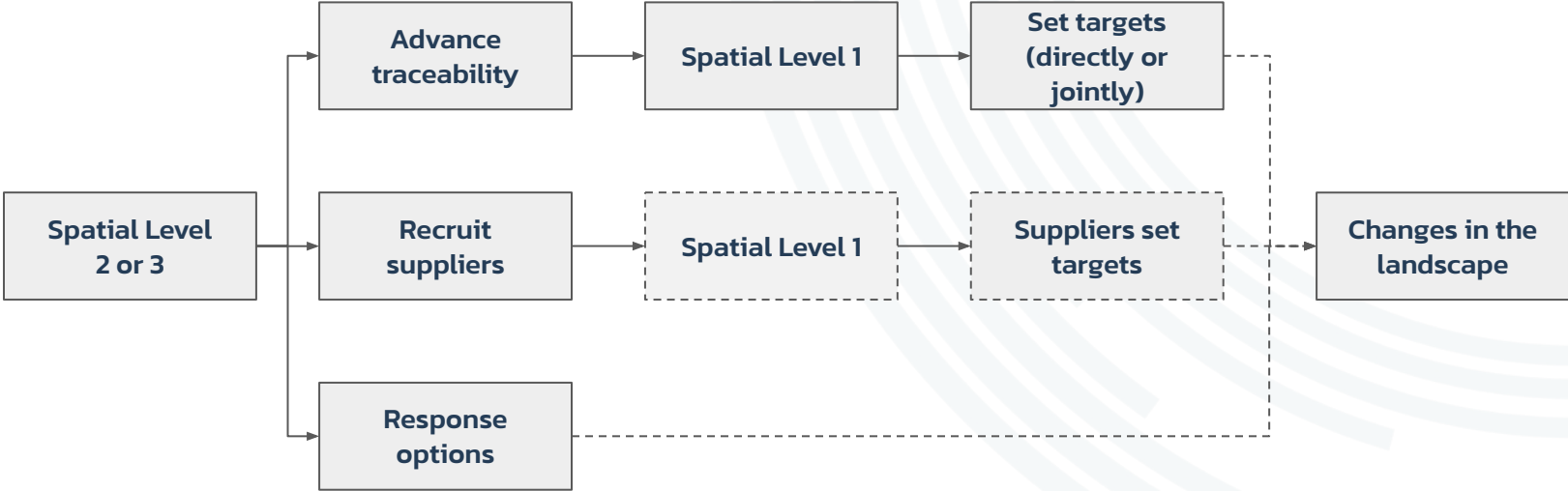
Traceability limits where companies can set and act on SBTs for nature. We need options for companies to take credible action even in cases with low traceability.

SBTi uses supplier engagement to address scope 3 impacts. SBTN is exploring pathways through supplier engagement and collaboration for target implementation in upstream value chains:

1. A mechanism to advance traceability
2. An option for target setting by the supplier
3. A governance form for joint target setting (with the suppliers)
4. A mechanism to support practice changes

These options would be supported by claims but distinguished from SBTs.

Supplier engagement pathways to target setting and progress



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Supplier engagement targets: traceability & recruitment

Supplier engagement targets can help advance traceability and/or to recruit suppliers as new target-setting entities.

- **Traceability:** a target to increase the percentage of upstream volumes traced to spatial level 1 locations within a given timeframe (e.g., 1-2 years).
- **Recruitment:** a target to increase the number of suppliers and proportion (%) of impact addressed through supplier targets in a given timeframe (e.g., <5 years).

These targets (with their implementation plans) can be validated, allow claims, and be included in the target dashboard.

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The models are interchangeable approaches to advance upstream SBTs for nature. Companies determine which model to follow based on supplier relationships and capacity for action on the ground

Response option targets

Response option targets help companies take action in locations likely impacted by their sourcing, even when identifying the location is not possible or feasible.

The targets can include taking actions such as:

- Procurement policies and practices
- Landscape engagement and investments
- Resource use efficiency

Once SBTs are set, progress made through these response option targets may be transferred to the SBTs.

HELP SHAPE VERSION 2 GUIDANCE

Your collective insights will help ensure the final guidance is both scientifically robust and practical for corporate action.

We invite broad and inclusive feedback on the draft methods **until April 17.**

**REVIEW THE DRAFT GUIDANCE AND
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AUDIENCE Q&A



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