

F0. Introduction

F0.1

(F0.1) Give a general description of and introduction to your organization.

Kingfisher plc is an international home improvement company with over 1,900 stores, supported by a team of 82,000 colleagues. We operate in eight countries across Europe and Turkey under retail banners including B&Q, Castorama, Brico Dépôt, Screwfix, TradePoint and Koçtaş. We offer home improvement products and services to consumers and trade professionals who shop in our stores and via our e-commerce channels. At Kingfisher, we believe a better world starts with better homes. We help make better homes accessible for everyone.

Our responsible business data covers all our wholly owned operating companies, referred to as banners in our reporting. We report on an 'operational control' basis, meaning that the data covers Kingfisher's banners where we have the full authority to introduce and implement operating policies. The data for 2022/23 covers our UK businesses (B&Q UK and Screwfix); French businesses (Castorama France and Brico Dépôt France); other international businesses (Castorama Poland, Brico Dépôt Iberia, Brico Dépôt Romania). For our Koçtaş joint venture, as we do not have full operational control, the business is not included in our forest-related reporting. Businesses are included in our sustainability disclosure if they have been owned for the full financial year, to allow sufficient time to implement data collection processes and systems. In cases where we sell a subsidiary or joint venture, our approach is to exclude its performance in the year of sale and to restate the data from prior years, to enable a comparison of trends over time.

Under our strategic plan, 'Powered by Kingfisher,' the business will utilise its core strengths and commercial assets, and 'power' its distinct retail banners to address the significant growth opportunities that exist within the home improvement market, returning the business to growth. One of our strategic priorities under the 'Powered by Kingfisher' strategy is to lead the industry in responsible business practices and energy efficiency. Our Responsible Business strategy identifies four key priorities where we believe we can most help bring about positive change on some of the big challenges facing society:

- Colleagues: working towards being an inclusive company
- Customers: helping to make greener, healthier homes affordable
- Planet: helping to tackle climate change and becoming Forest Positive
- Communities: fighting to fix bad housing

These will bring focus to our efforts and enable us to work together with our partners, our customers and colleagues to further increase our impact. Our priorities have been informed by research with our customers, our materiality assessment and external frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. They reflect our most significant impacts and the areas where we have the opportunity to make a significant difference.

Deforestation is a cause of climate change as well as contributing to loss of biodiversity and impacting local communities who live and work in forest environments. For over 30 years, Kingfisher has been committed to sourcing wood and paper responsibly, starting with the first responsible timber policy published at B&Q in 1991 and becoming a founding partner of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) in 1993. We use wood and paper in many of our products and that's why we're committed to continuing our journey to become Forest Positive by 2025, focusing on responsible sourcing of all wood and paper, ensuring no deforestation across our supply chain, and protecting and restoring forests across the globe.

As part of our commitment to become Forest Positive we are a founding member of the Rainforest Alliance's Forest Allies initiative (from 2021), investing in projects in key tropical sourcing regions. We're investing US\$750,000 over three years to support six projects, which cover some 190,000 hectares of community managed forests, and contribute towards the protection of more than 2,500,000 hectares of protected areas. Our membership of Forest Allies is supporting six forest projects that are:

1. Scaling up successful forest restoration models in Guatemala.
2. Developing a sustainable forest model in Colombia.
3. Partnering with Indigenous communities in Peru.
4. Developing a roadmap for sustainable rubber in Indonesia.
5. Connecting forest communities with key markets in Indonesia.
6. Fostering community forest management in Cameroon.

In addition, B&Q, Castorama France, Castorama Poland and Screwfix established local partnerships to restore, create and protect native woodland and forests.

In 2022/23, 94.5% of the wood and paper used in our products was responsibly sourced (FY 21/22: 87.2%). Of that:

—69.5% was FSC®

—24.4% was PEFC™

—0.6% was from verified recycled sources

F0.2

(F0.2) State the start and end date of the year for which you are reporting data.

	Start Date	End Date
Reporting year	February 1 2022	January 31 2023

F0.3

(F0.3) Select the currency used for all financial information disclosed throughout your response.

GBP

F0.4

(F0.4) Select the forest risk commodity(ies) that you are, or are not, disclosing on (including any that are sources for your processed ingredients or manufactured goods); and for each select the stages of the supply chain that best represents your organization's area of operation.

Timber products

Commodity disclosure

Disclosing

Stage of the value chain

Retailing

Are you disclosing information on embedded commodities?

No, because we do not know if we have embedded commodities

Explanation if not disclosing

<Not Applicable>

Palm oil

Commodity disclosure

Not disclosing

Stage of the value chain

Retailing

Are you disclosing information on embedded commodities?

<Not Applicable>

Explanation if not disclosing

We do not consider this commodity to be material for our business. Ongoing assessment of products and supply chains by our main retail banners has found minimal derivatives of palm oil. Palm oil was not included as a key KPI for tracking this year as materiality was agreed to be low. Nevertheless, in line with our Forest Positive Policy, our preferred response to the presence of high-risk palm oil in our supply chain is to seek alternative sources/substances.

Cattle products

Commodity disclosure

Not disclosing

Stage of the value chain

Retailing

Are you disclosing information on embedded commodities?

<Not Applicable>

Explanation if not disclosing

We do not consider this commodity to be material for our business. Our Goods For Resale products which are made from leather (e.g. gloves, shoes etc.) account for less than 0.5% of revenue.

Soy

Commodity disclosure

This commodity is not produced, sourced or used by our organization

Stage of the value chain

<Not Applicable>

Are you disclosing information on embedded commodities?

<Not Applicable>

Explanation if not disclosing

<Not Applicable>

Other - Rubber

Commodity disclosure

Not disclosing

Stage of the value chain

Retailing

Are you disclosing information on embedded commodities?

<Not Applicable>

Explanation if not disclosing

We sell a small number of rubber products including rubber gloves. We do not consider this commodity to be material for our business.

Other - Cocoa

Commodity disclosure

This commodity is not produced, sourced or used by our organization

Stage of the value chain

<Not Applicable>

Are you disclosing information on embedded commodities?

<Not Applicable>

Explanation if not disclosing

<Not Applicable>

Other - Coffee

Commodity disclosure

This commodity is not produced, sourced or used by our organization

Stage of the value chain

<Not Applicable>

Are you disclosing information on embedded commodities?

<Not Applicable>

Explanation if not disclosing

<Not Applicable>

F0.5

(F0.5) Select the option that describes the reporting boundary for which forests-related impacts on your business are being reported

Operational control

F0.6

(F0.6) Select the countries/areas in which you operate.

- France
- Ireland
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Spain
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

F0.7

(F0.7) Are there any parts of your direct operations or supply chain that are not included in your disclosure?

No

F0.8

(F0.8) Does your organization have an ISIN code or another unique identifier (e.g., Ticker, CUSIP, etc.?)

Indicate whether you are able to provide a unique identifier for your organization	Provide your unique identifier
Yes, an ISIN code	GB0033195214
Yes, a CUSIP code	495724403
Yes, a SEDOL code	3319521

F1. Current state

F1.1

(F1.1) How does your organization produce, use or sell your disclosed commodity(ies)?

Timber products

Activity

Retailing/onward sale of commodity or product containing commodity

Form of commodity

Hardwood logs

Softwood logs

Sawn timber, veneer, chips

Paper

Boards, plywood, engineered wood

Primary packaging

Secondary packaging

Tertiary packaging

Wood-based bioenergy

Goods not for resale (GNFR)

Source

Contracted suppliers (manufacturers)

Country/Area of origin

Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Bangladesh
Belgium
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Brazil
Bulgaria
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
China
Congo
Czechia
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Gabon
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Italy
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malaysia
Namibia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan, China
Thailand
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Viet Nam
Unknown origin

% of procurement spend

11-20%

Comment

Key categories of wood and paper equate to £1538m; this gives a wood and paper COGS of 20%. Total COGS £7754m

F1.2

(F1.2) Indicate the percentage of your organization’s revenue that was dependent on your disclosed forest risk commodity(ies) in the reporting year.

	% of revenue dependent on commodity	Comment
Timber products	11-20%	Wood and paper products account for 18% of sales revenue for 2022/23 (£2,574m / £14,560m).
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F1.5

(F1.5) Does your organization collect production and/or consumption data for your disclosed commodity(ies)?

	Data availability/Disclosure
Timber products	Consumption data available, disclosing
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>

F1.5a

(F1.5a) Disclose your production and/or consumption figure, and the percentage of commodity volumes verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Data type

Consumption data

Commodity production/ consumption volume

28065

Metric for commodity production/ consumption volume

Other, please specify (Number of EANs purchased)

Data coverage

Full commodity production/consumption

Have any of your reported commodity volumes been verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free?

Yes

% of reported volume verified as deforestation- and/or conversion-free

94.5

Please explain

We require that all goods containing wood and/or paper are from one of the following responsible sources:

1. Recycled: Verified/certified as recycled or reused (including pre-consumer or postconsumer sources).
2. Sustainably managed (shown below in order of preference):

- a. FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council) with FULL Chain of Custody throughout the supply chain. Note: This is the only certification scheme we accept for wood and paper harvested from tropical countries.
- b. PEFC™ (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) with FULL Chain of Custody throughout the supply chain.

In 2022/23, 94.46% of our wood and paper products met our responsible sourcing criteria.

F1.5b

(F1.5b) Provide a breakdown of your DCF and non-DCF volumes relevant to your stage in the supply chain according to how verification is achieved and the highest level of traceability, respectively.

Timber products – DCF

% of DCF production/consumption volume from areas with no or negligible risk of deforestation/conversion

0

% of DCF production/consumption volume verified through monitoring systems

0

% of DCF production/consumption volume physically certified

94.5

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume from unknown origin

<Not Applicable>

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable only as far as country level

<Not Applicable>

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable only as far as sub-national area

<Not Applicable>

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable only as far as processing facility level

<Not Applicable>

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable to production unit level

<Not Applicable>

Total percentage of production/consumption volume reported (DCF) [auto-calculated]

Total percentage of production/consumption volume reported (non-DCF) [(auto-calculated)]

<Not Applicable>

Timber products – Non DCF

% of DCF production/consumption volume from areas with no or negligible risk of deforestation/conversion

<Not Applicable>

% of DCF production/consumption volume verified through monitoring systems

<Not Applicable>

% of DCF production/consumption volume physically certified

<Not Applicable>

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume from unknown origin

1.8

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable only as far as country level

3.7

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable only as far as sub-national area

0

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable only as far as processing facility level

0

% of non-DCF production/consumption volume traceable to production unit level

0

Total percentage of production/consumption volume reported (DCF) [auto-calculated]

<Not Applicable>

Total percentage of production/consumption volume reported (non-DCF) [(auto-calculated)]

F1.5c

(F1.5c) For your disclosed commodity(ies), indicate the percentage of the production/consumption volume sourced by national and/or sub-national jurisdiction of origin.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Country/Area of origin

Any other countries/areas

State or equivalent jurisdiction

<Not Applicable>

% of total production/consumption volume

93.6

Please explain

Timber consumption volume by vendor is measured using the number of EANs purchased from each vendor during the reporting year. Supply chain traceability is achieved down to the country level by interrogating the vendor-based questionnaires and supported by FSC®/PEFC™ certificates.

Most of our wood and paper comes from non forest-risk countries. The 93.6% reported here includes Poland, Spain, UK, Italy, Sweden, Croatia, China, France, Germany, Romania, Slovenia, Finland, United States of America, Austria.

F1.6

(F1.6) Has your organization experienced any detrimental forests-related impacts?

Yes

F1.6a

(F1.6a) Describe the forests-related detrimental impacts experienced by your organization, your response, and the total financial impact.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Impact driver type

Technological

Primary impact driver

Other technological driver, please specify (Lack of feasible physical traceability from end product to forest for large retailers of composite products sourced globally)

Primary impact

Increased operating costs

Description of impact

Company-specific description: There is a lack of genuine physical traceability of wood and paper across retail products back to the forest source, despite the certification processes in place. This influences Kingfisher, which sources a large number of wood and paper products from a large number of suppliers. Solutions are very manual and resource intensive. RFID and barcode technology combined with GIS has very limited uptake. Transaction verification is undertaken by FSC®, but only on some high-risk products. This means that FSC and PEFC™ CoC certification cannot be relied on to deliver traceability to forest for large scale complex supply chains such as Kingfisher's.

Scale of impact: This has a high impact on operating costs due to the manual due diligence that is required, since timber products represent 18% of our sales revenue, and since our target is to have 100% of the timber products we sell from certified sources. This is an on-going issue effecting all our wood and paper projects, which represents 18% of total sales revenue.

Primary response

Greater due diligence

Total financial impact

31500

Description of response

Stakeholders involved: We employ external consultants and experts to help us understand the traceability of all timber products we sell. Members of our internal Offer & Sourcing team also spend some of their employed time on this issue.

Outcomes to date: The resulting reviews have given us an understanding of areas of strength and weakness in supply chain visibility and helped us to identify priority actions. One resulting workstream is exploring how new technologies and solutions can be employed in case of concern, e.g. laboratory tests. We also require vendors to provide additional data to us by completing our 'Wood Traceability Sheet (WTS)' (a worksheet that is within our 'Wood Products (WP) Vendor Data' Excel workbook) for products that are considered high risk or where required under UKTR/EUTR. Our risk assessment is in line with the approach recommended by the UK/EU Timber Regulations (UKTR/ EUTR). The risk assessment is incorporated into our mandatory data sheet (section 'WTS Required?') and automatically highlights to vendors if they are required to complete the WTS.

How financial impact figure was derived: Our total financial impact is an approximate cost time spent on this specific issue by hired third-party expert focusing on our Forest Positive commitment. This was then translated into salary costs.

F1.7

(F1.7) Indicate whether you have assessed the deforestation or conversion footprint for your disclosed commodities over the past 5 years, or since a specified cutoff date, and provide details.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Have you monitored or estimated your deforestation/conversion footprint?

Yes, we monitor deforestation/conversion footprint in our supply chain

Coverage

Partial consumption volume

Reporting deforestation/conversion since a specified cutoff date or during the last five years?

Other, please specify (We use FSC & PEFC certification to measure supplier control for deforestation i.e. conversion. 69.5% of our certified wood and paper products are FSC, inc. all timber from tropics. FSC's forest conversion cutoff is 1994, PEFC has a cutoff of 2010.)

Known or estimated deforestation/ conversion footprint (hectares)

0

Describe methods and data sources used to monitor or estimate deforestation/ conversion footprint

The conversion footprint cut-offs apply to all FSC and PEFC purchases which covers 94.5% of EANs purchased for 2022/23. We use FSC® and PEFC™ certification as a means of measuring supplier control systems for deforestation and conversion as both schemes prohibit deforestation and conversion. We do this through our commitment to 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper in all our operations by 2025, with the responsible sourcing criteria within the Forest Positive Policy requiring FSC or PEFC certification with full chain of custody, verified recycled material, or FSC in the tropics. This commitment includes all wood and paper products used in our operations and applies to all regions we source from.

Our 100% target for meeting our responsible sourcing criteria is implemented through the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines and requirements in Conditions of Supply for vendors. In this way, we use certification as the implementing action to ensure the commitments to no deforestation and no conversion are met. In 2022/23 we achieved 94.5% compliance across all our operations with FSC / PEFC certified with full chain of custody or verified recycled wood and paper, meaning that 94.5% of the products we purchased had supplier control systems in place to avoid deforestation and conversion. Vendor data is validated annually through a performance review of compliance with the Kingfisher Forest Positive Policy and Vendor Guidelines.

94.5% of the wood and paper we sourced in the year met our responsible purchasing criteria (2021/22: 87.2%). Of that:

—69.5% was FSC®

—24.4% was PEFC™

—0.6% was from verified recycled sources

F2. Procedures

F2.1

(F2.1) Does your organization undertake a forests-related risk assessment?

Yes, forests-related risks are assessed

F2.1a

(F2.1a) Select the options that best describe your procedures for identifying and assessing forests-related risks.

Timber products

Value chain stage

Direct operations
Supply chain

Coverage

Full

Risk assessment procedure

Assessed as part of other company-wide risk assessment system

Frequency of assessment

More than once a year

How far into the future are risks considered?

3 to 6 years

Tools and methods used

Internal company methods
External consultants
Sustainability Policy Transparency Toolkit (SPOTT)
Preferred by Nature Sourcing Hub
National specific tools and databases
Jurisdictional/landscape assessment
Other, please specify (FSC Risk Assessment Platform)

Issues considered

Availability of forest risk commodities
Quality of forests risk commodities
Impact of activity on the status of ecosystems and habitats
Regulation
Climate change
Impact on water security
Tariffs or price increases
Loss of markets
Leakage markets
Brand damage related to forests risk commodities
Corruption
Social impacts

Stakeholders considered

Customers
Employees
Investors
Local communities
NGOs
Other forest risk commodity users/producers at a local level
Regulators
Suppliers

Please explain

Wood and paper (W&P) are the largest natural resources used across Kingfisher. Failure of W&P products to comply to policy, missing our 100% responsible sourcing target, and failure to report robust data is considered a major risk. We track origin of material to assess risk of impacting ecosystems and habitats, water security, as well as social risks. Country of origin is used to assess the state of regulation on logging and environment and ensure legal origin of our W&P products.

We have policy caveats to help protect more vulnerable areas, e.g. FSC® only from tropical regions to ensure products follow FSC Principles on workers' rights and employment conditions, indigenous peoples' rights, community relations, benefits from the forest, and high conservation values.

Tools we employ to manage risk include:

- 1) Full FSC & PEFC™ CoC certification or third-party verification of recycled material; and risk assessment through the Wood Traceability Sheet (WTS) including species, country of origin, presence of composite material (which indicates supply chain complexity) and Corruption Perception Index score for the country of export/harvest. The WTS tool includes a risk matrix to assess products in line with EUTR/UKTR requirements and guidance, and to harmonise risk evaluation and mitigation across the Group. Where products are identified by the risk matrix as above low risk, DDS experts can follow our DDS procedures to further assess potential risk and identify risk mitigation actions, considering best practice tools including SPOTT, NEPCon Sourcing Hub and FSC Risk Assessment Platform. For all non-certified products, we require supply chain transparency information from suppliers, we implement DDS and work towards their certification or replacement through certified suppliers.
- 2) Vendor data is validated annually through a performance review of compliance with responsible sourcing criteria for wood and paper.
- 3) Annual data validation is conducted and sampled on a risk basis
- 4) External assurance providers conduct limited assurance against our wood and paper KPI before publication of Responsible Business report. The approach drives our target to 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper by 2025 & underpins our Forest Positive Commitment.

F2.2

(F2.2) For each of your disclosed commodity(ies), has your organization mapped its value chains?

	Value chain mapping	Primary reason for not mapping your value chain	Explain why your organization does not map its value chain and outline any plans to introduce it
Timber products	Yes, we have partially mapped the value chain	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F2.2a

(F2.2a) Provide details of your organization’s value chain mapping for its disclosed commodity(ies).

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Scope of value chain mapping

Tier 1 suppliers

% of total suppliers covered within selected tier(s)

73

Description of mapping process and coverage

We have mapped 73% of our wood and paper supply chains to Tier 1 level through the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange (Sedex). Kingfisher’s Ethical Sourcing Policy states that we require high risk suppliers/sites to be in possession of a valid Sedex members ethical trade audit (SMETA) or equivalent (or, in the absence of this, complete a SMETA 4 Pillar ethical audit using a nominated ethical audit company). We also use the 'Wood Traceability Sheet' process (Pg.8 of the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines) which enables a degree of mapping.

Your own production and primary processing sites: attach a list of facility names and locations (optional)

Your suppliers’ production and primary processing sites: attach a list of names and locations (optional)

F2.3

(F2.3) Do you use a classification system to determine risk of deforestation and/or conversion of other ecosystems for your sourcing areas, and if yes, what methodology is used, and what is the classification used for?

	Use of a classification system to determine deforestation and/or conversion risk of sourcing areas	Methodology used for classifying levels of risk	Use of risk classification	Attachment indicating risk classification for each sourcing area (optional)
1	No, but we plan to in the next two years	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F3. Risks and opportunities

F3.1

(F3.1) Have you identified any inherent forests-related risks with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

	Risk identified?
Timber products	Yes
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>

F3.1a

(F3.1a) How does your organization define substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

Definition for substantive/strategic impact:

For all our risks, including forest-related risks, we assess the recurring or one-off impact on at least one of the following:

- (i) like-for-like sales,
- (ii) our net margin
- (iii) cost
- (iv) reputation
- (v) regulatory
- (vi) continuity

For each of these, we have set clear definitions of impact (critical, major and manageable) including numerical thresholds for sales, margin, cost and penalties, and qualitative thresholds for reputational issues and frequency (one-off, occurring).

The following definitions are used for severe impact (substantive financial or strategic impact) at Kingfisher: Where it affects sales > £1 billion or cost >£100m; Severe damage to stakeholder confidence and global media interest: sustained globally organised protests and lobbying activities against Kingfisher Group and its subsidiaries; Prosecution resulting in imprisonment and penalties > £5 million; Significant disruption lasting > 1 month affecting several product ranges or key operations and fulfilment.

To assess our risks, we consider the potential financial, reputational, regulatory or operational impact, as well as the probability of them materialising within our outlook period. For each of the principal risks, we also assess any change to the risk level compared to last year. Probabilities are defined as follows:

- Improbable: <10%
- Unlikely: 10-40%
- Possible: 40-60%
- Likely: 60-90%
- Almost certain: >90%

F3.1b

(F3.1b) For your disclosed forest risk commodity(ies), provide details of risks identified with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business, and your response to those risks.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Type of risk

Regulatory

Geographical scale

Global

Where in your value chain does the risk driver occur?

Supply chain

Primary risk driver

Non-compliance with national legislation

Primary potential impact

Brand damage

Company-specific description

One of the key risks identified in Kingfisher's internal Responsible Business Risk register is on Forest Positive Policy compliance and reporting. Achieving 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper is fundamental to our flagship Forest Positive commitment. While we expect the largest impact type for this risk would be from a reputational perspective, it is important to note that there are potential significant regulatory impacts if Kingfisher is not able to comply with the regulations linked to wood and paper sourcing and wider management of deforestation issues. We are also seeing an increasing trend for this risk due to the evolving regulatory landscape. Legal non-compliance in our supply chain, for example with UK and EU Timber Regulations (UKTR and EUTR) and the EU Deforestation Regulations (EUDR), could result in reputational, financial and regulatory risk including fines issues by competent authorities and /or lower investments. Resulting reputational damage could result in NGO campaigning, protest and resulting reduced sale. Our wood and paper products are sourced globally from almost 700 suppliers. There are many more indirect suppliers in our extended supply chain, including suppliers of raw materials and component parts used in the products we buy and sell.

Timeframe

1-3 years

Magnitude of potential impact

Medium-low

Likelihood

About as likely as not

Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure?

Yes, an estimated range

Potential financial impact (currency)

<Not Applicable>

Potential financial impact figure - minimum (currency)

25000000

Potential financial impact figure - maximum (currency)

50000000

Explanation of financial impact

Kingfisher has a public target to have 100% of its wood and paper products certified by 2025. The potential financial impact of any related brand damage if we do not meet this is estimated to be a minor financial impact (£25m-£50m). The financial figure is based on the threshold for minor net impact of risk cost estimate for Kingfisher as outlined in Kingfisher's internal risk register. The figure shows potential impact within a three-year timeframe.

Primary response to risk

Greater due diligence

Description of response

This year 94.5% of wood and paper in sourced products (92% of the value of purchased wood GFR) and 100% of our catalogue paper met our responsible sourcing criteria. We also have ongoing engagement with competent authorities and expert stakeholders to ensure we align with best practice.

Key mitigation action to ensure policy compliance as outlined in Kingfisher's internal Risk Register:

- We have a Forest Positive Policy and vendor guidelines which specify our requirements for suppliers. We continue to track our progress on policy compliance. We are training relevant colleagues on our policies, informing them of changes and requirements to drive compliance.

We aim to update our policy and vendor guidelines to align with requirements from emerging regulations. Our Forest Positive Policy goes beyond national and international regulations, and Responsible Business targets are set on key supply chain issues, including 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper. Policy compliance clauses are written into tenders and contracts, and an audit programme has been started in logistics/distribution centres. Suppliers who do not comply with our policy requirements must put an action plan in place to improve, and we cease to trade with suppliers as a last resort if they don't work with us on business-critical issues.

Cost of response

31500

Explanation of cost of response

We employ experts who specifically look at the compliance of our wood and paper products and the traceability to forests. The cost of response (£31,500) is based on the fees charged by our third-party expert and time spent on those specific issues. Our third-party expert reviews our Forest Positive policy and supporting guidelines to ensure they align with best practice and with regulatory requirements.

In 2022 we recruited an FTE to further develop our vendor due diligence programme. This will enhance our ability to ensure supply chain compliance with the UK and EU Timber Regulations (UKTR and EUTR) and the recent EUDR (EU Deforestation Regulation). B&Q also increased capacity through the employment of a Responsible Sourcing Manager for Wood and Paper.

F3.2

(F3.2) Have you identified any forests-related opportunities with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

	Have you identified opportunities?
Timber products	Yes
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>

F3.2a

(F3.2a) For your selected forest risk commodity(ies), provide details of the identified opportunities with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Type of opportunity

Markets

Where in your value chain does the opportunity occur?

Direct operation

Primary forests-related opportunity

Increased brand value

Company-specific description

Environmentally aware consumers are actively seeking certified timber products; awareness of the FSC logo in the UK has increased +45% since 2019 and 38% of people shopping for forest-based products look for certification labels (FSC/YouGov March 2023). Wood and paper are present in around a third of the products Kingfisher sells, so this is a clear opportunity to communicate our strengths on responsible sourcing to customers and so benefit from a brand 'halo effect' in customer perception (Chernev and Blair, 2021).

Our policy is to buy wood and paper that has been independently audited by recognised certification schemes, such as FSC® and PEFC™, as coming from well-managed forests, or that is verified recycled. This policy, as well as our targets for 100% responsible sourcing and becoming Forest Positive, covers all jurisdictions and all wood and paper products that we source. To date, 94.5% of wood and paper in our products is certified as responsibly sourced.

Hitting our 100% target at the end of 2025 will provide opportunities to promote our sustainability to a wide group of stakeholders, through various communication channels. As a founding member of the Rainforest Alliance Forest Allies' Initiative, we have supported reforestation projects since 2021. We also work with others on sustainable timber sourcing, including as members of FSC and PEFC.

In working towards our target of 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper, we regularly engage with suppliers to ensure they follow our requirements (covering procurement, labelling, data assurance and traceability) and monitor performance as set out in the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines. O&S Sustainability monitor progress monthly and report to the Director of O&S Quality & Sustainability. Where a product is found to be non-compliant, an action plan is developed. This creates the opportunity to promote Kingfisher and its retail banners as a sustainable company to range of stakeholders, including investors, competent authorities and consumers, enhancing the value of the business over all and specifically in relation to wood and paper. Certified products are promoted through our banner websites and catalogues.

Estimated timeframe for realization

1-3 years

Magnitude of potential impact

Medium-high

Likelihood

More likely than not

Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure?

No, we do not have this figure

Potential financial impact figure (currency)

<Not Applicable>

Potential financial impact figure – minimum (currency)

<Not Applicable>

Potential financial impact figure – maximum (currency)

<Not Applicable>

Explanation of financial impact figure

We do not currently compile a financial figure for this opportunity, although we continue to manage it as part of our ongoing work with Kingfisher's Group Customer & Market Intelligence on the Brand Health Tracker. The Brand Health Tracker explores perceptions of our banners and their key competitors in the UK, France, Poland, Romania, Spain, Portugal and Ireland in relation to offering sustainable products, community investment and caring about the environment (along with other areas). Findings are communicated in Kingfisher's Responsible Business dashboard which is shared with the Responsible Business Committee led by C suite executives on a quarterly basis.

Cost to realize opportunity

31500

Strategy to realize opportunity

Kingfisher is committed to sell 100% responsibly sourced timber products in its stores and to become forest positive by 2025. Achieving these targets will position Kingfisher among the leader home improvement companies in sustainability and enable the promotion of our wood-derived products and products containing wood to be promoted to consumers as sustainable.

Our policy is to buy wood and paper that has been independently audited by recognised certification schemes, such as FSC® and PEFC™, as coming from well-managed forests, or that is verified recycled. This policy, as well as our targets for 100% responsible sourcing and becoming Forest Positive, covers all jurisdictions and all wood and paper products that we source. To date, 94.5% of wood and paper in our products is certified as responsibly sourced.

Hitting our 100% target at the end of 2025 will provide opportunities to promote our sustainability to a wide group of stakeholders, through various communication channels. In working towards our target of 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper, we regularly engage with suppliers to ensure they follow our requirements (covering procurement, labelling, data assurance and traceability) and monitor performance as set out in the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines. O&S Sustainability monitor progress monthly and report to the Director of O&S Quality & Sustainability. Where a product is found to be non-compliant, an action plan is developed.

This creates the opportunity to promote Kingfisher and its retail banners as a sustainable company to range of stakeholders, including investors, competent authorities and consumers, enhancing the value of the business over all and specifically in relation to wood and paper. Certified products are promoted through our banner websites and catalogues.

Explanation on cost to realize opportunity: We employ experts who specifically look at the compliance of our wood and paper products and the traceability to forests. The cost (£31,500) is based on the fees charged by our third-party expert and time spent on those specific issues. Our third-party expert reviews our Forest Positive policy and supporting guidelines to ensure they align with best practice and with regulatory requirements.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Type of opportunity

Other

Where in your value chain does the opportunity occur?

Direct operation

Primary forests-related opportunity

Other, please specify (Reduced interest rate via revolving credit facility)

Company-specific description

Company-specific explanation of opportunity: In 2021/22 we agreed a £550m three-year revolving credit facility with a group of our relationship banks. The facility is linked to ambitious sustainability and community-based targets, including 100% sustainable wood and paper for Kingfisher's products by 2025/26 covering all retail banners across the Group. This enables us to benefit from a lower interest rate if we deliver on our responsible business targets.

Explanation of the strategy: Our Forest Positive Policy and Vendor Guidelines commits us to buy wood and paper that has been independently audited by recognised certification schemes, such as FSC® and PEFC™, as coming from well-managed forests, or that is verified recycled. This policy, as well as our targets for 100% responsible sourcing and becoming Forest Positive, covers all jurisdictions and all wood and paper products that we source. Group banners must comply with the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures; implementing guidance and training has been developed to ensure staff and vendors have the information and skills to deliver compliance. Policy compliance clauses are written into tenders and contracts, and an audit programme has been started in logistics/distribution centres. Suppliers who do not comply with our policy requirements must put an action plan in place to improve, and we cease to trade with suppliers as a last resort if they don't work with us to address business critical issues. To date, 94.5% of wood and paper in our products is certified as responsibly sourced, up from 87.2% in 21/22, demonstrating good progress towards our targets.

Example of strategy in action: In working towards our target of 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper, we regularly engage with suppliers to ensure they follow our requirements (covering procurement, labelling, data assurance and traceability) and monitor performance as set out in the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines. O&S Sustainability monitor progress monthly and report to the Director of O&S Quality & Sustainability. Where a product is found to be non-compliant, an action plan is developed.

Estimated timeframe for realization

1-3 years

Magnitude of potential impact

Medium-high

Likelihood

More likely than not

Are you able to provide a potential financial impact figure?

No, we do not have this figure

Potential financial impact figure (currency)

<Not Applicable>

Potential financial impact figure – minimum (currency)

<Not Applicable>

Potential financial impact figure – maximum (currency)

<Not Applicable>

Explanation of financial impact figure

We do not currently compile a financial figure for this opportunity, although we continue to manage it as we track progress of the targets linked to our revolving credit facility through our Responsible Business dashboard. The dashboard is prepared with inputs from experts from across the business and is communicated to the Responsible Business Committee led by Non-Executive Directors and C-suite executives on a quarterly basis.

Cost to realize opportunity

31500

Strategy to realize opportunity

We are committed to report our progress on our commitments as part of annual reporting including our Responsible Business Report and Performance Data Appendix. We

will continue to manage it as we track progress of the targets linked to our revolving credit facility through our Responsible Business dashboard. The dashboard is prepared with inputs from experts from across the business and is communicated to the Responsible Business Committee led by Non-Executive Directors and C-suite executives on a quarterly basis. We are making good progress towards 100 responsible sourcing. In 2022/23, 94.5% of the wood and paper used in our products was responsibly sourced (2021/22: 87.2%) and 100% catalogue paper.

We work with almost 700 suppliers who in turn provide us with more than £1bn of product sales containing paper or wood every year. Good quality data enables us to monitor progress against our responsible sourcing commitments. We expanded our team in 2022/23 and invested in technology, auditing tools and systems. This will enable us to more accurately track the sustainability credentials of the products supplied to us and identify which suppliers need support to meet our responsible sourcing standards

Explanation on cost to realize opportunity: We employ experts who specifically look at the compliance of our wood and paper products and the traceability to forests. The cost (£31,500) is based on the fees charged by our third-party expert and time spent on those specific issues. Our third-party expert reviews our Forest Positive policy and supporting guidelines to ensure they align with best practice and with regulatory requirements. Our policy and guidelines are our main way to communicate our responsible sourcing requirements to suppliers.

F4. Governance

F4.1

(F4.1) Is there board-level oversight of forests-related issues within your organization?

Yes

F4.1a

(F4.1a) Identify the position(s) of the individual(s) (do not include any names) on the board with responsibility for forests-related issues.

Position of individual or committee	Responsibilities for forest-related issues
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	<p>Our Group Chief Executive Officer has ultimate accountability for our Responsible Business strategy and is a member of our Responsible Business Committee. Our Responsible Business strategy focuses on four priorities, including our continued aim of 100% sustainable sourcing of wood and paper across the business and ensuring zero deforestation in raw materials we use.</p> <p>Our CEO also leads our Group Executive Committee (GEC), which meets at least monthly and has duties which include as set out in its Terms of reference to develop, oversee, monitor, and review for Kingfisher, prior to submission and recommendation to the Board: the responsible business agenda, strategy, and performance including related to forests such as the Forest Positive Policy and performance against wood and paper targets, by each Operating Banner.</p> <p>In December 2020, our CEO took the strategic decision to partner with the Rainforest Alliance as a founding member of the 'Forest Allies' initiative.</p>
Board-level committee	<p>Our Responsible Business Committee (RBC) is a committee of Kingfisher's Board and is chaired by a non-executive director (NED). It monitors performance against our four Responsible Business priorities, including our commitment to help tackle our continued aim of 100% sustainable sourcing of wood and paper across the business and ensuring zero deforestation in raw materials we use, as well as key events in the Responsible Business reporting cycle, and regulatory or legislative updates relevant to Responsible Business.</p> <p>Membership of the RBC includes a further NED, our Group CEO, a retail banner CEO, our Chief Offer & Sourcing Officer, and our Chief People Officer. The seniority of the RBC membership reflects our focus on our Responsible Business agenda.</p> <p>The RBC met twice in 2022. The Board receives regular updates on performance and sustainability risks and reviews the company's responsible business KPIs each quarter as part of its governance dashboard.</p>

F4.1b

(F4.1b) Provide further details on the board’s oversight of forests-related issues.

	Frequency that forests-related issues are a scheduled agenda item	Governance mechanisms into which forests-related issues are integrated	Please explain
Row 1	Scheduled - some meetings	Monitoring implementation and performance Monitoring progress towards corporate targets Reviewing and guiding annual budgets Reviewing and guiding business plans Reviewing and guiding corporate responsibility strategy Reviewing and guiding major plans of action Reviewing and guiding risk management policies Reviewing and guiding strategy Reviewing innovation / R&D priorities Setting performance objectives	To effectively monitor our risks and harness opportunities, principal risks are reviewed by the Group Executive and Board twice a year. The Responsible Business Committee is a committee of the Board and met twice in 2022. Our most significant risks are included in our sustainability risk register (part of our overall Group risk management process). As part of our TCFD disclosure, our scenario analysis looked at the impact of climate change on raw materials supply including yields of pine and spruce. Our Audit Committee reviews climate-related disclosures including compliance with the TCFD requirements. The Group Executive Committee (GEC) comprises two members of the Board (CEO and Chief Financial Officer) as well as executive staff across the Group. The GEC meets at least monthly, and has duties to develop, oversee, monitor and review the responsible business agenda, strategy and performance, including the Forest Positive Policy and performance against wood and paper targets by each operating banner. The Chair of the GEC reports to the Board at each Board meeting on key points and makes recommendations on areas where action is needed. The Forest Positive Policy sets out the Group’s vision and policy commitments related to its operations which involve forest risks and opportunities. It is approved by the following Group Executive members: CEO (also a Board member), Chief Offer and Sourcing Officer, Chief People Officer, Chief Financial Officer (also a Board member).

F4.1d

(F4.1d) Does your organization have at least one board member with competence on forests-related issues?

Row 1

Board member(s) have competence on forests-related issues

Yes

Criteria used to assess competence on forests-related issues

The Board considers its own performance and composition annually as part of the Board evaluation process. In 2022/23, the Board’s performance across a range of areas was reviewed, including strategic issue oversight and priorities for change. A Kingfisher Board member also served on the Board of the Value Reporting Foundation until June 2022, and therefore provides the Kingfisher Board with competence in relation to sustainability-related reporting.

Through this review, it was felt that the Board contained sufficient forest-related expertise through the inclusion on the Board of the Chair of Kingfisher’s Responsible Business Committee (RBC), who is briefed regularly on forest-related issues through their role on the RBC.

Primary reason for no board-level competence on forests-related issues

<Not Applicable>

Explain why your organization does not have at least one board member with competence on forests-related issues and any plans to address board-level competence in the future

<Not Applicable>

F4.2

(F4.2) Provide the highest management-level position(s) or committee(s) with responsibility for forests-related issues (do not include the names of individuals).

Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)	Forests-related responsibilities of this position	Frequency of reporting to the board on forests-related issues	Please explain
Other C-Suite Officer, (please specify (Chief Offer & Sourcing Officer)	Setting forests-related corporate targets Monitoring progress against forests-related corporate targets Assessing forests-related risks and opportunities Managing forests-related risks and opportunities	Quarterly	As the lead on retail offer, the Chief Offer and Sourcing Officer provides direction on the development and integration of sustainability (inc. forest related issues) across our product offer. They oversee the Offer and Sourcing Sustainability team's quarterly performance updates to the Board and Board Committees (Group Executive Committee (GEC) and Responsible Business Committee (RBC)) governance dashboards. This includes progress against the Forest Positive 2025/26 target of 100% wood and paper GFR SKUs purchased as responsibly sourced. They sign off annual reporting incl. the Responsible Business report. They approve the Forest Policy, together with members of the GEC, and are a member of the RBC and GEC, who both report to the Board on Responsible Business. EXAMPLE: the strategic decision to commit to 'become Forest Positive by 2025' was reviewed and agreed by the RBC. As a result, to the RBC took the decision for Kingfisher to become a founding member of the Rainforest Alliance initiative Forest Allies.
Sustainability committee	Assessing forests-related risks and opportunities Managing forests-related risks and opportunities	Quarterly	Our Responsible Business Committee (RBC) leads and oversees delivery of our responsible business strategy, including our continued aim of 100% sustainable sourcing of wood and paper across the business and to ensure zero deforestation in raw materials. The RBC is a sub-committee of the Board and represents senior managers of forest related issues; being chaired by a non-executive director (NED); and including the CEO; another NED, the Chief Offer & Sourcing Officer our Chief People Officer and the CEO of Screwfix (overseeing a retail banner). The RBC met 2 times in 2022/23; and receives monthly and quarterly updates from Group Responsible Business (via our Responsible Business dashboard). It reports to the Board regularly on performance and sustainability risks, as well as any significant related matters. This includes the setting of targets for our 4 Responsible Business priorities and fundamentals (inc. Wood and Paper) for approval by the Board, monitoring their performance and delivery. As part of reviewing priorities e.g. the strategic decision to commit Kingfisher to 'become Forest Positive by 2025' was led by the CEO and reviewed and agreed by the RBC. As a result, a commitment to achieve 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper by 2025' was incorporated into our responsible business priorities. In addition, Kingfisher took the decision to become a founding member of the Rainforest Alliance initiative, Forest Allies.

F4.3

(F4.3) Do you provide incentives to C-suite employees or board members for the management of forests-related issues?

	Provide incentives for management of forests-related issues	Comment
Row 1	Yes	In 2022/23, ESG measures (climate change, Forest Positive (sourcing wood and paper responsibly) and gender diversity) were included in the Kingfisher Performance Share Plan for our senior leadership team.

F4.3a

(F4.3a) What incentives are provided to C-Suite employees or board members for the management of forests-related issues (do not include the names of individuals)?

	Role(s) entitled to incentive?	Performance indicator	Contribution of incentives to the achievement of your organization's forests-related commitments	Please explain
Monetary reward	Board/Executive board	Increasing commodity volumes with credible third-party certification	In 2022/23, ESG measures (climate change, Forest Positive and gender diversity) were included in the Kingfisher Performance Share Plan for our senior leadership team. The 2023 Performance Share Plan awards will be granted at the next available grant date. The CEO will be granted an award of the value 275% of salary at date of grant with the CFO receiving a grant of 260% of salary. The performance conditions attached to the vesting of award are as follows: —25% EPS; —25% ROCE; —25% Relative TSR; and —25% ESG measures (Climate Change, Forest Positive, Gender Diversity). For our Forest Positive measure, which is % of wood and paper products responsibly sourced, targets were set taking into account our long-term aim for 100% of our wood and paper products to be responsibly sourced, as well as our progress to date on this measure.	To help embed responsible business into our culture, our top leaders, members of our Group Executive and banner boards, have a requirement to demonstrate responsible business behaviours included in their objectives. Our most senior managers (including the Group Executive) must take the lead on integrating responsible business into our commercial strategy and day-to-day operations. The responsible sourcing criteria within our Wood and Paper (W&P) Policy requires FSC® or PEFC™ certification with full chain of custody, verified recycled material, or FSC/formally working towards FSC in the tropics. Progress against the target was assessed at the end of the financial year based on KPI reporting for the Responsible Business report. A new Remuneration Policy applicable for the Executive Directors was submitted and approved by shareholders at the 2022 AGM. The new Policy includes a new share plan known as the Kingfisher Performance Share Plan which will also be granted to our senior leadership population. Responsible Business measures form part of the performance conditions which determine the vesting of this plan. This includes a 25% weighting on ESG measures (includes wood and paper) which reflects the importance of our Responsible Business agenda and to recognise our long-term goals and commitments.
Non-monetary reward	No one is entitled to these incentives	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	No non-monetary reward schemes are currently in place.

F4.4

(F4.4) Did your organization include information about its response to forests-related risks in its most recent mainstream financial report?

Yes (you may attach the report – this is optional)
Kingfisher-plc-Annual-Report-2022-23.pdf

F4.5

(F4.5) Does your organization have a policy that includes forests-related issues?

Yes, we have a documented forests policy that is publicly available

F4.5a

(F4.5a) Select the options to describe the scope and content of your policy.

Row 1

Scope

Company-wide

Commodity coverage

Timber products

Content

Commitment to eliminate conversion of natural ecosystems
Commitment to eliminate deforestation
Secure Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of indigenous people and local communities
Commitment to protect rights and livelihoods of local communities
Commitments beyond regulatory compliance
Commitment to transparency
Commitment to align with the SDGs
Description of business dependency on forests
Recognition of potential business impact on forests and other natural ecosystems
Description of forest risk commodities, parts of the business, and stages of value-chain covered by the policy
Description of forests-related standards for procurement

Document attachment

Kingfisher_Responsible_Business_Forest_Positive_Policy_2022.pdf

Please explain

Wood is the most widely used natural resource used across Kingfisher. In line with our Forest Positive aim, we are committed to:

- Ensuring there is no deforestation across our supply chain by 2025, including no human-induced forest degradation or conversion of natural ecosystems.
- Protecting forest landscapes including those in High Conservation Value areas, High Carbon Stock forests, and those which are part of an Intact Forest Landscape.

We are committed to protecting human rights across our forest supply chain, in line with our Human Rights Policy and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. We seek to work with our suppliers to ensure they:

- Identify and respect indigenous peoples and local community legal and customary rights and ensure Free Prior Informed Consent prior to any activity where those rights are affected.
- Cooperate in remediation through appropriate measures reflecting the negotiated outcomes of the Free Prior Informed Consent process. We require our suppliers to have due diligence in place to ensure no deforestation in their supply chain, in line with the UK Timber Regulation (UKTR) and EU Timber Regulation (EUTR).

Our Forest Positive Policy has three main elements:

1. Responsible sourcing of wood and paper: We aim to only source from forests that meet our responsible purchasing criteria for wood and paper to protect a continued supply of wood and to avoid contributing to deforestation. Our Forest Positive Wood and Paper Vendor Guidelines outline our responsible sourcing requirements for our vendors.
2. No deforestation through other materials: We seek to ensure that we do not contribute to deforestation through other materials we use. We regularly review deforestation risks by identifying materials in products that may be derived from forests or linked to deforestation.
3. Protecting and restoring forests: We aim to support forest restoration and protection through projects. We work in partnership with organisations to support projects that have a long-lasting and positive impact on forests, including the Rainforest Alliance.

These policy requirements are incorporated into supplier and product selection, contracts, and performance reviews. Policies were reviewed in 2021 and 2022. Kingfisher publishes timebound targets, data and progress on responsible sourcing of wood and paper in its Responsible Business report.

F4.6

(F4.6) Has your organization made a public commitment to reduce or remove deforestation and/or forest degradation from its direct operations and/or supply chain?

Forest risk commodity	Public commitments made
Timber products	Yes

F4.6a

(F4.6a) Has your organization endorsed any of the following initiatives as part of its public commitment to reduce or remove deforestation and/or forest degradation?

Other, please specify (Forest Allies Initiative)

F4.6b

(F4.6b) Provide details on your public commitment(s), including the description of specific criteria, coverage, and actions.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Criteria

No conversion of natural ecosystems
Zero gross deforestation/ no deforestation
No conversion of High Conservation Value areas
No conversion of High Carbon Stock forests
Secure Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of indigenous people and local communities
Operations are in accordance with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Adoption of the UN International Labour Organization principles
No sourcing of illegally produced and/or traded forest risk commodities
No sourcing of forest risk commodities from unknown/controversial sources
Restricting the sourcing and/or trade of forest risk commodities to credible certified sources
Recognition of legal and customary land tenure rights

Operational coverage

Direct operations and supply chain

% of total production/ consumption covered by commitment

100%

Cutoff date

2010

Forest risk countries/areas that the cutoff date applies to

Applied globally

Reason for selecting cutoff date

Compliance with initiative, please specify (Kingfisher requires products to meet responsible sourcing criteria including FSC by preference and PEFC. 2010 is the latest cutoff date allowed, for PEFC certified products only. FSC products must meet the FSC's cutoff date (1994).)

Commitment target date

2021-25

Please explain

We have committed to 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper in all its operations by 2025, and we continue to work towards this target. The responsible sourcing criteria within the Forest Positive Policy require FSC® or PEFC certification with full chain of custody, verified recycled material, or FSC/formally working towards FSC in the tropics. This approach uses certification as the implementing action to ensure the commitments above are met. The cut-off date of 2010 corresponds to the PEFC date which Kingfisher adheres to, FSC uses 1994; both dates are publicly available. Our 100% target for meeting our responsible sourcing criteria is implemented through the Forest Positive Wood and Paper Vendor Guidelines and requirements in Conditions of Supply for vendors. This commitment includes all wood and paper products used in our operations and applies to all regions we source from. In 2022/23 we achieved 94.5% compliance across all our operations. In addition to wood and paper, we recognise that there are a small number of other product ranges that contain commodities which impact forests and commit to taking a responsible approach to procurement, including improving supply chain controls for products which may be derived from forests to ensure they are from known, legal sources, and meet responsible purchasing criteria in our Forest Positive Policy where possible. Our W&P Specialist delivered training for Sourcing Quality Engineers and their managers on the W&P Process across sourcing offices in France, Poland, Romania, Spain, Portugal and the UK. Offer and Sourcing Sustainability also conducted W&P Data Validation to check compliance of all products purchased with the Forest Positive Policy requirements.

F5. Business strategy

F5.1

(F5.1) Are forests-related issues integrated into any aspects of your long-term strategic business plan, and if so how?

	Are forests-related issues integrated?	Long-term time horizon (years)	Please explain
Long-term business objectives	Yes, forests-related issues are integrated	5-10	<p>Our medium-term priorities (2021 and onwards) under our strategic plan 'Powered by Kingfisher' include the objective to 'Lead the industry in Responsible Business practices and energy efficiency'. We revisited our Responsible Business strategy in 2019/20 and identified four key priorities where we can use our experience, scale and influence to go even further in bringing about positive change. These priorities are our Colleagues, Customers, Communities, and Planet.</p> <p>As part of our ongoing journey to become Forest Positive, we are focusing on three main areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100% responsibly sourced wood and paper across our business. 2. No deforestation through the other materials we use. 3. Protecting and restoring forests and supporting forest communities by investing in credible forest landscape initiatives <p>Our Forest Positive Policy states that all wood and paper must be sourced from well managed forests that have been certified to credible certification standards such as FSC® or PEFC™, or from verified recycled sources. Our commitment to responsible sourcing covers any wood or paper used in our business including our products, catalogues, packaging and construction materials. Suppliers must provide proof of Chain of Custody certification, and we train colleagues and monitor compliance via spot checks</p> <p>We are signatories to Better Retail, Better World, a collaboration led by the British Retail Consortium (BRC) aimed at supporting the Sustainable Development Goals to 2030. We want our projects to materially contribute to wider biodiversity goals, such as the UN Biodiversity Framework, to address climate change and engage and involve communities.</p> <p>We are committed to achieving net zero scope 1 and 2 emissions by the end of 2040. This target has been prepared in line with the SBTi's Corporate Net Zero Standard. One of the key steps we are taking to achieve net zero in our operations is through carbon removal. While we are not yet purchasing carbon removal offsets, through the Rainforest Alliance Forest Allies initiative we are supporting the development of solutions to measure carbon stored through local forest conservation.</p>
Strategy for long-term objectives	Yes, forests-related issues are integrated	5-10	<p>As part of our Forest Positive Strategy, with forestry experts we are developing a comprehensive programme, with projects benefitting forests, wildlife & the surrounding communities, building on knowledge gained through previous work in our markets. We continue to work with Rainforest Alliance on reforestation projects, established 2020/21 as part of this strategy.</p> <p>Our targets and policies on deforestation and sustainable sourcing of forest-derived products are integrated into the vendor tendering process for our products. We have a robust process for selecting suppliers. This includes checks on financial strength, ethical and environmental risks, and their ability to manufacture the products to the agreed specification.</p> <p>We are working towards understanding how forest restoration and afforestation can complement our long-term emissions reduction targets. We also want to investigate how certification systems, like FSC®, can be linked to quantifiable emissions reductions. We are committed to achieving net zero scope 1 and 2 emissions by the end of 2040. This target has been prepared in line with the SBTi's Corporate Net Zero Standard. One of the key steps we are taking to achieve net zero in our operations is through carbon removal. While we are not yet purchasing carbon removal offsets, through the Rainforest Alliance Forest Allies initiative we are supporting the development of solutions to measure carbon stored through local forest conservation.</p>
Financial planning	Yes, forests-related issues are integrated	5-10	<p>Kingfisher's investors are increasingly looking at our performance against ESG indicators. We discuss ESG matters with investors and have incorporated ESG priorities and targets into management's remuneration criteria (see F4.3a for further detail).</p> <p>As part of our target to reach net-zero for our operations (scope 1 and 2) by the end of 2040, we plan to neutralise no more than 10% of our residual emissions (relative to 2016/17). We are not yet purchasing carbon removal offsets, but through the Rainforest Alliance Forest Allies initiative we are supporting the development of solutions to measure carbon stored through local forest conservation.</p>

F6. Implementation

F6.1

(F6.1) Did you have any forests-related timebound and quantifiable targets that were active during the reporting year?

Yes

F6.1a

(F6.1a) Provide details of your forests-related timebound and quantifiable target(s) and progress made.

Target reference number

Target 1

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Year target was set

2020

Target coverage

Company-wide

Target category

Third-party certification

Metric

% of volume third-party certified

Traceability point

<Not Applicable>

Third-party certification scheme

FSC (any type)

FSC Recycled

PEFC (any type)

Other, please specify (Verified recycled post or pre-consumer. Approved Kingfisher Scheme (where the scheme can prove a formal certification action plan to FSC certification) currently WWF GFTN is the only practical option.)

Base year

2020

Base year figure

81

Target year

2025

Target year figure

100

Reporting year figure

94.5

% of target achieved relative to base year [auto-calculated]

Target status in reporting year

Underway

Is this target linked to a commitment?

Zero net/gross deforestation

Please explain

Our target for 100% of Wood and Paper Products to meet Responsible Sourcing Criteria by the end of the financial year 2025 was chosen in order to address Kingfisher's role in protecting and improving forests and woodland and working towards global reforestation, to ensure security of supply for our wood and paper products into the future and to support compliance with the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) as well as the EU Deforestation Regulations (EUDR). This target covers all jurisdictions and all wood and paper products that we source. Our responsible sourcing criteria includes following criteria (in order of preference):

1. Third party verified Reused or Recycled Content from Pre-Consumer and Post-Consumer sources, including FSC Recycled
2. FSC with full chain of custody
3. PEFC with full chain of custody

FSC is the preferred scheme and is compulsory for goods from tropical sources, or which contain tree species classified as 'endangered' or 'vulnerable' . To attain this target, we regularly engage with suppliers to ensure they follow our requirements on responsible sourcing of wood and paper goods (covering procurement, labelling, data assurance and traceability) and monitor performance as set out in the Forest Positive Responsible Sourcing of Wood and Paper Products: Vendor Guidelines.

O&S Sustainability monitor progress monthly and report to the Director of O&S Quality & Sustainability. Where a product is found to be non-compliant, an action plan is developed. In 2019/20 we achieved 94.3% responsibly sourced timber in our products for our 3 main banners (B&Q, Brico Depot France, and Castorama France) representing 64% of our turnover. In 2020/21 we extended the scope of our reporting to all banners, including Castorama Poland, Brico Depot Romania, and Brico Depot Iberia. We continue working with our banners to address these challenges and have made significant progress, achieving 94.5% of responsibly sourced wood and paper in 2022/23.

F6.2

(F6.2) Do you have traceability system(s) in place to track and monitor the origin of your disclosed commodity(ies)?

	Do you have system(s) in place?	Supply chain coverage	Description of traceability system	Exclusions	Description of exclusion
Timber products	Yes	Volume from direct and indirect suppliers	Data on country of origin for all components of goods is requested from suppliers for all new products via our Wood and Paper data validation form and is supported by FSC®/PEFC™ chain of custody where available. In higher risk cases, we require the region of timber source within the country (where harvested/grown) and/or the details of forest of harvest. We also ask suppliers of products originating from high-risk countries of origin to provide full CoC information to the supply chain, with additional commercial and transport documentation to validate the CoC information. Most of our wood and paper comes from non-forest-risk countries (91.4%).	Country/geographical area	For low-risk sources, we do not require the region of timber source within the country (where harvested/grown) and/or the details of forest of harvest.
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F6.2a

(F6.2a) Provide details on the level of traceability your organization has for its disclosed commodity(ies).

Forest risk commodity	Point to which commodity is traceable	Countries/areas to which this traceability point applies	% of total production/consumption volume traceable
Timber products	Country	Austria China Croatia Finland France Germany Italy Poland Romania Slovenia Spain Sweden United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America	80.88
Timber products	Not traceable	Please select	19.12

F6.3

(F6.3) Have you adopted any third-party certification scheme(s) for your disclosed commodity(ies)?

	Third-party certification scheme adopted?	% of total production and/or consumption volume certified
Timber products	Yes	94.46
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F6.3a

(F6.3a) Provide a detailed breakdown of the volume and percentage of your production and/or consumption by certification scheme.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Third-party certification scheme

FSC Chain of Custody

Chain-of-custody model used

<Not Applicable>

% of total production/consumption volume certified

69.5

Form of commodity

Hardwood logs
Softwood logs
Sawn timber, veneer, chips
Paper
Boards, plywood, engineered wood
Primary packaging
Secondary packaging
Tertiary packaging
Wood-based bioenergy
Goods not for resale (GNFR)

Volume of production/ consumption certified

19505

Metric for volume

Other, please specify (Number of EANs purchased)

Is this certified by more than one scheme?

No

Is embedded soy certified through this scheme?

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

We require suppliers to provide proof of certification and proof of full Chain of Custody for the wood and paper products we buy. The chain-of-custody model used varies with product. Suppliers may choose a percentage system, transfer system or credit system for a given FSC® product group; and may supply multiple FSC product groups. We train colleagues and suppliers on our approach and monitor compliance via spot checks and product testing. Kingfisher contributes annually to maintaining and improving the FSC certification scheme as an FSC member in FSC economic Chamber, through FSC Europe and FSC Strategy dialogues, as well as on topics such as reforestation and CoC and labour rights. We actively contribute to this dialogue, supporting the multi-stakeholder model of FSC and ensuring balanced representation. During 2022/23 we engaged in discussions with FSC on a number of pilot opportunities for various projects supporting traceability and FSC's work on climate.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Third-party certification scheme

PEFC Chain of Custody

Chain-of-custody model used

<Not Applicable>

% of total production/consumption volume certified

24.41

Form of commodity

Hardwood logs
Softwood logs
Paper
Boards, plywood, engineered wood
Primary packaging
Secondary packaging
Tertiary packaging
Wood-based bioenergy
Goods not for resale (GNFR)

Volume of production/ consumption certified

6850

Metric for volume

Other, please specify (Number of EANs purchased)

Is this certified by more than one scheme?

No

Is embedded soy certified through this scheme?

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

We require suppliers to provide proof of certification and proof of full Chain of Custody for the wood and paper products we buy. The chain-of-custody model used varies with product. Suppliers may choose a percentage system, transfer system or credit system for a given PEFC™ product group; and may supply multiple PEFC product groups - and hence we use all three. We train colleagues and suppliers on our approach and monitor compliance via spot checks and product testing. We work with others on sustainable timber sourcing through the British Retail Consortium's Timber Working Group.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Third-party certification scheme

FSC Recycled

Chain-of-custody model used

<Not Applicable>

% of total production/consumption volume certified

0.55

Form of commodity

Softwood logs

Paper

Boards, plywood, engineered wood

Primary packaging

Secondary packaging

Tertiary packaging

Wood-based bioenergy

Volume of production/ consumption certified

155

Metric for volume

Other, please specify (Number of EANs certified)

Is this certified by more than one scheme?

No

Is embedded soy certified through this scheme?

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

0.55% of the products that we purchase have been classified as FSC® Recycled. This means they have been third party verified as complying with FSC Standards and are made from 100% recycled content (post-consumer and/or pre-consumer reclaimed materials). In producing these products, CoC certificate holders can use FSC's CoC systems of transfer, credit or percentage. Kingfisher contributes annually to maintaining and improving the FSC certification scheme as an FSC member in FSC economic Chamber, through FSC Europe and FSC Strategy dialogues, as well as on particular topics such as reforestation and CoC and labour rights. We actively contribute to this dialogue, supporting the multi-stakeholder model of FSC and ensuring balanced representation. During 2022/23 we engaged in discussions with FSC on a number of pilot opportunities for various projects supporting traceability and FSC's work on climate.

F6.4**(F6.4) For your disclosed commodity(ies), do you have a system to control, monitor, or verify compliance with no conversion and/or no deforestation commitments?**

	A system to control, monitor or verify compliance	Comment
Timber products	Yes, we have a system in place for our no conversion and/or deforestation commitments	<Not Applicable>
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F6.4a

(F6.4a) Provide details on the system, the approaches used to monitor compliance, the quantitative progress, and the non-compliance protocols, to implement your no conversion and/or deforestation commitment(s).

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Operational coverage

Direct operations
Supply chain

Description of control systems

Our commitment is implemented through the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines and T&C Supply Contracts for vendors. All wood and paper (W&P) goods must be FSC/PEFC with full CoC certification or third-party verified recycled. The W&P Process SOP sets out the RACI matrix and detailed responsibilities for W&P Process implementation, including the W&P Approval Process Flow for Quality Engineers to qualify vendors and new products for purchase according to policy. Quality Engineers validate product FSC or PEFC CoC certificate numbers via the relevant scheme database. We implement our Due Diligence System where we are the Operator and for high-risk sources. Vendor data is then validated annually through performance review of compliance with the Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines. Further ongoing data validation sample checks are risk-based and undertaken by an external consultant. External assurance providers also conduct limited assurance against our wood & paper KPI annually.

Monitoring and verification approach

Third-party verification

% of total volume in compliance

91-99%

% of total suppliers in compliance

61-70%

Response to supplier non-compliance

Retain & engage
Suspend & engage
Exclude

% of non-compliant suppliers engaged

100%

Procedures to address and resolve non-compliance with suppliers

Developing time-bound targets and milestones to bring suppliers back into compliance
Providing information on appropriate actions that can be taken to address non-compliance
Assessing the efficacy and efforts of non-compliant supplier actions through consistent and quantified metrics
Re-integrating suppliers back into supply chain based on the successful and verifiable completion of activities

Please explain

We track and report compliance on an EAN level, rather than a vendor level. Vendor data is validated yearly with the vendors through a performance review of compliance with the Kingfisher Forest Positive Policy and Kingfisher Forest Positive Vendor Guidelines. Continuous data validation sample checks are risk-based and undertaken by an external consultant on Chain of Custody claims. In response to non-compliance, we apply various measures specified in the Kingfisher Escalation process led by the Product Quality Committee. We start from a principle that we should work with our vendors to help them address issues and improve performance. Escalation and resolution will be dependent on the nature of non-compliance.

The result may vary but could lead to rework/relabelling of product, withdrawal from sale, discontinuation of product and delisting of vendor, and at worst can lead to legal prosecution against Kingfisher. In all cases, vendors agree to the implementation of a remediation action plan, and we agree enough time for them to develop their knowledge and implement changes. Once completed, their compliance with our requirements is confirmed through follow-up checks. We cease to trade with vendors as a last resort if they do not work with us to address business critical issues. We continue to work with our banners to address challenges relating to the availability of compliant wood and paper in some markets, and on training and communication with local buying teams.

F6.6

(F6.6) For your disclosed commodity(ies), indicate if you assess your own compliance and/or the compliance of your suppliers with forest regulations and/or mandatory standards.

	Assess legal compliance with forest regulations	Comment
Timber products	Yes, from suppliers	<Not Applicable>
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F6.6a

(F6.6a) For your disclosed commodity(ies), indicate how you ensure legal compliance with forest regulations and/or mandatory standards.

Timber products

Procedure to ensure legal compliance

1. Kingfisher requires all goods containing wood and/or paper to be either FSC® certified with full CoC certification, PEFC™ with full CoC certification, or verified/certified recycled.
2. All vendors are required to sign contractual terms and conditions (Terms) prior to supplying goods to Kingfisher and/or its retail Banners. Amongst other things, the Terms require vendors to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
3. All vendors are required to provide detailed data to Kingfisher using a 'Wood and Paper Vendor Data Form' (WPVD). The data enables Kingfisher to: The Quality SOP required that relevant members of the Quality and/or Sustainability teams in Kingfisher or individual Banners check the data provided. In addition to the mandatory collected data, the WPVD allows for collection of supply chain information through a Wood Traceability Sheet (WTS). This should be prompted by legal requirements identified through customs codes and/or country of export and when materials were harvested from high-risk countries.
4. Risk assessment: Kingfisher operates a system that has identified certain countries as being high risk. This system prompts collection of more detailed supply chain information for all products from these countries, regardless of our status as an Operator or Trader. Our process also prompts the collection of more detailed information wherever we are deemed the Operator.
5. Risk mitigation: Kingfisher mitigates risk for products containing timber and paper by responsible sourcing of certified materials (using FSC and PEFC certification schemes). This is strengthened for timber harvested from tropical countries and timber from an endangered or vulnerable tree species where the product can only be FSC certified, i.e., PEFC certification is not accepted. The WTS includes fields for Quality and/or Sustainability teams to record their assessment of the evidence shared by Vendors about their supply chains. The bulk of this information details the certification details of material traded through the supply chain. The outcome of this assessment would be to assign risk to the overall supply chain and highlight where further action is needed (e.g., document collection for further assessment).
6. In February 2022, Kingfisher hired a dedicated due diligence expert to lead on the review and update to Kingfisher's Wood and Paper due diligence system.

Country/Area of origin

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Cameroon
- Gabon
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Thailand
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Viet Nam

Law and/or mandatory standard(s)

- General assessment of legal compliance
- Australia Illegal Logging Prohibition Act
- Forest Law - Argentina
- Brazilian Forest Code
- EU Timber Regulation
- USA Lacey Act
- CITES

Comment

Our Forest Positive Policy states that all wood and paper must be sourced from well-managed forests that have been certified to credible certification standards such as FSC® or PEFC™, or from verified recycled sources. Our commitment to responsible sourcing covers any wood or paper used in our business including our products, catalogues and construction materials. Suppliers must provide proof of Chain of Custody certification, and we train colleagues and monitor compliance.

F6.7

(F6.7) Are you working with smallholders to support good agricultural practices and reduce deforestation and/or conversion of natural ecosystems?

	Are you working with smallholders?	Type of smallholder engagement approach	Smallholder engagement approach	Number of smallholders engaged	Please explain
Timber products	Yes, working with smallholders	Capacity building	Investing in pilot projects Prioritizing support for smallholders in high-risk deforestation regions	0	As part of our Responsible Business strategy, we have made a commitment to be Forest Positive by 2025. To help us achieve our Forest Positive commitment, we have partnered with the Rainforest Alliance. The Partnership is initially for a three-year term and will deliver forest projects in some of our key tropical sourcing regions. As a founding member of Forest Allies, we will build and foster partnerships, work beyond our individual supply chain and engage with local communities. Our Forest Allies membership fee will contribute to projects identified by Rainforest Alliance, including projects supporting the deployment of FSC® smallholder certification, enabling smallholders to access new markets, and avoiding deforestation.
Palm oil	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Cattle products	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Soy	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Rubber	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Cocoa	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>
Other - Coffee	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F6.8

(F6.8) Indicate if you are working with your direct suppliers to drive action on forests-related issues and if so, provide details of the engagement.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Are you working with direct suppliers?

Yes, working with direct suppliers

Action(s) on forests-related issues driven by engagement

Ending deforestation and/or conversion of other ecosystems

Type of engagement

Supply chain mapping

Capacity building

Details of engagement

Supplier questionnaires on environmental and social indicators

Supplier audits

Disseminating technical materials

Description of engagement

We require suppliers to provide proof of certification and proof of full Chain of Custody for all new wood and paper products we buy. Through ongoing engagement with our Wood Sourcing team, we train suppliers on our approach, monitor compliance via spot checks and product testing, and provide advice on opportunities to strengthen their capacity.

Our Standard Operating Procedures sets out required engagement with vendors and sets out the approval process for products containing wood and/or paper or non-timber forest products (NTFPs) sourced for the first time or being resourced for an existing product (i.e. multi-sourcing) to ensure compliance with:

- The Kingfisher's Forest Positive Policy
 - The EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), forthcoming EUDR and UK Timber Regulation (UKTR)
 - B&Q Chain of Custody (CoC) certification - Supporting B&Q Chain of Custody audits are conducted yearly by certifying body Soil Association
- The approval is to be carried out by the Sourcing Office/Buying Office/Banner Quality teams before products can be approved for ordering (Silver Seal).

It requires vendors – through our Wood & Paper Vendor Data form questionnaire - to provide data on all products. This must then be reviewed by the Quality teams to check it complies with our legal and sustainability requirements. Our Annual review of compliance ensures products that continue to be supplied to Kingfisher are checked on an annual basis. This review is carried out by the O&S Wood & Paper Compliance and Data Program Team.

% of suppliers engaged by procurement spend covered by engagement

99

Explain the impact of your engagement on the selected action

We've engaged with most of our wood and paper (W&P) suppliers. Suppliers that were not engaged only account for 1% of our total W&P spend.

We want all the wood and paper we use in our business to be responsibly sourced and we're making good progress. In 2022/23, 94.5% of the wood and paper used in our products was responsibly sourced. Our engagement with suppliers is integral in ensuring our policy requirements are communicated in order to achieve our responsible sourcing target. The impact of this engagement lies in the continuous increase in the number of wood and paper products to be responsibly sourced annually – 81% in 2020/21, 87% in 2021/22 and 94.5% in 2022/23.

Our Forest Positive Policy and vendor guidelines state that all wood and paper must be sourced from well-managed forests that have been certified to credible certification standards such as FSC® or PEFC™, or from verified recycled sources. Our commitment to responsible sourcing covers any wood or paper used in our business including our products, catalogues and construction materials. Suppliers must provide proof of Chain of Custody certification, and we train colleagues and monitor compliance via spot checks.

Is this engagement helping your suppliers engage with their suppliers on the selected action?

Yes

Does this engagement contribute to achieving a reported target?

Yes, please specify target ID(s) (Target 1)

F6.9

(F6.9) Indicate if you are working beyond your first-tier supplier(s) to drive action on forests-related issues, and if so, provide details of the engagement.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Are you working beyond first tier?

Yes, working beyond first tier

Action(s) on forest-related issues driven by engagement

Ending deforestation and/or conversion of other ecosystems

Type of engagement

Supply chain mapping
Capacity building

Details of engagement

Developing or distributing supply chain mapping tool
Supplier questionnaires on environmental and social indicators
Disseminating technical materials

Description of engagement

We work with suppliers sourcing from high-risk regions and provide a Wood Traceability Sheet (WTS) which is a tool to help map their supply chains to the forest source; this includes a number of questions. All vendors are required to achieve chain of custody certification as per our Forest Positive Policy requirements.

Explain the impact of your engagement on the selected action

We want all the wood and paper we use in our business to be responsibly sourced and we're making good progress. In 2022/23, 94.5% of the wood and paper used in our products was responsibly sourced. Our engagement with suppliers is integral in ensuring our policy requirements are communicated in order to achieve our responsible sourcing target. The impact of this engagement lies in the continuous increase in the number of wood and paper products to be responsibly sourced annually – 81% in 2020/21, 87% in 2021/22 and 94.5% in 2022/23.

Our Forest Positive Policy and vendor guidelines state that all wood and paper must be sourced from well-managed forests that have been certified to credible certification standards such as FSC® or PEFC™, or from verified recycled sources. Our commitment to responsible sourcing covers any wood or paper used in our business including our products, catalogues and construction materials. Suppliers must provide proof of Chain of Custody certification, and we train colleagues and monitor compliance.

Does this engagement contribute to achieving a reported target?

Yes, please specify target ID(s) (Target 1)

F6.10

(F6.10) Do you engage in landscape (including jurisdictional) approaches to progress shared sustainable land use goals?

	Do you engage in landscape/jurisdictional approaches?	Primary reason for not engaging in landscape and/or jurisdictional approaches	Explain why your organization does not engage in landscape/jurisdictional approaches, and describe plans to engage in the future
Row 1	Yes, we engage in landscape/jurisdictional approaches	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F6.10a

(F6.10a) Indicate the criteria you consider when prioritizing landscapes and jurisdictions for engagement in collaborative approaches to sustainable land use and provide an explanation.

	Criteria for prioritizing landscapes/jurisdictions for engagement	Explain your process for prioritizing landscapes/jurisdictions for engagement
Row 1	Opportunity to increase market access for smallholders and local communities Opportunity to protect and restore natural ecosystems Risk of deforestation, forests/land degradation, or conversion of other natural ecosystems Risk of biodiversity loss Other, please specify (Credibility and capacity, innovation.)	<p>Most global forest loss and degradation is occurring in the tropics, where we also see the biggest biodiversity and carbon impact. To help address this, we invested in the Forest Allies (FA) initiative, developed by Rainforest Alliance (RA). FA is a "community of practice" focused on protecting, restoring, and enabling responsible management of tropical forests. Together, we aim to build and foster unique partnerships. Projects areas overlap with some of our sourcing regions and engage and empower local communities in critical forest landscapes.</p> <p>Under its group-wide Powered by Kingfisher strategy launched in 2020, Kingfisher has identified four Responsible Business priorities where it believes it can use its experience, scale and influence to achieve the most positive impact. These are Colleagues, Planet, Customers and Communities. The partnership with the Rainforest Alliance will be instrumental in meeting Kingfisher's targets relating to 'Planet', and the commitment to become Forest Positive.</p> <p>Given the strategic importance of Forest Positive for Kingfisher, we need a level of assurance around RA as a partner. We conducted due diligence across the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and leadership • Funding and expenses • Media and controversies • Corporate Partner feedback • Lobbying • Standard checks by Group Procurement <p>Working with the RA and alongside other corporate partners, Kingfisher will support the implementation of Integrated Community Forest Management in key tropical sourcing regions. This will help to deliver on outcomes such as maintaining and restoring forests and improving biodiversity and livelihoods for forest communities.</p> <p>We will measure our progress, assessing whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the natural and cultural value of the forest is protected or restored; • local communities are supported at scale as ecosystem stewards; • responsible forest management is enhanced and monitored; • communities are supported in adapting to and mitigating climate change; and • livelihoods from forest product value chains are strengthened.

(F6.10b) Provide details of your engagement with landscape/jurisdictional approaches to sustainable land use during the reporting year.**Landscape/Jurisdiction ID**

LJ1

Country/Area

Guatemala

Name of landscape or jurisdiction area

Maya Biosphere Reserve

Types of partners engaged in the initiative design and implementation

National government

Subnational government

International civil society organization(s)

Local forest/rural associations

Local communities

Other, please specify (Non-governmental organisations)

Type of engagement

Funder: Provides full or partial financial support

Goals supported by engagement

Improved rate of carbon sequestration (e.g., through restoration)

Avoided deforestation/conversion of natural ecosystems and/or decreased degradation rate

Natural ecosystems conserved and/or restored

Improved standard of living, especially for vulnerable and/or marginalized groups

Improved capacity for community engagement in multi-stakeholder processes

Income diversification amongst producers in area

Ensuring local communities and smallholders benefit from the outcomes of LA/JA approach

Implementation of livelihood activities/practices that reduce pressure on forests

Uptake of regenerative agriculture (e.g., agroforestry) practices

Company actions supporting approach

Collaborate on management/land use planning in the landscape/jurisdiction

Collaborate on establishing and managing monitoring system(s) for deforestation, natural ecosystem conversion and/or degradation

Communicate externally the business case for investing in landscapes/jurisdiction

Other, please specify (We invest in projects through the Rainforest Allies Initiative that protect, restore, and enable responsible management of tropical forests.)

Description of engagement

We are a founding member of the Forest Allies' (FA) Initiative, an innovative approach by Rainforest Alliance (RA) which aims to support forest communities to build strong local economies while also protecting the natural resources they depend upon. We invest in projects through the FA Initiative that protect, restore, and enable responsible management of tropical forests in some of our key sourcing regions, partnering with local communities to build strong local forest-based economies. As a member of FA, Kingfisher is required to make the following commitments:

1. To establish and/or maintain and actively implement a public commitment to eliminating deforestation, forest degradation and ecosystem conversion in their operations – including production, sourcing, and financial investments – in accordance with the Accountability Framework.
2. To carry out all operations and activities consistent with the UN Declaration on Human Rights and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
3. To report progress publicly annually against these commitments.
4. As part of the FA community, Kingfisher is committed to:
 - a. Support Rainforest Alliance's efforts in developing and implementing the Integrated Community Forest Management model through financial investments, in-kind contributions in sharing knowledge & expertise with forest communities and participating in public-private partnerships facilitated by the RA.
 - b. Provide meaningful contribution to the shared goals and objectives of the Forest Allies community to achieve our shared five outcome goals (i.e., 1. Increase biodiversity, 2. Protect and restore forests, 3. Climate mitigation and adaptation, 4. Stronger livelihoods and 5. Empower communities) by participating in FA's bi-annual workshops and openly sharing knowledge, best practices and experiences.
 - c. Actively work to share and disseminate learnings and experiences and embed solutions in other areas of our network as relevant in order to scale and mobilise the impact of our community.

Kingfisher is committed to participate in twice-yearly workshops, organised by the RA, which is the primary method for engaging in the community of practice. Other time invested will be to review and provide feedback on the various elements of FA initiatives including but not limited to, project design, strategies and agendas, thought leadership pieces and events.

Kingfisher is investing \$250,000 per year and \$750,000 in total in the initiative.

Engagement start year

2021

Engagement end year

Please specify (2024)

Estimated investment over the project period (currency)**Is a collective monitoring framework used to measure progress?**

Yes, progress is collectively monitored using a shared external framework, please specify (Part of Forest Allies project updates shared with founding members and project stakeholders)

State the achievements of your engagement so far, and how progress is monitored

Under governance and social organization pillar of the project which focuses on:

- Multi-stakeholder institutional arrangements
- Forest governance mechanisms

- Participation, transparency and accountability

The corresponding project outcomes have been:

- At least one norm, regulation is approved and endorsed by Consejo Nacional de Areas Protegidas (CONAP) to regulate the landscape restoration activity. CONAP is the government agency of that has as its mission the conservation and the sustainable use of the biological diversity and protected areas of Guatemala.
- 339 community members have been trained, improving their knowledge and skills for the restoration of degraded areas. This included 20% women.

Under the tenure and landscape planning pillar of the project which focuses on:

- Secured rights
- Landscape mapping
- Land use planning
- Broad-scale local development plans

The corresponding project outcomes have been:

- 185 ha of restoration in degraded areas.
- 2 landscape restoration plans developed in the communities of La Pasadita and El Cruce de la Colorada (community forest concessions)
- 5 restoration management plans developed as part of the National Government's PROBOSQUE program which provides payments to small, private landowners

Under the forest management pillar of the project which focuses on:

- Forest resource inventory
- Management planning
- Management interventions
- Impact assessments

The corresponding project outcomes have been:

- 339 community members have been trained, improving their knowledge and skills for the restoration of degraded areas
- 252,338 seedlings distributed to community members

Under the enterprise development pillar of the project which focuses on:

- Market analysis
- Business planning
- Value added and diversification
- Reinvestment

The corresponding project outcomes have been:

- \$192,755 in sales have been generated through the productive restoration completed, sales of corn, beans, chile, pumpkin seeds, nursery plants, and transportation services.
- 131 community members full-time employed, 22% women.

F6.10c

(F6.10c) For each of your disclosed commodities, provide details of the production/consumption volumes from each of the jurisdictions/landscapes you engage in.

Indicate landscape/jurisdiction ID	Does any of your commodity production/consumption volume originate from this landscape/jurisdiction, and are you able/willing to disclose information on this volume?	Commodity	% of total production/consumption volume from this landscape/jurisdiction
LJ1	No, we do not produce/consume from this landscape/jurisdiction	<Not Applicable>	<Not Applicable>

F6.11

(F6.11) Do you participate in any other external activities and/or initiatives to promote the implementation of your forests-related policies and commitments?

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Involved in multi-partnership or stakeholder initiatives

Country/Area

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

Other, please specify (UK Government Timber Expert Group, Green Alliance Circular Economy Task Force)

Please explain

PEFC: We active PEFC stakeholders and our Wood and Paper Specialist presented at the General Assembly in 2022. We are part of the UK Government Timber Expert Group. Kingfisher is a member of the Green Alliance Business Circle and partner in the Circular Economy Task Force (CETF) managed by Green Alliance to promote resource efficiency in economic development; in 2021 we held a meeting engaging CETF on deforestation and forest policy. Through these partnerships and initiatives we

work to ensure we understand and are involved in dialogue on best practice in wood and paper sourcing.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Involved in industry platforms

Country/Area

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

We engage with the British Retail Consortium's Timber Working Group in order to communicate a joint industry approach on emerging legislation that is relevant to wood and paper supply chain sustainability.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Engaging with non-governmental organizations

Country/Area

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

As part of the Forest Allies initiative, the Rainforest Alliance reviewed our policies and commitments against the Accountability Framework initiative and made some recommendations for how we can strengthen our approach to human rights and land use rights in relation to our work on forest stewardship.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Involved in industry platforms

Country/Area

Not applicable

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

We are part of EuroCommerce (EC) activity on deforestation and engagement with EC FLEGT committees and we are involved in EDRA engagement with EC on deforestation. We engage with this organisation in order to communicate a joint industry approach on emerging legislation that is relevant to wood and paper supply chain sustainability.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Involved in multi-partnership or stakeholder initiatives

Country/Area

Not applicable

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
Other, please specify (Forest Allies)

Please explain

FSC: We are members of FSC®. We attend FSC UK Annual Members Meetings, FSC International members meetings. Through this initiative we work to ensure we understand and are involved in dialogue on best practice in wood and paper sourcing.

Forest Allies: Kingfisher is a founding member of Forest Allies, which is a community of practice focused on protecting, restoring, and enabling responsible management of tropical forests. Through membership in Forest Allies, we support the Rainforest Alliance's model of Integrated Community Forest Management, which focuses on both protecting natural forests and partnering with communities to build strong local economies. The Forest Allies community of practice realizes this vision through two main areas of support: Firstly Kingfisher pays annual membership dues which support specific Forest Allies ICFM projects, which are aligned with the Forest Allies Theory of Change. Secondly, Kingfisher will participate in workshops alongside forest community representatives and other leading brands, to exchange knowledge, best practices, and solutions for shared challenges. These will be held twice-yearly from July 2022.

As a founding member of Forest Allies in partnership with the Rainforest Alliance, we are working beyond sourcing towards our goal of becoming forest positive.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Other, please specify (World Forest ID)

Country/Area

Not applicable

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

Kingfisher has signed off a project with World Forest ID , which looks to enhance the database globally for timber species. Traceability systems in the sector, including Kingfisher's, often rely on third-party certification which provides a paper trail only and does not confirm the forest of origin. The project will identify high risk suppliers for samples to be collected from, with the aim to include fibre testing alongside supply chain mapping.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Engaging with non-governmental organizations

Country/Area

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

In 2022/23, Screwfix and B&Q both entered partnerships with the Woodland Trust to support a landscape scale woodland creation project in the Yorkshire Dales. The site in Snaizeholme is a glacial valley that has been used primarily to graze sheep. Farmed for many years, it's become sparse. The Woodland Trust aims to create a mosaic of habitats to restore biodiversity over the next 20 years, establishing new native woodland to capture carbon and help to reduce flood risk in surrounding areas, as well as creating a haven for wildlife. The Trust has plans to restore 250 acres of upland peat bog – a vital and unique natural habitat and carbon sink. Joining forces to support the project, together Screwfix and B&Q made a £100,000 donation to enable the Woodland Trust to begin surveying the area ready for planting new native sapling trees.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Other, please specify (Partnership with Reforest'Action)

Country/Area

France

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

Castorama France has partnered with Reforest'Action to create an urban forest. We've helped plant a mixture of more than 1,000 local trees and shrubs as part of the project on the outskirts of our store in Marseille Saint-Loup – the second most populous city in France.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Other, please specify (Engagement with governmental organisations (Polish State Forests))

Country/Area

Poland

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

Castorama Poland has invested in Poland's State Forests to restore over eight hectares to a healthier condition. The two projects in two different locations will see more than 30,000 trees replanted and sustainably managed. A lot of our wood and timber is sourced from Eastern Europe, and Poland's State Forest contributes to this.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Do you participate in activities/initiatives?

Yes

Activities

Engaging with non-governmental organizations

Country/Area

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Subnational area

Not applicable

Initiatives

<Not Applicable>

Please explain

Soil Association Certification is the wholly owned subsidiary of the Soil Association – we're part of a charity with a mission. When you certify with us, we make sure your interests are represented. Together Soil Association and Soil Association Certification are in constant dialogue with other standard setters, certifiers, and industry groups and movements both in the UK and internationally. As part of Kingfisher's vendor requirements, we ask vendors to provide detailed data to us so we can check products are in line with our responsible purchasing criteria for wood and paper. This includes supporting B&Q Chain of Custody audits, which are conducted yearly by certifying body Soil Association.

F6.12

(F6.12) Is your organization supporting or implementing project(s) focused on ecosystem restoration and long-term protection?

Yes

We have a clear published commitment to become Forest Positive by 2025 and we are a founding member of the Forest Allies initiative, which invests in environmental and social projects in key tropical sourcing regions.

F6.12a

(F6.12a) Provide details on your project(s), including the extent, duration, and monitoring frequency. Please specify any measured outcome(s).

Project reference

Project 1

Project type

Reforestation

Expected benefits of project

Creation of green jobs and sustainable livelihoods
More inclusive, transparent, and empowering governance processes
Net gain in biodiversity and ecosystem integrity
Protection of land tenure
Reduce/halt biodiversity loss
Restoration of natural ecosystem(s)

Is this project originating any carbon credits?

No

Description of project

As one of the largest buyers of wood products in Europe, we have a role to play in protecting and improving forests and woodland and working towards global reforestation. The Kingfisher Forest Positive Policy commits us to avoiding the procurement of materials sourced from areas of deforestation, to ensure the legal status of wood and paper products and to be Forest Positive by 2025. This element of our approach motivated us to support projects under Forest Allies by 2025.

We are a founding member of Forest Allies, a new and innovative community of practice, run by the Rainforest Alliance which aims to support forest communities to build strong local economies while also protecting the natural resources they depend upon. From 2021 we have invested in projects through Forest Allies. These projects aim to protect, restore, and enable responsible management of tropical forests in some of our key sourcing regions, partnering with local communities to build strong local forest-based economies. Through these and other projects we aim to reach our forest positive target.

This project: Developing a Sustainable Forest Model and Strengthening Green Business in Colombia will support agroforestry, forest restoration and non-timber forest products in an area of critical biological importance.

Where is the project taking place in relation to your value chain?

Project based elsewhere

Start year

2021

Target year

2024

Project area to date (Hectares)

23638

Project area in the target year (Hectares)

23638

Country/Area

Colombia

Latitude

0.746897

Longitude

-72.738545

Monitoring frequency

Annually

Total investment over the project period (currency)

For which of your expected benefits are you monitoring progress?

More inclusive, transparent, and empowering governance processes
Restoration of natural ecosystem(s)

Please explain

There are market development opportunities for alternative value chains, specifically timber and non-timber forest products grown and harvested by local communities who protect and restore the forest and ecosystems. The native non-timber forest products such as asaí, arazá, seje, cocona, borojó, copoazú camu-camu among others, have been used for generations by farmers and indigenous communities for human and animal consumption. In recent years, these products have gained the attention of national and international markets generating business opportunities for rural enterprises, such as our partner the Association of Agricultural Producers for the Economic Change of Guaviare (ASOPROCEGUA). This group of local producers is looking for better ways to develop business opportunities, implement sustainable practices on their farms, protecting the forest and restoring degraded areas.

The objective of this project is to develop a sustainable forest management and restoration model, as a way to contribute to the halting of deforestation and to guarantee the fundamental rights for local communities.

OUTCOME 1:

Local communities of Guaviare region from the Asociación de Productores Agropecuarios por el cambio Económico del Guaviare- ASOPROCEGUA have strengthened their capacities to manage in a responsible way their timber and non-timber forest products and restored degraded areas.

OUTCOME 2:

Business plan formulated and implemented for the commercialization of timber and nontimber forest products.

F7. Verification

F7.1

(F7.1) Do you verify any forests information reported in your CDP disclosure?

Yes

F7.1a

(F7.1a) Which data points within your CDP disclosure have been verified, and which standards were used?

Disclosure module

F1. Current State

Data points verified

F1.5a

Verification standard

ISAE 3000 FSC-STD-40-004 PEFC ST 2002:2013

Please explain

Our wood and paper data is in scope of DNV's assurance of our responsible business report. B&Q UK is audited by Soil Association to the PEFC ST 2002:2013 and the FSC-STD-40-004. External consultants (e.g. Annie Adams Consulting) are also frequently used to verify data points and periodically check certification claims etc.

Disclosure module

F6. Implementation

Data points verified

F6.4 and F6.3

Verification standard

ISAE 3000 FSC-STD-40-004 PEFC ST 2002:2013

Please explain

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F8. Barriers and challenges

F8.1

(F8.1) Describe the key barriers or challenges to eliminating deforestation and/or conversion of other natural ecosystems from your direct operations or from other parts of your value chain.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Coverage

Direct operations

Supply chain

Primary barrier/challenge type

Lack of adequate traceability systems

Comment

Whilst certification provides information on upstream supplier ('1 up') and customers ('1 down') traceability for each 'node' (stage of the supply chain) and provides reassurance that the material is responsibly sourced, it does not provide visibility back to forest. This makes it difficult to verify that deforestation, conversion and in particular degradation risks have been eliminated. This is particularly a problem in product supply chains using 1) certified 'Mixed' (e.g. FSC Mix, PEFC 70%: which can contain a mixture of materials from certified forests, recycled materials, and/or controlled wood products) AND 2) that contain composite materials such as MDF, Fibreboard; as well as paper. Kingfisher is currently involved in discussions with key third party service providers (e.g. World Forest ID) to support projects responding to these challenges.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Coverage

Supply chain

Other parts of the value chain

Primary barrier/challenge type

Limited availability of certified materials

Comment

Our Forest Positive Policy states that all wood and paper must be sourced from well managed forests that have been certified to credible certification standards such as FSC® or PEFC™ or from verified recycled sources. In 2022/23, within 94.5% of our responsibly sourced wood and paper, 69.5% was FSC-certified, 24.4% was PEFC-certified (includes endorsed schemes) and 0.6% was verified recycled material.

F8.2

(F8.2) Describe the main measures that would improve your organization's ability to manage its exposure to deforestation and/or conversion of other natural ecosystems.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Coverage

Direct operations
Supply chain

Main measure

Greater stakeholder engagement and collaboration

Comment

To remain a leader we will need to encourage close collaboration with governments, business and civil society groups to improve the global availability of responsibly sourced timber. If we are to achieve our target of 100% responsible timber sourcing we need to continue to work closely with value chain actors, back to forest owners, to ensure further uptake of certification and compliance with Kingfisher's Forest Positive Policy. We also need to engage forest standard-setting bodies to ensure that independent certification delivers to the expectations of an environmentally concerned public.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Coverage

Direct operations
Supply chain

Main measure

Investment in monitoring tools and traceability systems

Comment

Increased investment in fully applying traceability to higher risk wood products would improve the ability of all organisations involved in harvesting, manufacture and retail of wood products to ensure they are 100% responsibly sourced. We expanded our team in 2022/23 and invested in technology, auditing tools and systems. This will enable us to more accurately track the sustainability credentials of the products supplied to us and identify which suppliers need support to meet our responsible sourcing standards.

Forest risk commodity

Timber products

Coverage

Direct operations
Supply chain

Main measure

Other, please specify (Long-term supplier relationships)

Comment

We need to commit to longer-term buying relationships in order to secure our supply of sustainably managed timber at the same time as encouraging improved forest practices and ensuring that our purchasing practices and direct involvement in the supply chain will help create healthy and resilient forests.

F17 Signoff

F-FI

(F-FI) Use this field to provide any additional information or context that you feel is relevant to your organization's response. Please note that this field is optional and is not scored.

F17.1

(F17.1) Provide the following information for the person that has signed off (approved) your CDP forests response.

	Job Title	Corresponding job category
Row 1	Director of Responsible Business	Other, please specify (Director of Responsible Business)

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