

# ZSL RESPONSIBLE SOURCING SERVICES

As pioneers in science-based biodiversity assessment and protection, we address deforestation, land-use change and species and habitat loss by collaborating with companies, financial institutions, NGOs and governments to address your impacts on nature.

## COMMODITY SECTORS

We partner with producers, traders, manufacturers and retailers to ensure legal and sustainable trade in the following commodity sectors:



**PALM OIL**



**TIMBER & PULP**



**NATURAL RUBBER**

Alongside these three main commodities we address all soft-commodity products which are driving habitat loss and degradation, such as coffee, cocoa, beef/ leather, soy, cashmere wool, seafood and seaweed.

## HABITAT LOSS & DEGRADATION

We work to address habitat loss and degradation as these are key threats to biodiversity, as well as to climate stability and natural ecosystems. Biodiversity is also vital for local and indigenous communities around the world.

- 80% of the world's species are found in tropical forests (WWF, 2016)
- Agriculture is responsible for 80% of tropical deforestation (RA, 2018)
- 4 commodities (wood, palm oil, beef and soy) account for the majority of tropical deforestation (ibid.)
- Deforestation represents 15% of global greenhouse gas emissions (Carbon Footprint, 2019)

Responsible sourcing of soft commodities can halt deforestation and degradation, saving vulnerable species from extinction, reducing the effects of climate change and empowering communities.

# SERVICES

Our team of responsible sourcing specialists are experts in their field – providing tailored and practical support on how your business can implement robust environmental, social and governance (ESG) management systems which protect and enhance natural ecosystems and their wildlife.



## Policy & Procedures

Support to develop a robust suite of corporate policies and implementation procedures which address biodiversity, climate and social impacts relevant to your supply chains.



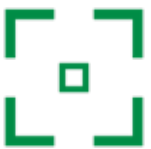
## Capacity Sharing

Training on national and international environmental legislation as well as voluntary sustainability schemes and your tailored corporate policies and procedures.



## Due Diligence & Responsible Sourcing Systems

Assistance to implement robust and comprehensive risk-based due diligence systems aimed at reducing negative and enhancing positive impacts of product sourcing.



## Impact Verification

Targeted remote sensing and field assessment by our team of specialists, to help verify compliance with legislation and your corporate policy requirements.



## Sustainability Transparency

Support to your organisation on sustainability reporting and disclosure to ensure transparency, accuracy and accountability designed to maximise recognition of your ESG practices.

# APPROACHES & FRAMEWORKS

We provide support and guidance in the following areas:

- EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)
- UK Timber Regulation (UKTR)
- FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certification
- RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil) certification
- GPSNR (Global Platform on Sustainable Natural Rubber) standards
- HCV (High Conservation Value) and HCS (High Carbon Stock) approaches
- FPIC (Free Prior & Informed Consent)
- SMART (Spatial Monitoring & Reporting Tool) approach
- ESG disclosure and reporting, including SPOTT indicator framework

**We work with companies to tailor our approach and expertise to your sustainability needs and capacity.**

Want to know more on how we can support your business? Go to [zsl.org/sbf](https://zsl.org/sbf) or contact us at [sbf@zsl.org](mailto:sbf@zsl.org)

