



# OUR COP30 MANIFESTO

## FOR UK BUSINESSES

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**We know that forests are essential for nature, people, and a stable climate – in the UK and around the world.**

Forests absorb one third of the world's greenhouse gas emissions and provide livelihoods for 1.6 billion people. They also provide us with precious resources that we need to sustain millions of businesses around the world.

**But we're failing forests, and all the people and wildlife who depend on them. Deforestation continues.**

We are at a major turning point. Less forest means a more unstable world, putting food and water security at risk. It also means more rapid climate change, and less protection against extreme weather events.

COP30 is our greatest opportunity for meaningful global action on deforestation. We know that the only way we can phase out deforestation and conversion by 2030 is by transforming the food and finance systems, in the UK and globally.

UK businesses have a key role to play to demonstrate corporate progress on ending deforestation, protecting nature, and tackling the effects of climate change. We recognise that each business is unique, and on a different stage of the journey towards a nature-positive, net-zero and equitable future – which is why some of the actions outlined below might be more relevant to your business than others.

In the run-up to COP30, we are asking UK businesses to demonstrate progress on the actions on the following page.



# ASKS TO UK BUSINESSES

**Call on the UK to champion the commitment to phase out deforestation and conversion by 2030 in a prominent COP decision, like the cover text or similar, to elevate it on the political agenda at COP30.**

**Assess how your business impacts nature and how nature loss impacts your business, by:**

- Identifying and assessing your nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities in line with the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) recommendations.
- In the food sector: investing in scalable monitoring, reporting, and verification systems for deforestation- and conversion-free supply chains.
- In the finance sector: investigating exposure to deforestation and conversion.

**Take action for a deforestation- and conversion-free future, by:**

- In the food sector for businesses supplying forest-risk commodities: highlighting progress towards the commitment of having deforestation and conversion-free supply chains this year.
- In the finance sector: taking concrete steps to better detect and monitor financial crime related to deforestation and land conversion.
- Setting science-based targets for nature (land and freshwater targets) to reduce your company's impact.

**Invest in the transition to sustainable agriculture in the UK and abroad, by:**

- Contributing to innovative financial mechanisms that protect standing forests, such as the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF).
- Directly supporting the producers of forest risk commodities across soy, beef, palm oil and cocoa supply chains.
- Fund the scaling-up of nature-friendly farming practices such as agroecology.

**Champion effective regulations and political agreements to prioritise nature and end deforestation, by asking UK governments to:**

- Implement the UK Due Diligence legislation for forest risk commodities.
- Mandate net zero transition plans where nature has to be included.
- Work with other partners globally to accelerate deforestation- and conversion-free supply chains, while ensuring that companies taking action are supported.