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# CONSERVATION IMPACT SOUNDING BOARD WORKSHOP



# SFI TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative's diverse team of staff and consultants live and work on the ancestral territories of many Indigenous nations. As we all actively participate in this conference in the beautiful location of Vancouver British Columbia, it is worthwhile to reflect on this region's rich history and legacy.

**We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the unceded and traditional territory of the the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.**



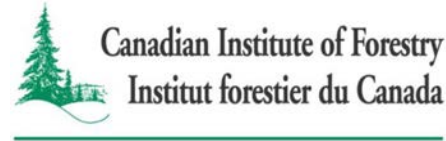
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# GROUND RULES

- Informal
- Interactive
- Respectful
- Please come and go as needed...



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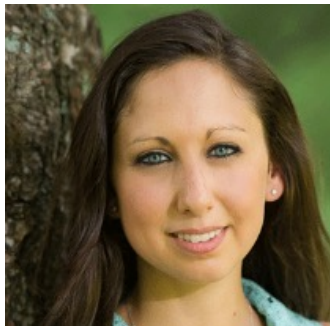
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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO SFI'S CONSERVATION IMPACT PROJECT AND OVERVIEW OF THE WORKSHOP



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# AGENDA AT A GLANCE...

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## WELCOME

### The Nature-Positive Challenge

- The ESG landscape and the role of certification
- Tools to meet future biodiversity assessment needs

### Meeting the Challenge

- Application of eDNA on aquatic biodiversity pre-and post-fire
- Effectiveness of Indigenous riparian standards in managed forests

## BREAK – 3:15 PM

### Striving for Metrics and Impact

- Communicating Conservation Impact through an ESG lens
- Discuss future of Conservation Impact

## CONCLUSION



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# WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

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- Help address ESG requirements through nature-positive solutions.
- Interact with SFI conservation grant recipients about key research topics.
- Leverage communication about environmental benefits of forest management.
- Discuss future direction of Conservation Impact in relation to reporting frameworks.



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## THE ESG LANDSCAPE



### DANIEL O'BRIEN

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Member of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial  
Disclosures (TNFD)





An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road through rolling green hills. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow over the landscape. The road curves through the hills, and there are some trees and fields visible in the distance.

# Managing Nature Risks

From understanding to action



Dan O'Brien, PwC Canada

# Understanding Nature Impacts & Dependencies - Case study of 2021 Floods in British Columbia, Canada



Photo credits: CBC News

**Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives estimated costs to economy upwards of \$17 billion**



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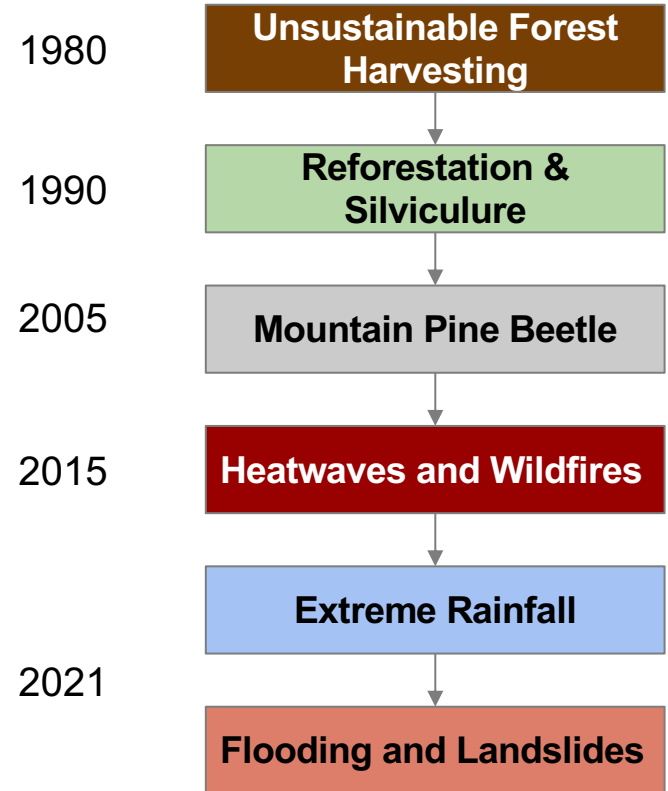


## Impact drivers

- Land use change
- Resource exploitation
- Climate change
- Invasive species

## Ecosystem services

- Water regulation
- Soil and sediment retention
- Flood mitigation

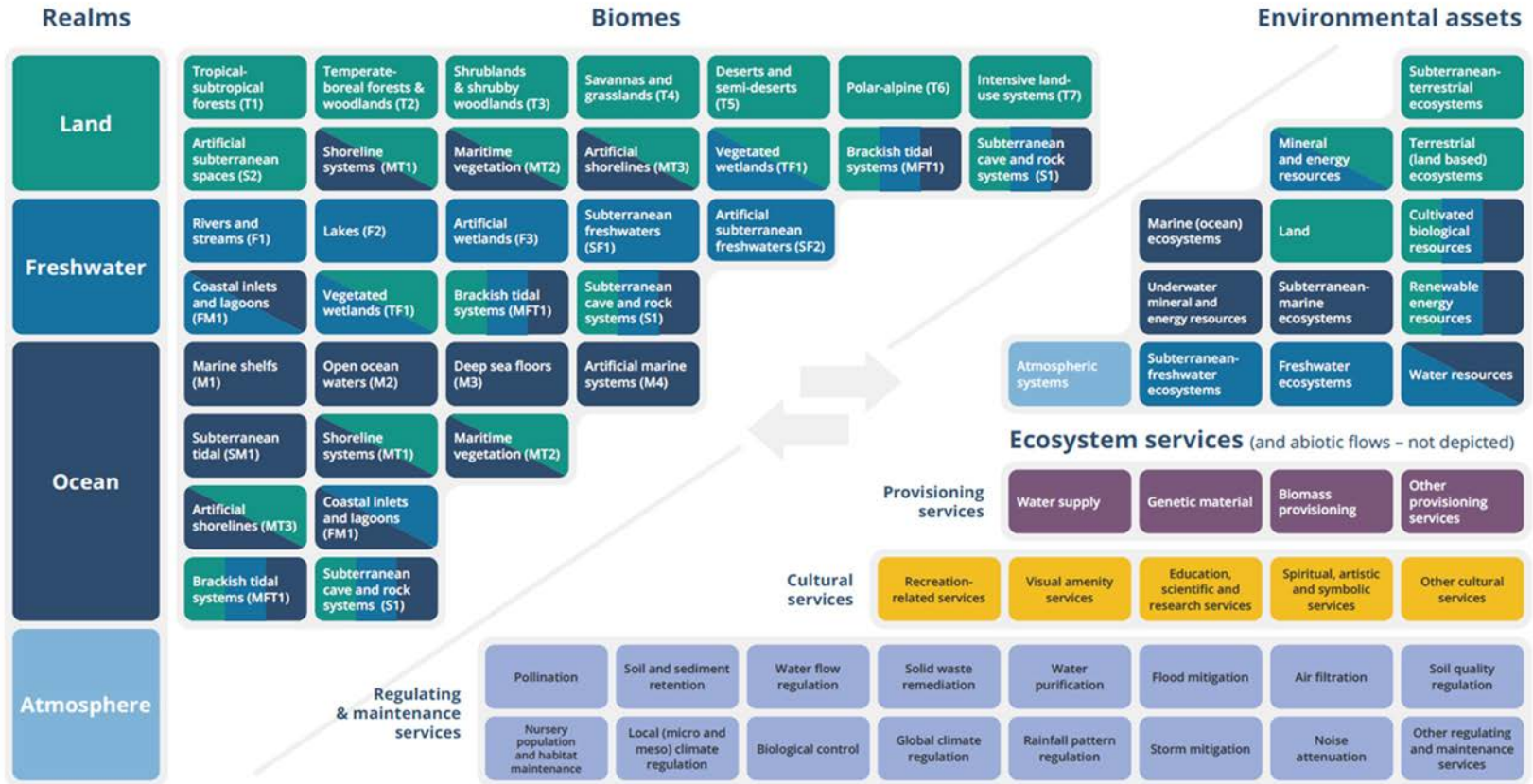


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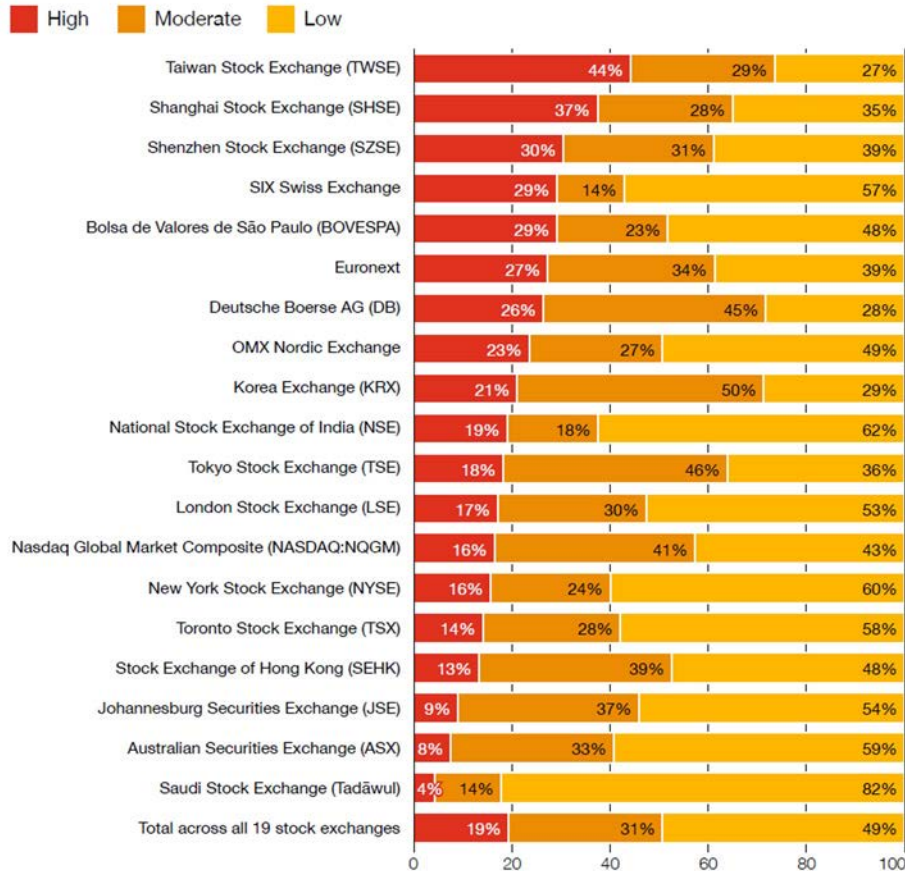
# Understanding nature-related financial risk



# What do we mean by Nature?



# More than half of global GDP or \$58 trillion – is materially dependent on nature



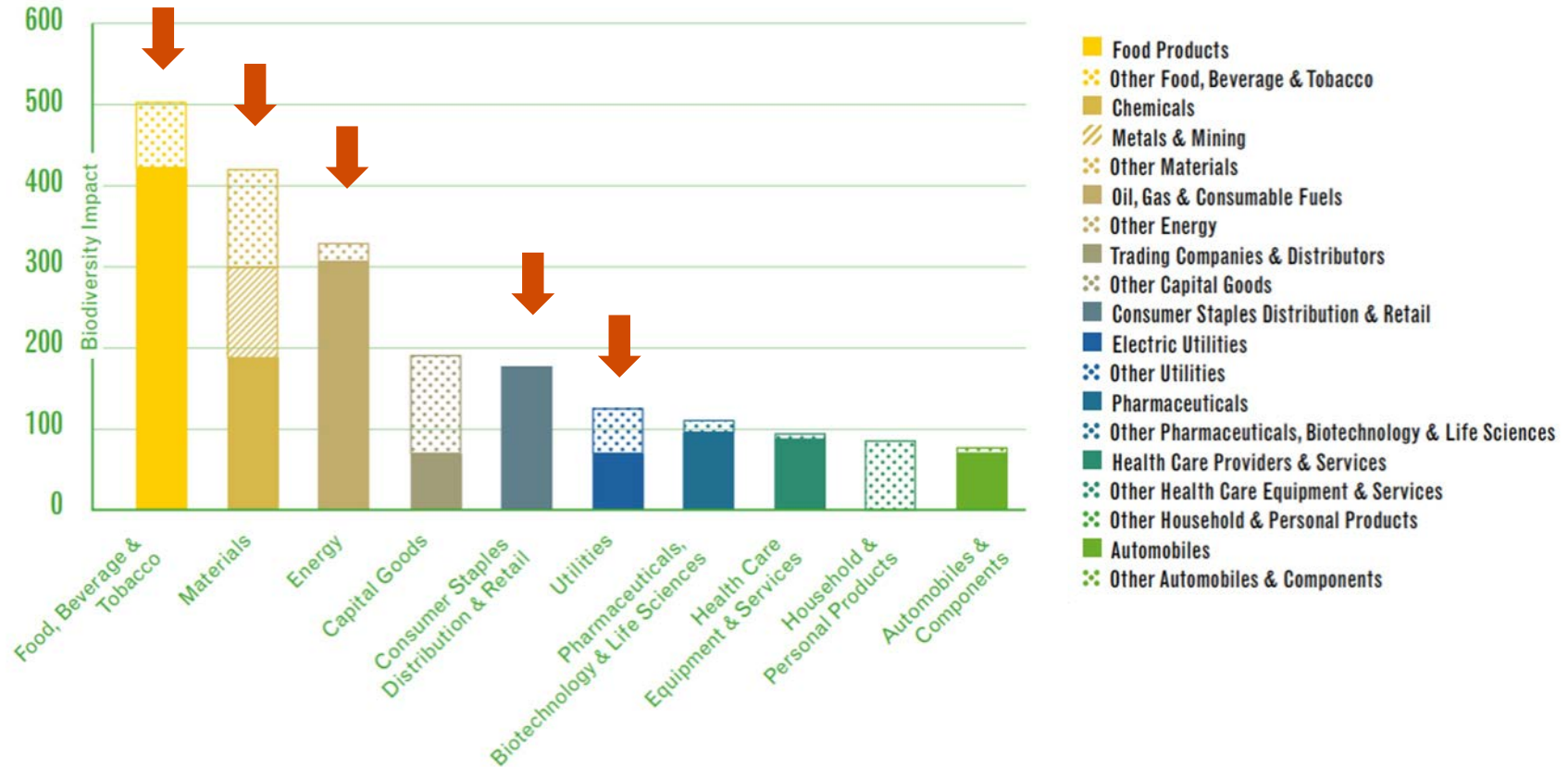
7 sectors **all economic value** in direct operations is highly dependent on nature

**All sectors** have some portion of their value chain that is highly dependent on nature

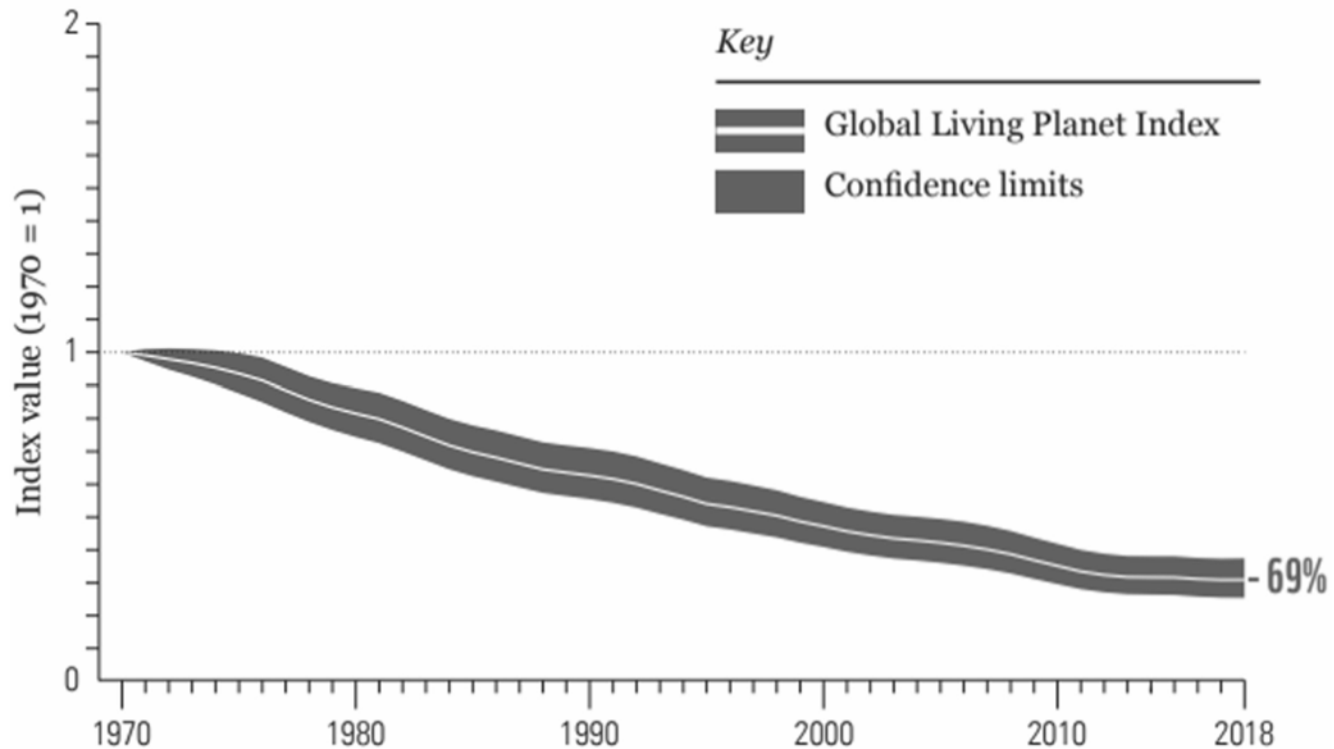
**Over half of equity listed on 19 major exchanges** are exposed to material nature risks



# Sectors with the largest dependencies on nature also have the greatest impacts



# 1 million species are at risk of extinction because of human activity (IPBES)






WWF Living Planet Report 2022

# This presents businesses with new physical and transition risks, but also significant opportunities

## TNFD definitions of nature-related risks and opportunities

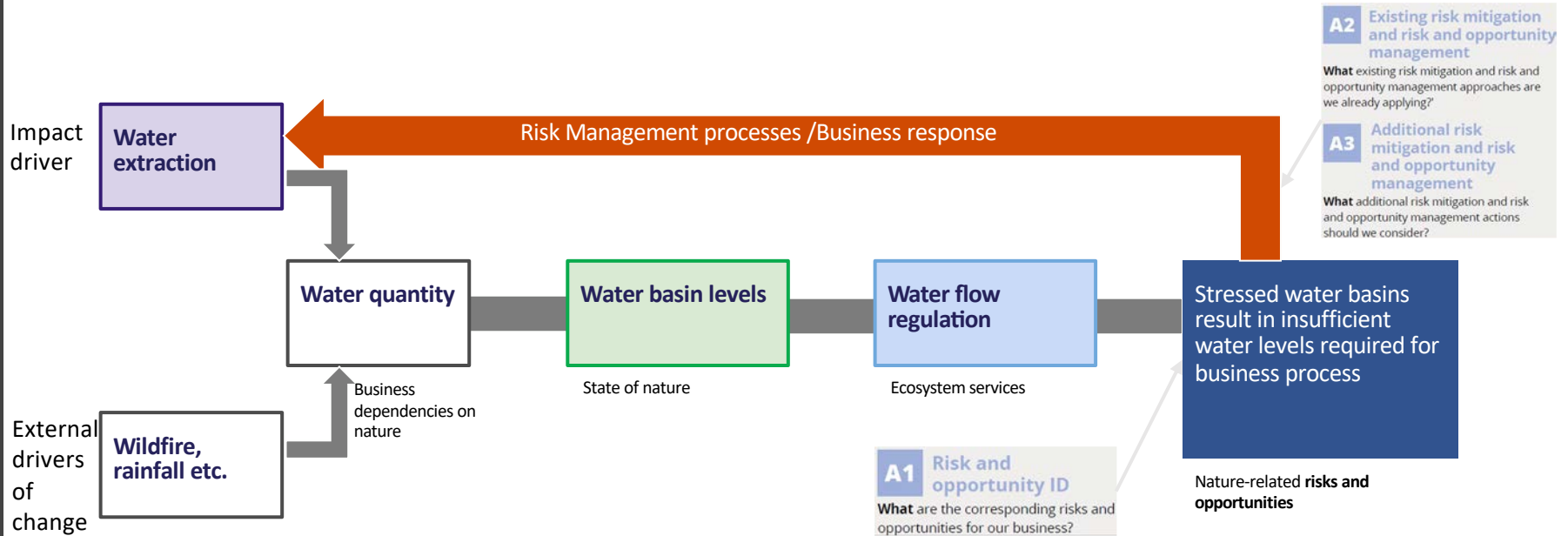
Physical risks	Transition risks	Business performance opportunities	Sustainability performance opportunities
 Acute risks	 Policy & legal	 Markets	 Ecosystem protection, restoration and regeneration
 Chronic risks	 Market risk	 Products & services	 Sustainable use of natural resources
	 Technology risk	 Reputational capital	
	 Reputation risk	 Capital flows & financing	
		 Resource efficiency	

### Systemic risks

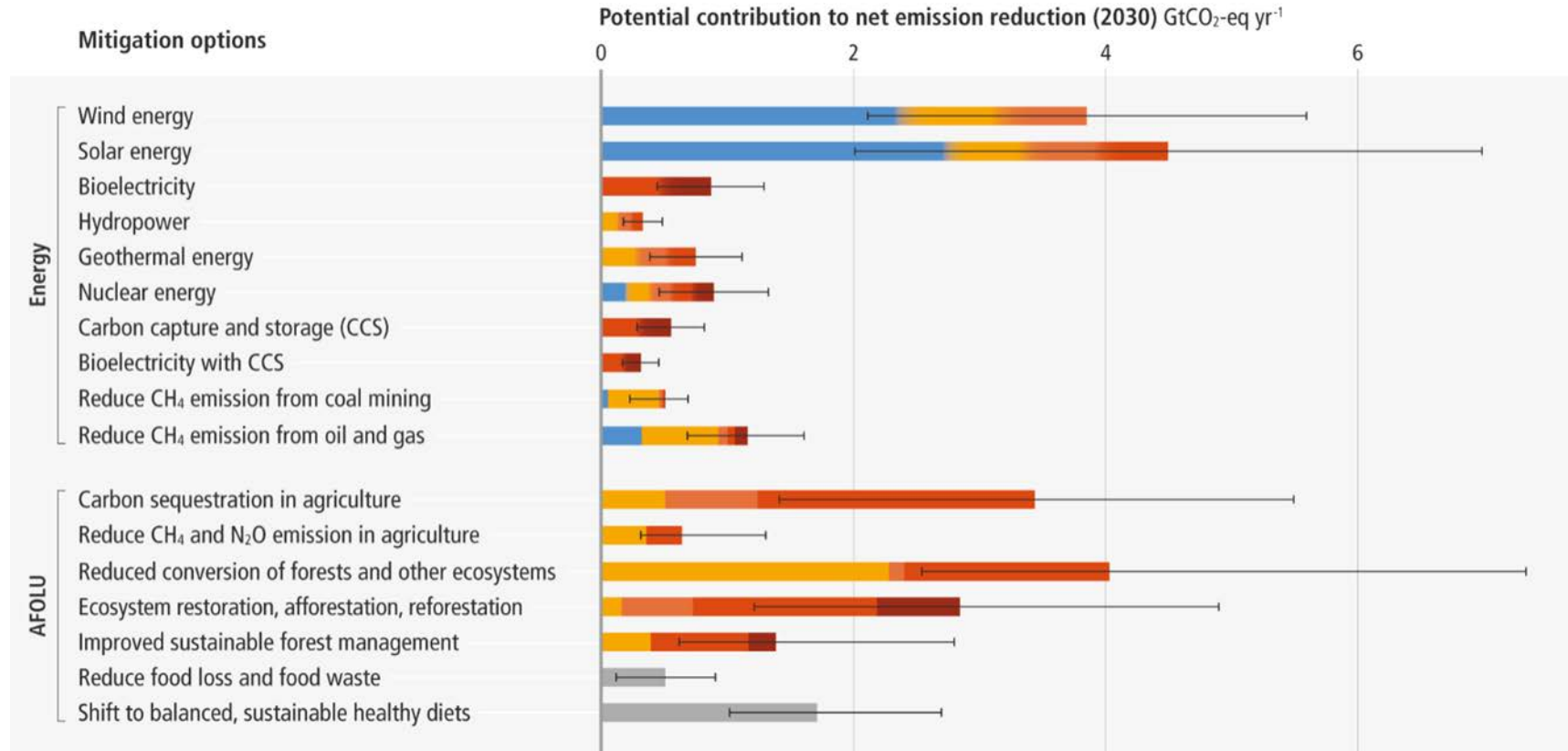
-  Ecosystem collapse
-  Aggregated risk
-  Contagion risk



# Understanding risks - example of Risk and Opportunity identification pathway



# Understanding opportunities - eg Nature Based Solutions



Source IPCC AR6 Report



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# Implications for businesses



# The importance of nature is driving the development of disclosure frameworks and standards which focus on or incorporate nature

International & Domestic Policy

Paris Agreement  
(2.0 / 1.5 targets)

Global Biodiversity Framework  
(Portfolio of Targets)

International Frameworks  
for Corporate and FI Action

TCFD / SBTi, others...

TNFD / SBTN, others...

Corporate Reporting  
Standards

GRI

ISSB  
S1, S2, ...

Market Regulation

SEC (US)

EFRAG (EU)

JSA (Japan)

FCA (UK)

Others ....

Corporate & FI reporting  
activity

Report Preparers & Users



To develop and deliver a risk management and disclosure framework for organisations to report and act on evolving nature-related risks, with the aim of supporting a shift in global financial flows away from nature-negative outcomes and toward nature-positive outcomes.

The mission of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)



# The TNFD framework (vo.4) includes draft disclosure recommendations, aligned to TCFD recommendations

TNFD Nature-related Disclosure Recommendations (v0.4)			
Governance	Strategy	Risk & Impact Management	Metrics & Targets
<b>Disclose the organisation's governance around nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities</b>	<b>Disclose the actual and potential impacts of nature-related risks and opportunities on the organisation's business, strategy and financial planning, where such information is material.</b>	<b>Disclose how the organisation identifies, assesses and manages nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.</b>	<b>Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities where such information is material.</b>
A Describe the board's oversight of nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.	A Describe the nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities the organisation has identified over the short, medium, and long term.	A (i) Describe the organisation's processes for identifying and assessing nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities in its direct operations.	A. Disclose the metrics used by the organisation to assess and manage material nature-related risks and opportunities in line with its strategy and risk management process.
B Describe management's role in assessing and managing nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.	B Describe the effect of nature-related risks and opportunities have had and may have on the organisation's businesses, strategy and financial planning.	A (ii) Describe the organisation's processes for identifying and assessing nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities in its upstream and downstream value chain(s) and financed activities and assets.	B. Disclose the metrics used by the organisation to assess and manage dependencies and impacts on nature.
	C Describe the resilience of the organisation's strategy, taking into consideration different scenarios.	B. Describe the organisation's processes for managing nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.	C. Describe the targets used by the organisation to manage nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities and performance against targets.
	D. Disclose the locations where there are assets and/or activities in the organisation's direct operations, and upstream and/or downstream and/or financed where relevant, that are in priority areas.	C Describe how processes for identifying, assessing, and managing nature-related risks are integrated into the organisation's overall risk management.	
		D. Describe how affected stakeholders are engaged by the organisation in its assessment of and responses to, nature-related dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities.	

# The TNFD framework proposes a 17-step 'how to' process (LEAP) to support organisations in preparing for disclosures, with 2 additional scoping questions for corporates



## SCOPE THE ASSESSMENT

### Corporates

**C1** Business operations

What **business operations** will be considered, based on available internal data and value chain data?

**C2** Aspects of nature

What **aspects of nature** (realms, biomes, environmental assets and ecosystem services) will be considered, based on available internal, value chain and third-party data?

## L Locate Interface with Nature

### L1 Business footprint

Where are our direct assets and operations, and our related value chain (upstream and downstream) activities?

### L2 Nature interface

Which biomes and ecosystems do these activities interface with?  
What is the current integrity and importance of the ecosystems at each location?

### L3 Priority location identification

At which locations is our organisation interfacing with ecosystems assessed as being low integrity, high biodiversity importance and/or areas of water stress?

### L4 Sector identification

What sectors, business units, value chains or asset classes are interfacing with nature in these priority locations?

## E Evaluate Dependencies & Impacts

### E1 ID of relevant environmental assets and ecosystem services

What are our business processes and activities at each priority location? What environmental assets and ecosystem services do we have a dependency or impact on at each priority location?

### E2 ID of dependencies and impacts

What are our nature-related dependencies and impacts across our business at each priority location?

### E3 Dependency analysis

What is the size and scale of our dependencies on nature in each priority location?

### E4 Impact analysis

What is the size and scale of our nature impacts in each priority location?

## A Assess Material Risks & Opportunities

### A1 Risk and opportunity ID

What are the corresponding risks and opportunities for our business?

### A2 Existing risk mitigation and risk and opportunity management

What existing risk mitigation and risk and opportunity management approaches are we already applying?

### A3 Additional risk mitigation and risk and opportunity management

What additional risk mitigation and risk and opportunity management actions should we consider?

### A4 Risk and opportunity materiality assessment

Which risks and opportunities are material & should be disclosed in line with the TNFD disclosure recommendations?

## P Prepare To Respond & Report

Strategy & resource allocation

### P1 Strategy and resource allocation

What strategy and resource allocation decisions should be made as a result of this analysis?

### P2 Performance measurement

How will we set targets and define and measure progress?

Disclosure actions

### P3 Reporting

What will we disclose in line with the TNFD disclosure recommendations?

### P4 Presentation

Where and how do we present our nature-related disclosures?

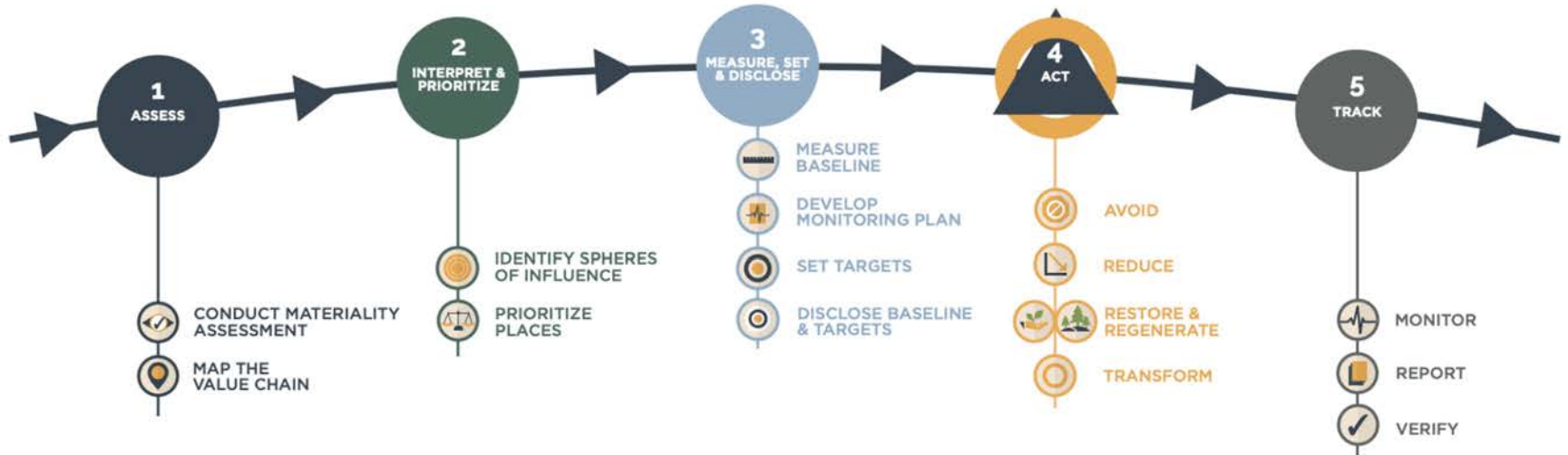
Stakeholder, including rights-holder, engagement (in line with the TNFD Disclosure Recommendations)

Review and repeat

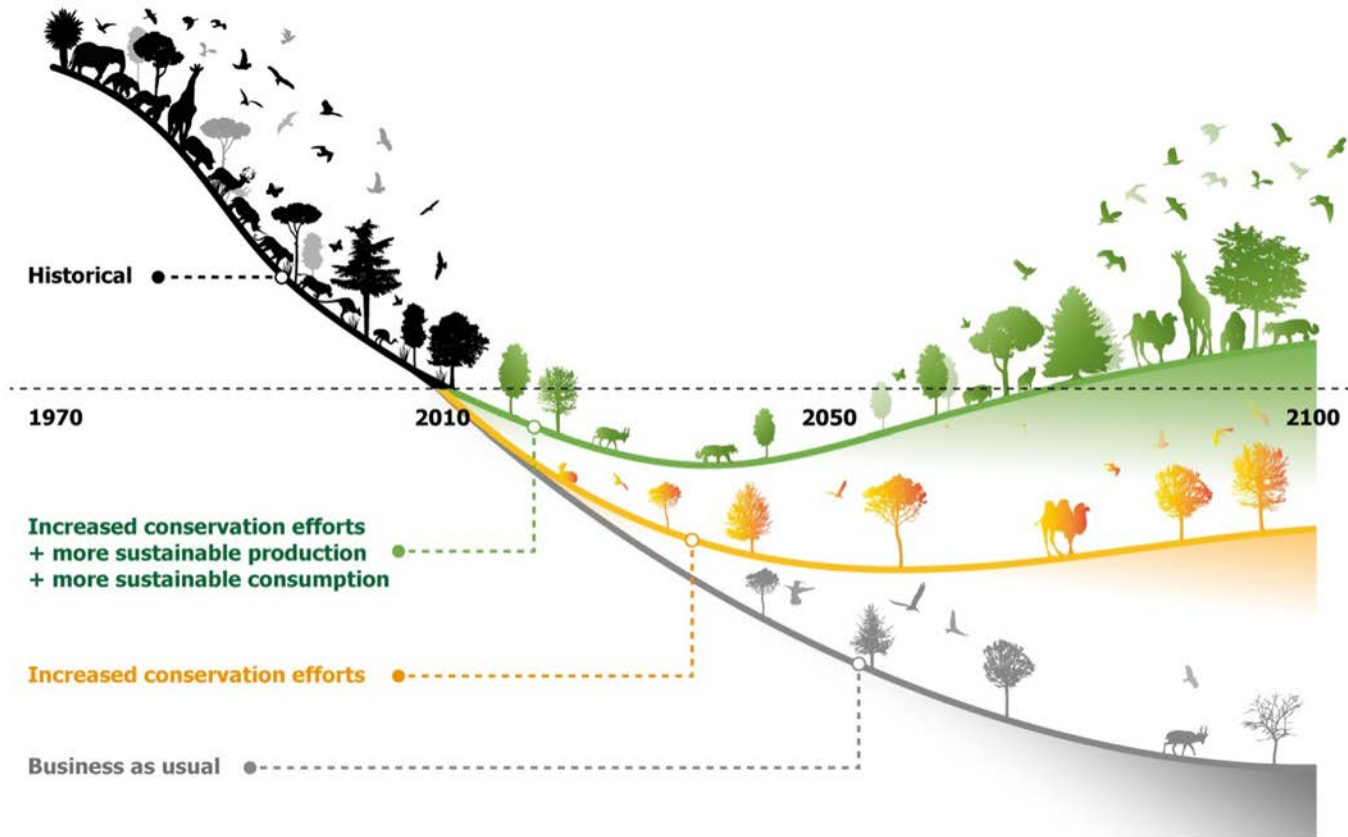


# SCIENCE BASED TARGETS NETWORK

GLOBAL COMMONS ALLIANCE



# What is Nature Positive?



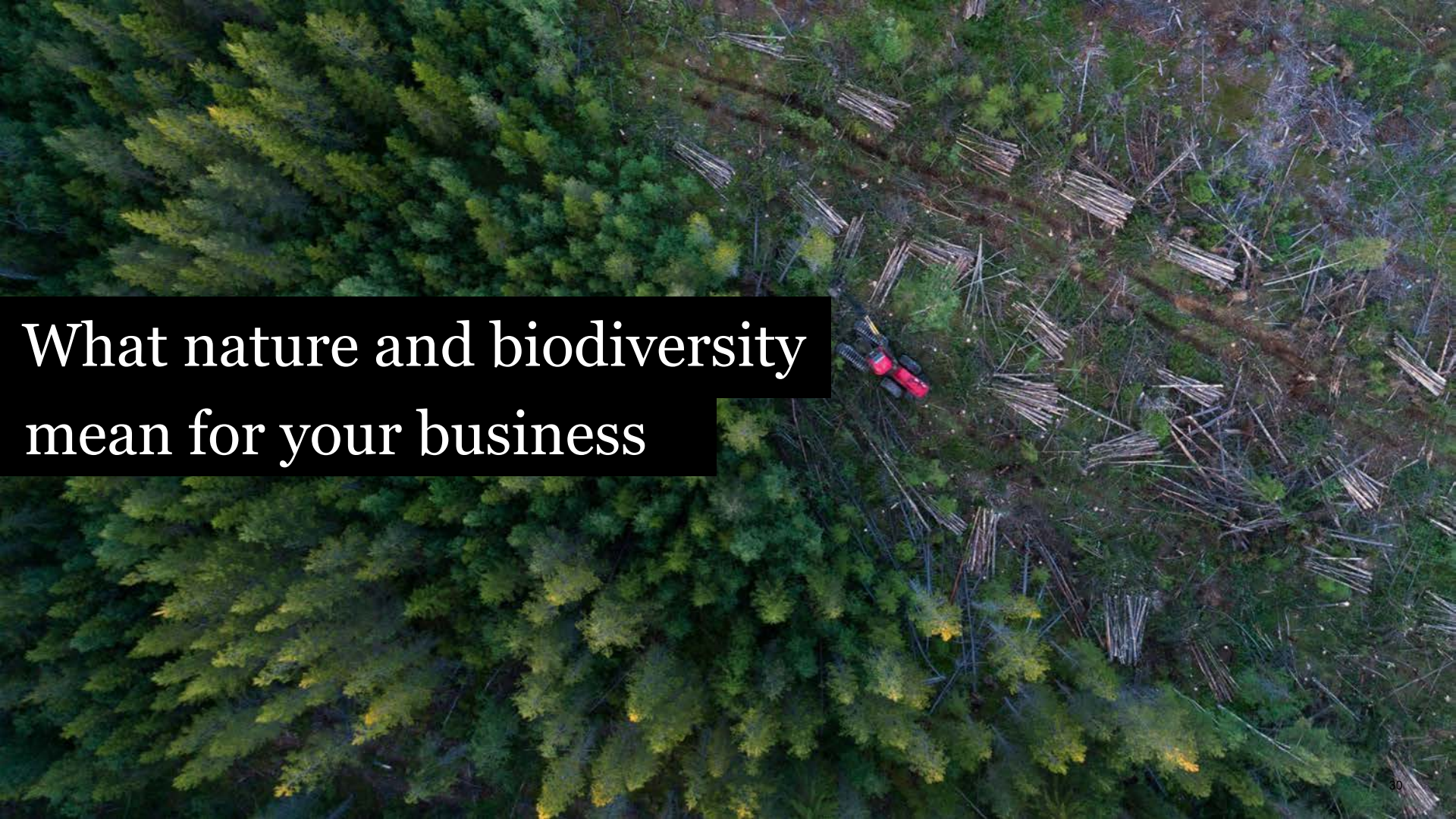
## Environmental

- Reduce/ reverse impact drivers
- Restore and regenerate

## Socio-economic

- Remove perverse incentives
- Reduce consumption
- Achieve circularity
- Raise wellbeing and respect rights of IPLCs



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What nature and biodiversity  
mean for your business

# Practical steps to take now

- SFI is engaging with TNFD and WBCSD to develop forest sector guidance on disclosures that leverage certification
- Forest certification will be an important enabler for companies in addressing Nature-related disclosures
- The requirements of the standards align closely with the assessment approaches and disclosure metrics.





# How SFI standards align with SBTN and TNFD

Mitigation Hierarchy	Business Action	How SFI Addresses Business Action
<b>Avoid</b>	Avoid deforestation in direct operations and value chain	SFI Forest Management Standard <b>does not allow lands converted to non-forest</b> to be within the scope of a SFI forest management certificate, nor does it allow for the inclusion of fiber harvested from forests that are not maintained as forests through reforestation.
<b>Reduce</b>	Protect areas of significant biodiversity and carbon value	SFI requires companies to <b>maintain or advance biological diversity</b> at the stand and landscape level across a diversity of forest types and successional stages. This includes the conservation of Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value, old-growth forests, and ecologically important sites.
<b>Restore and Regenerate</b>	Restore native or endangered tree species adapted to climatic conditions	SFI requires that tree species used in reforestation or re-establishment be <b>native (or naturalized) species</b> that are <b>ecologically adapted</b> to the site.

# How SFI standards align with SBTN and TNFD

TNFD LEAP Approach	Guiding Question	How SFI Addresses Guiding Question
<b>Locate</b> interface with nature	Which biomes and ecosystems do activities interface with?	SFI-certified companies are required to <b>identify and manage Forests of Exceptional Conservation Value (FECV's)</b> .
<b>Evaluate</b> dependencies and impacts	What impacts and dependencies on relevant environmental assets and ecosystem services by priority location?	<b>Maintain water quantity</b> by implementing measures to <b>protect and enhance forest ecosystems</b> that <b>contribute</b> to the <b>regulation of water flows</b> . This includes protecting wetland and maintaining riparian zones
<b>Assess</b> risks and opportunities	What risk mitigation and risk and opportunity management approaches are we already applying?	Protect <b>water quality</b> by <b>avoiding or minimizing the use of pesticides and herbicides</b> near waterways, wetlands, and other sensitive areas.
<b>Prepare</b> to respond to nature-related risks and opportunities and report	How will we set targets and define and measure progress?	Certified organizations will be <b>required to report annually</b> to SFI on progress toward achieving <b>climate change strategies</b> and plans and <b>measures to mitigate climate change</b> associated with forest operations.

# Practical steps to take now

## **Understand your interface with nature:**

Assess your dependencies and impacts to identify where you have disruption risk by activity and geography - *using the LEAP methodology.*

**Nature positive strategy:** Develop fast-follower advantage by integrating nature positivity into your business strategy; creating a potential source of differentiating value whilst mitigating potential risks.

## **Disclosures & regulatory readiness:**

Integrate the nature positive strategy into your sustainability reporting strategy and define how performance can be measured to identify data needs and gaps.







# Thank you

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## TOOLS TO MEET THE FUTURE



### DR. JJ APODACA

Lead Scientist and Founder, Tangled Bank Conservation;  
Executive Director, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation



## II. MEETING THE CHALLENGE

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# CONSERVATION IMPACT GRANT: EDNA EFFECTS OF PRE- AND POST-FIRE FOREST MANAGEMENT ON AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY: AN EVALUATION OF FIRE RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY




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Forest Watershed Scientist  
NCASI





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## Environmental DNA (eDNA) Effects of Pre- and Post-fire Forest Management on Aquatic Biodiversity: An Evaluation of Fire Resiliency and Recovery

Ashley A. Coble (NCASI)  
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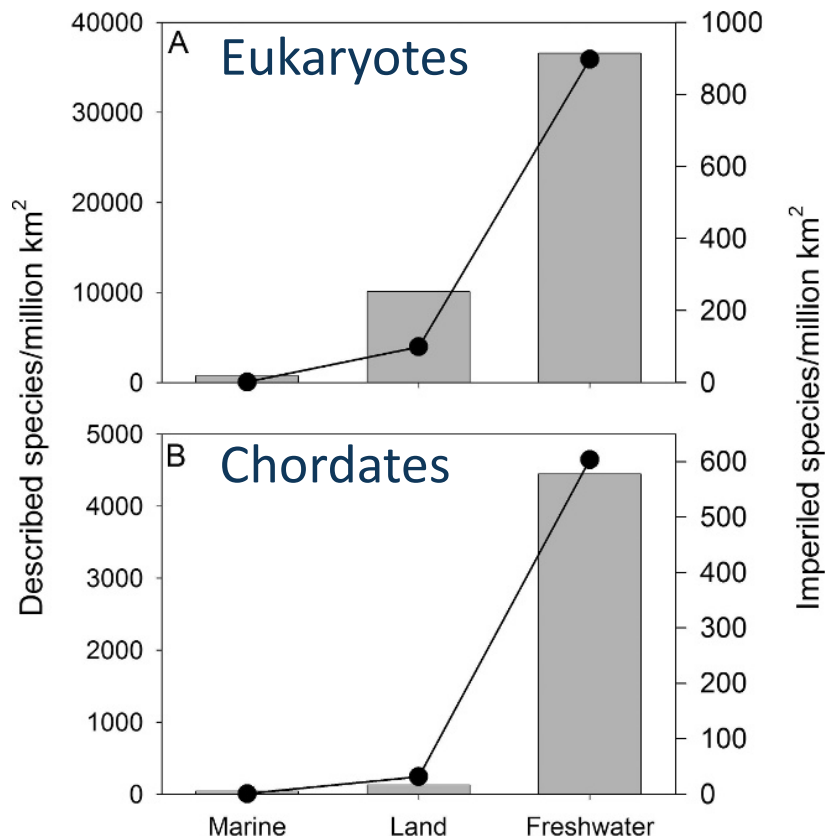
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## Freshwater ecosystems are among the most diverse

- 10% of all species
- Cover <1% of Earth

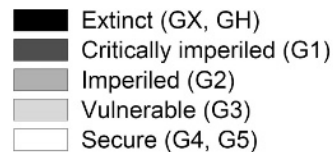


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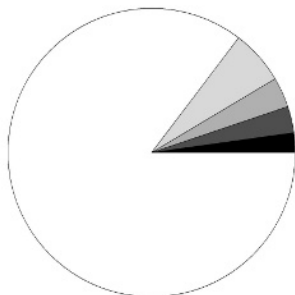
“Freshwater animals, especially those that disperse poorly, are more endangered than their terrestrial counterparts”

Even so...

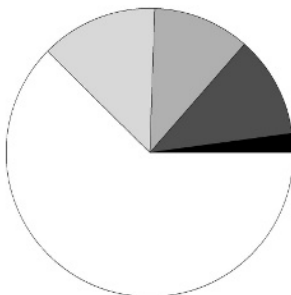
- Less emphasis on aquatic biodiversity



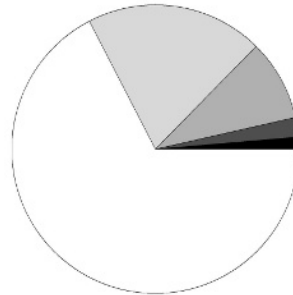
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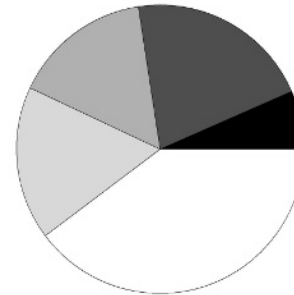
B. Freshwater fish  
(*n* = 798)



C. Freshwater insects  
(*n* = 1046)



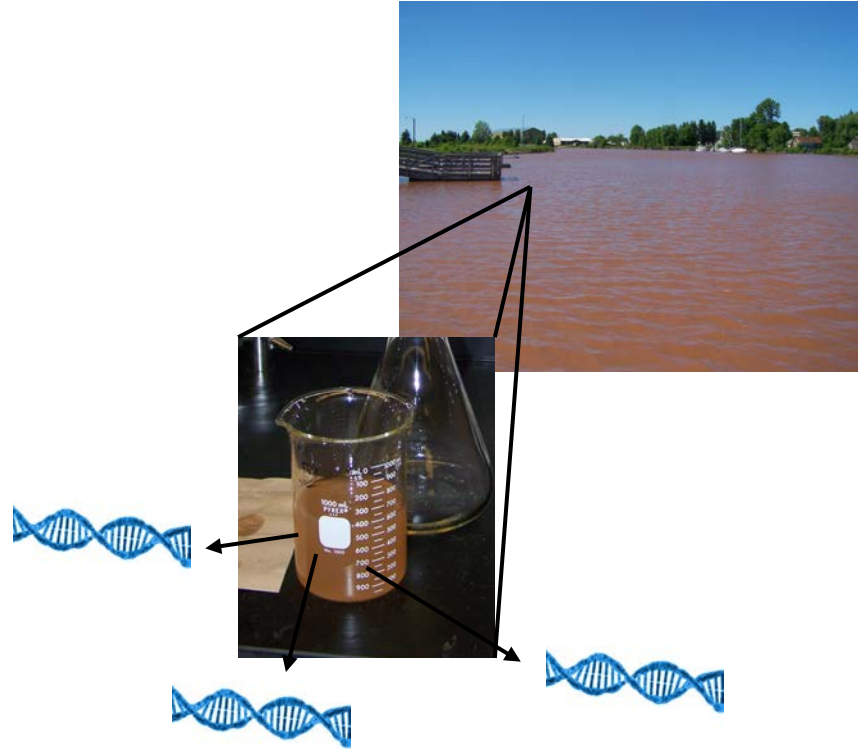
D. Crayfish and mussels  
(*n* = 609)



Stayer and Dudgeon (2006)

## Environmental DNA (eDNA)

- Cutting edge technique
- Adept at determining presence of species in low abundance



## Environmental DNA (eDNA)

- Cutting edge technique
- Adept at determining presence of species in low abundance
- Without handling or adversely affecting organisms



## Environmental DNA (eDNA)

- Added benefit of characterizing species across taxonomic groups
- A comprehensive assessment of ecosystem biodiversity

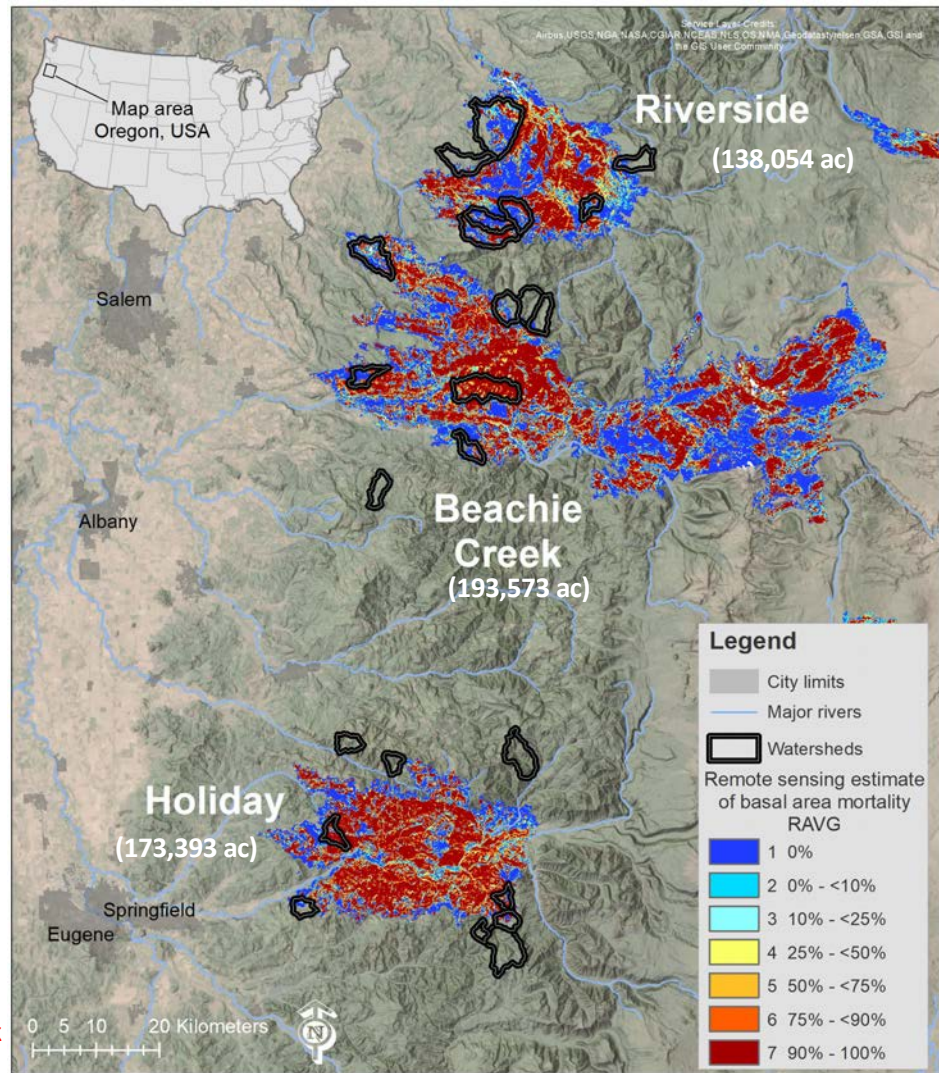




## 2020 Labor Day fires

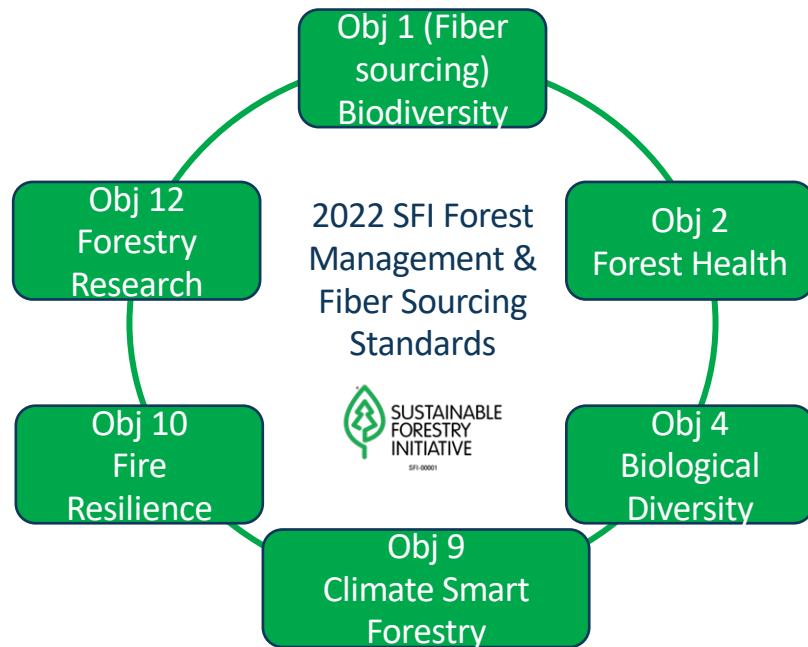
- 1.22 million acres in 2020
- 600,000+ acres in Riverside, Beachie Creek, Holiday Farm, and Archie Creek complexes
- >38% of SFI-certified lands

Coble et al. in press Fire Ecology  
[not shown] Archie Creek  
(131,542 ac)



## Research objectives

- Does aquatic biological diversity vary with forest management or fire extent and severity?
- Which landscape or management factors are the most influential predictors of aquatic biological diversity in forested streams?
- Obtain spatially-extensive data on species with elevated conservation status



# Methods: Multi-species eDNA approach

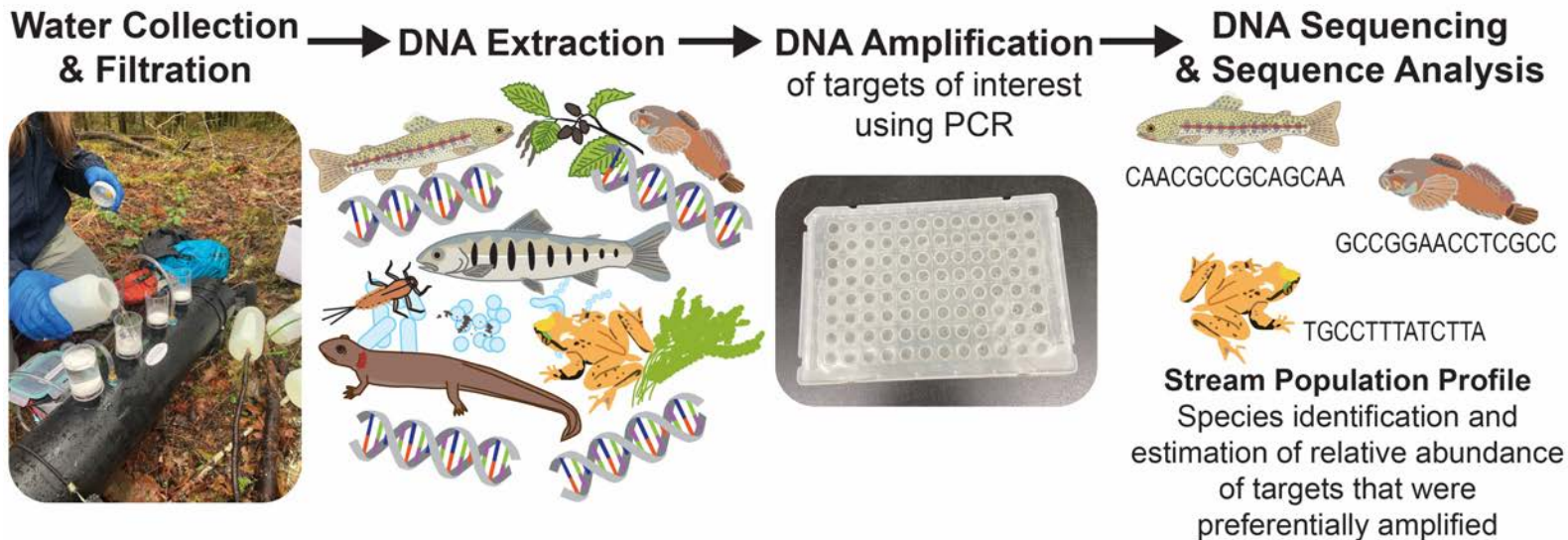


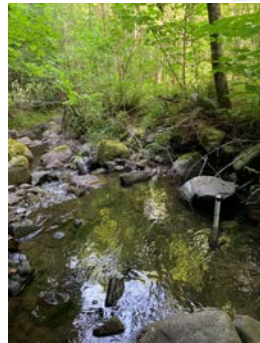
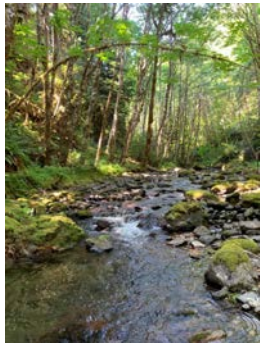
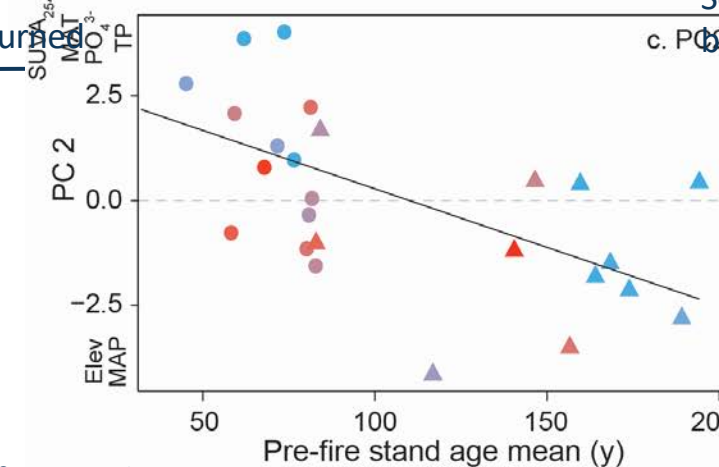
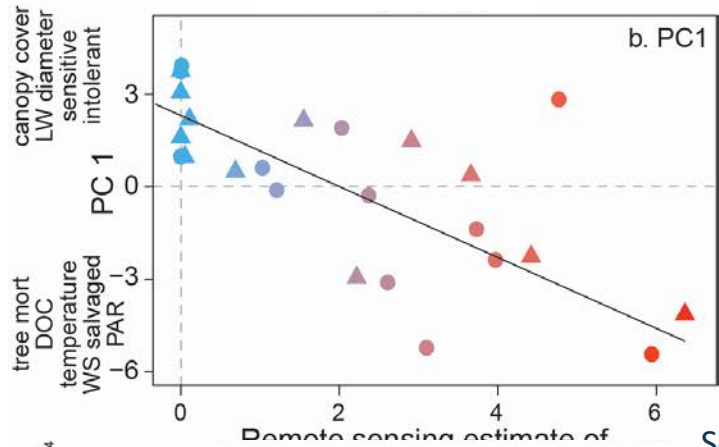
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# Fire severity explains most variation in stream variables



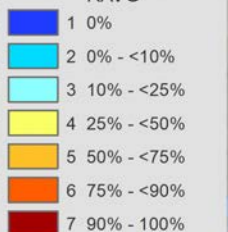
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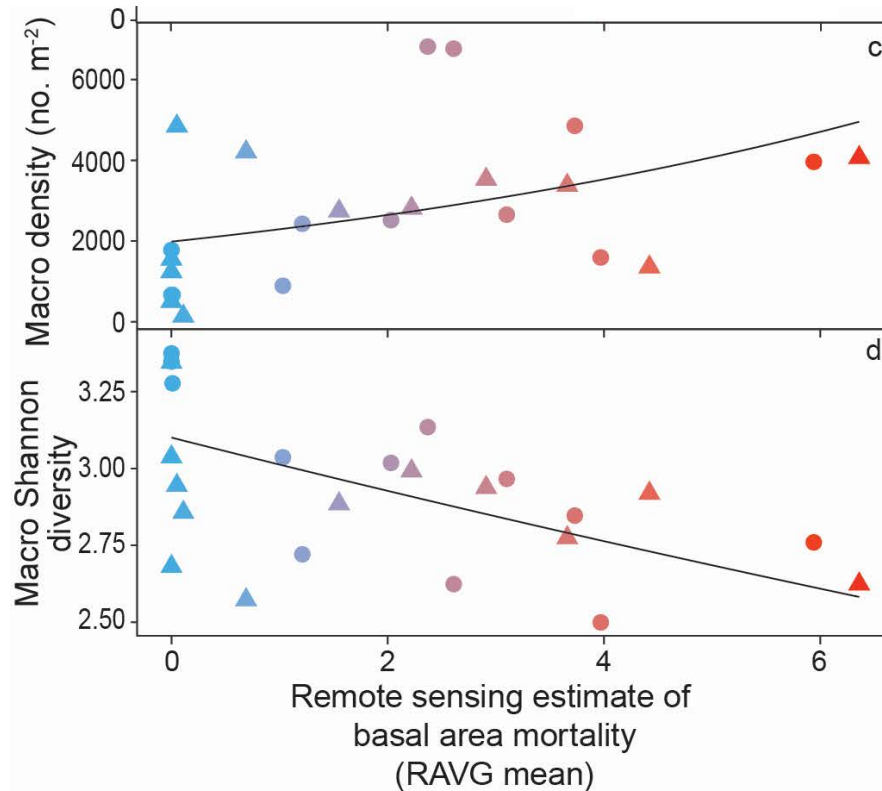


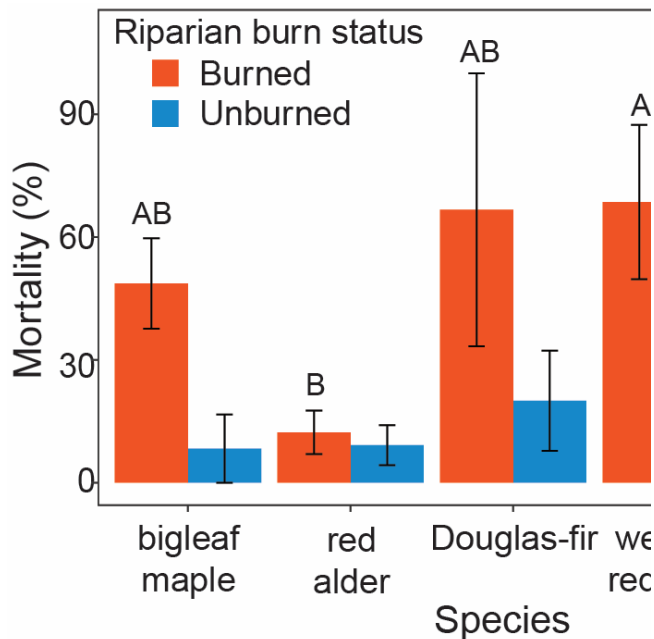
Younger pre-fire stand age

Older pre-fire stand age

Coble et al. in press Fire Ecology

# Learning from traditional methods: Macroinvertebrate diversity lower in more severely burned watersheds





### PRE & POST-FIRE MANAGEMENT TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

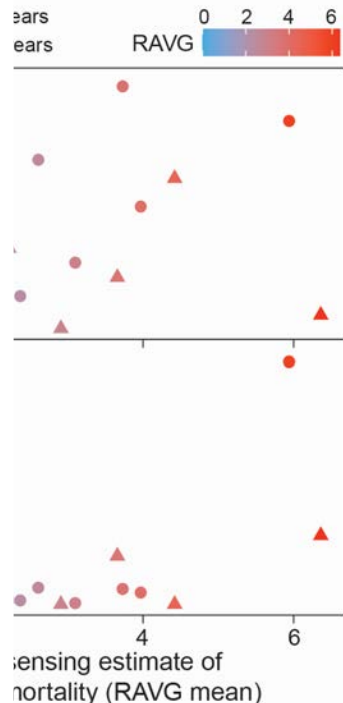
Management Strategies for Small Forest Landowners and Small Woodland Associations

#### Introduction

Climate change is contributing to increasing wildfire risks, including increases in frequency, size and severity of wildfires. Wildfire in managed forests can have negative effects on water quality and quantity. Managed forests provide water for downstream human water supplies and for aquatic biota. This informational handout outlines several forest management strategies that may aid in reducing wildfire risk or in limiting adverse effects on water quality and aquatic biota after wildfire, although which strategies are employed may vary based on local conditions.

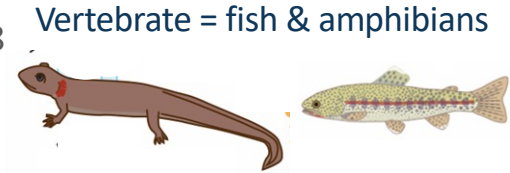
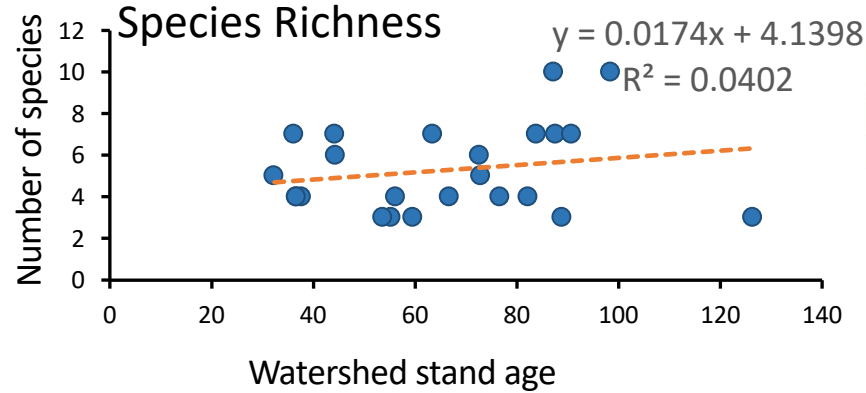
#### Pre-fire management

- 1 • Riparian (area adjacent to surface water) management
  - Maintain diverse overstory tree species in riparian areas, including deciduous trees to enhance potential for overstory survival and shade function post-fire
  - Retain older, large-diameter trees in riparian areas that may have deeper rooting depths or lower evapotranspiration rates
  - Limit mechanized equipment
- 2 • Reduce fuel loads in uplands (outside of riparian areas)
  - Use prescribed fire to help reduce hazardous fuels
- 3 • Consider mechanical thinning with slash removal
- 4 • Watershed restoration
  - Target natural tree stocking density (i.e., not overstocked) with native species to maintain natural water balance (storage, evapotranspiration, runoff)
  - Restore wetlands to maintain water table levels
  - Follow regulatory or voluntary best management practices to limit changes in hydrological routing (road-building, soil compaction near streams) to enhance water infiltration into soil, groundwater, and surface water

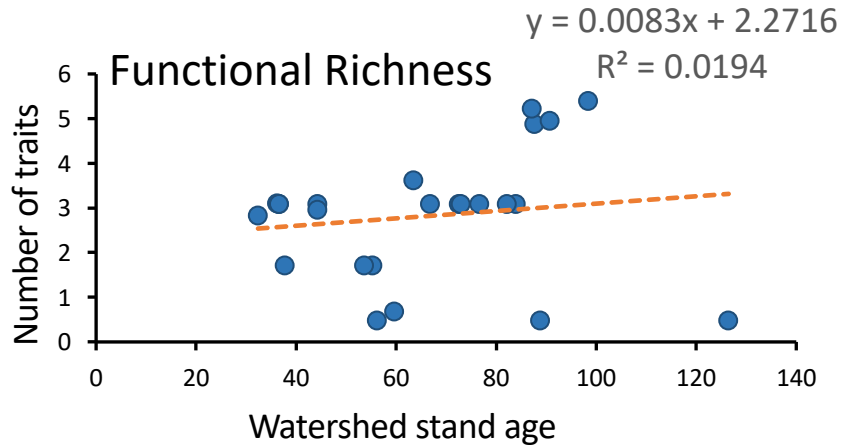


# Learning from coastal Oregon: Vertebrate richness doesn't change with watershed stand age

Richness indicates number of species present



High functional richness indicates many functional roles in the community

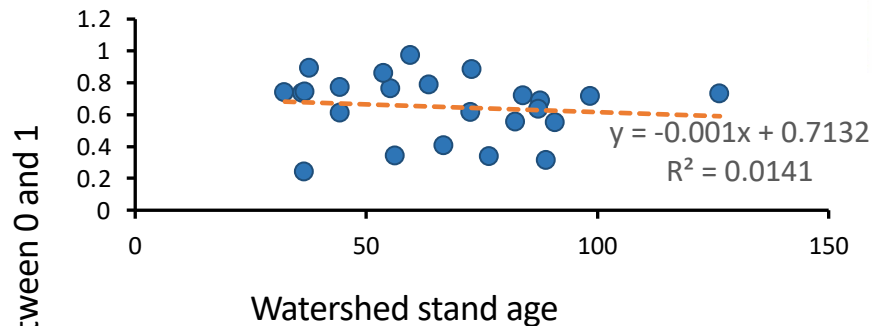




# Learning from coastal Oregon: Vertebrate **evenness** doesn't change with watershed stand age

Evenness indicates relative abundance of each species present

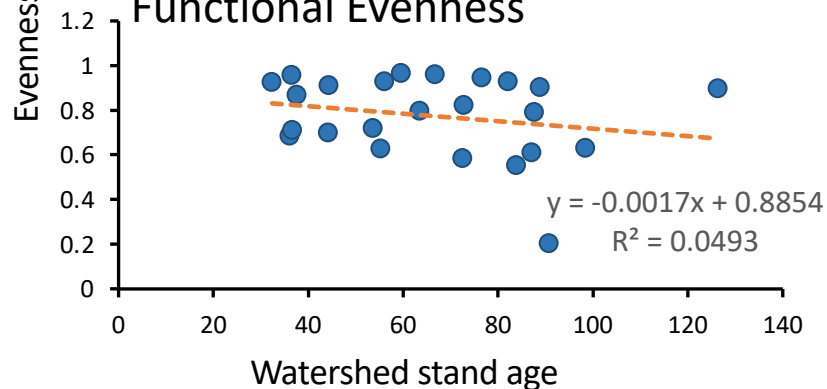
## Species Evenness, using Pielou's J



Vertebrate = fish & amphibians



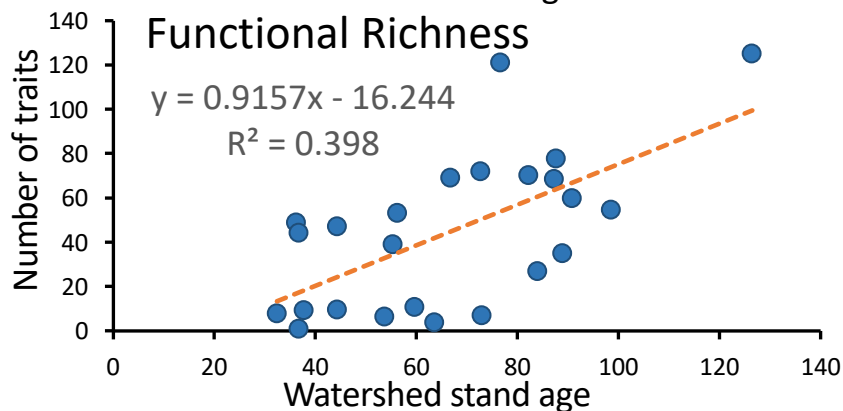
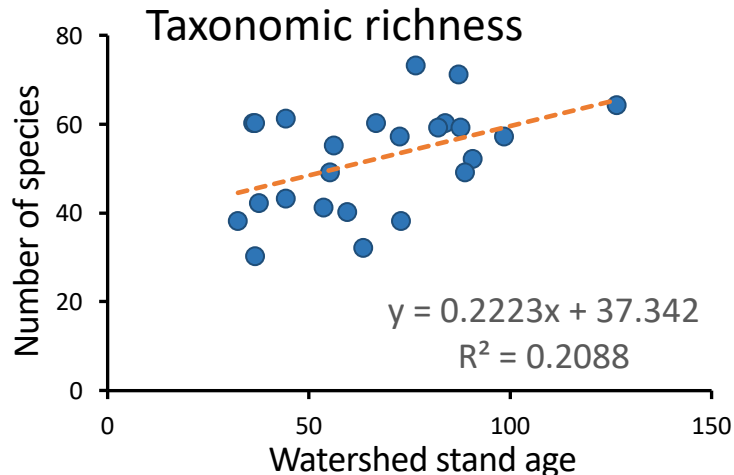
## Functional Evenness



# Learning from coastal Oregon: Macroinvertebrate richness is higher in older forests

Functional richness can either remain unchanged or increase as species richness increases

High functional richness indicates many functional roles in the community



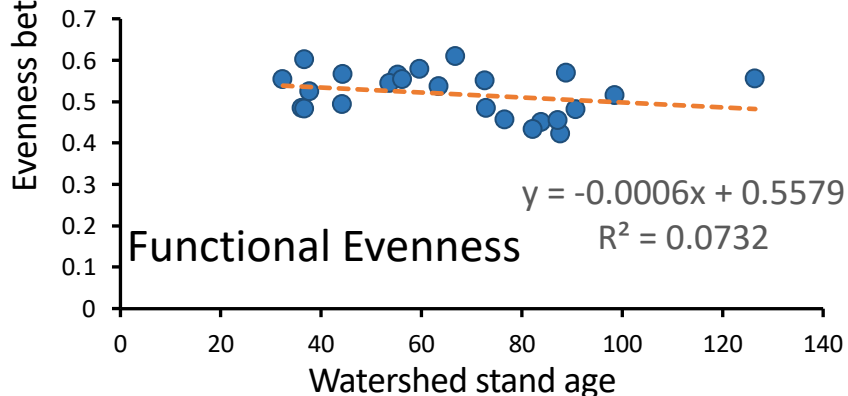
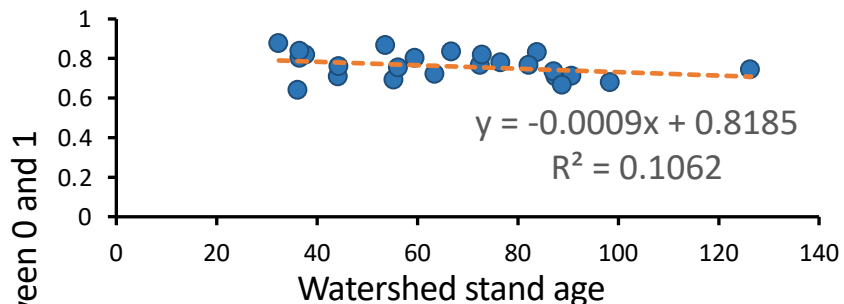
# Learning from coastal Oregon: Macroinvertebrate evenness is slightly lower in older forests

Evenness indicates relative abundance of each species present

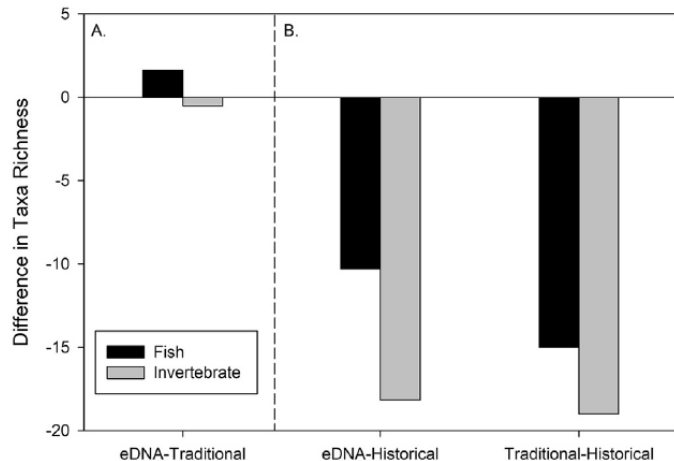


## Species Evenness, using Pielou's

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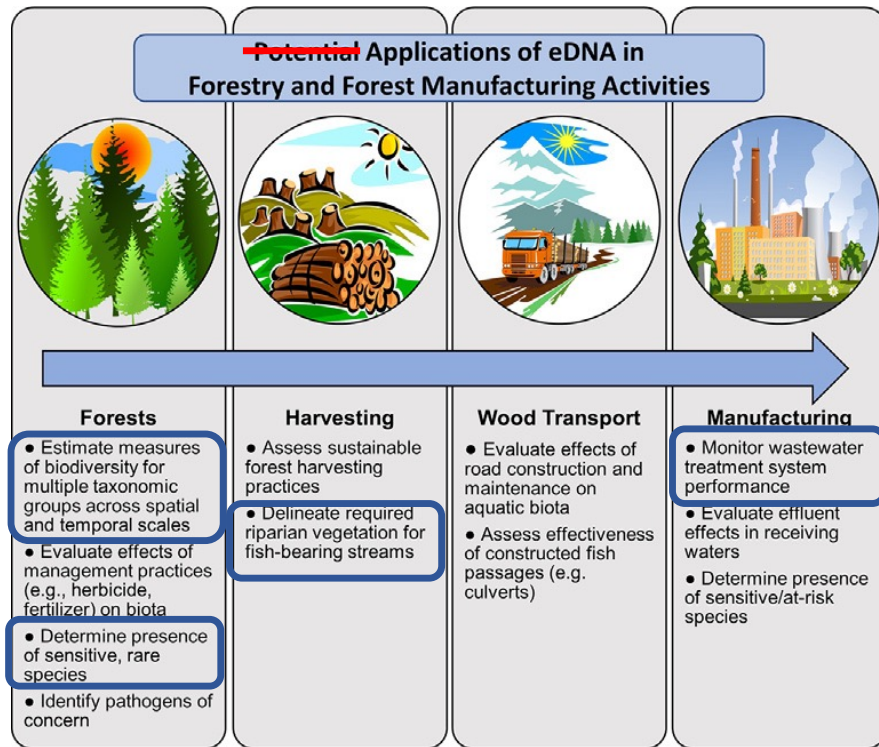


# eDNA: potential applications now realized



Comparison

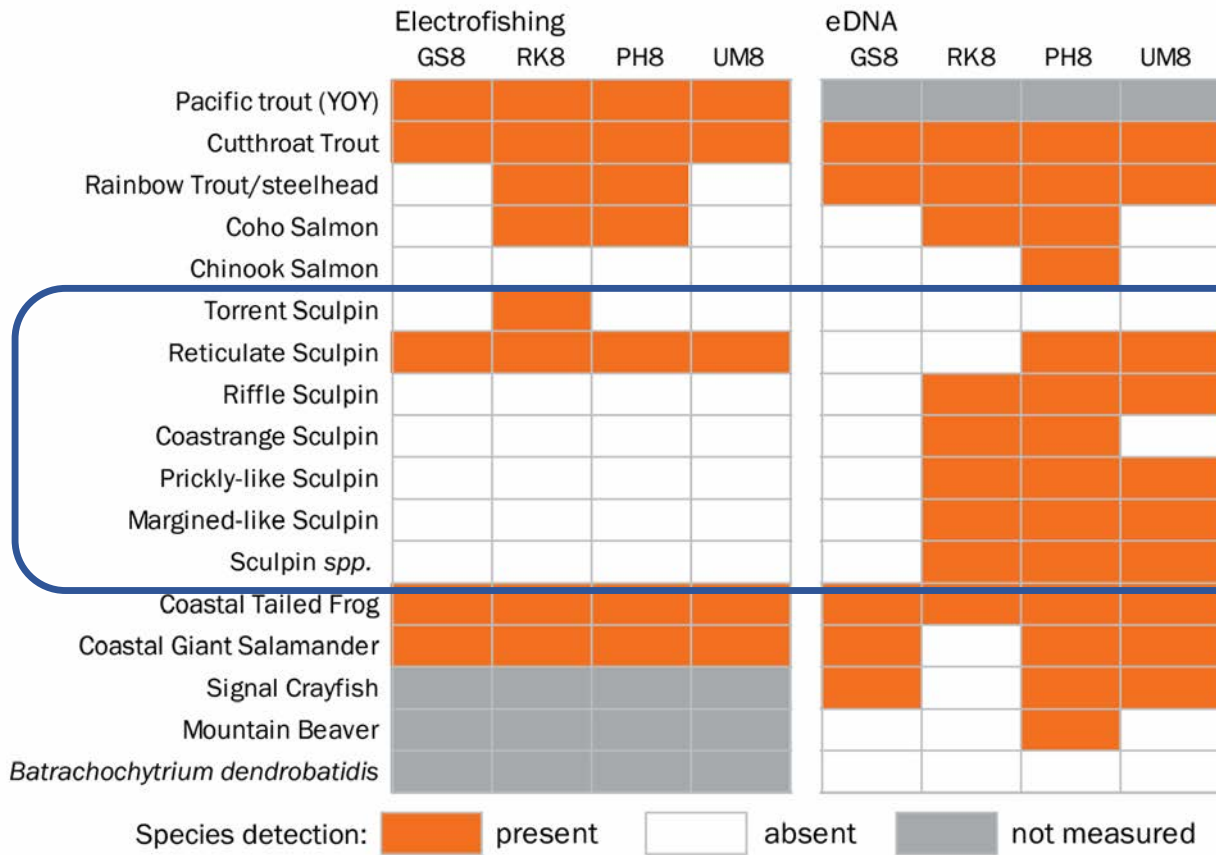
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Coble et al. 2019  
 Science of the Total Environment



# Will freshwater/forest relationships change with eDNA data because of improved species detections?

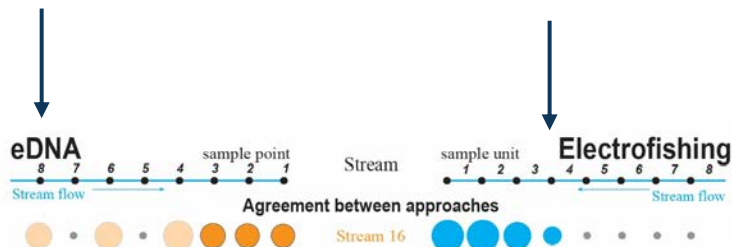
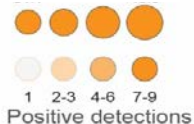


# Example: eDNA forestry application

Trout detected with eDNA

Trout detected with traditional method

Detection strength



- Fish presence defines retention buffer width/presence during forest harvest
- eDNA detected fish 50 to 250 m above traditional approach for most of 60 sites samples
- qPCR (single species) approach for coastal cutthroat trout



Swartz et al. (in prep)

## Takeaways & Next Steps

- High survival rates of red alder may provide shade for aquatic ecosystems after high severity megafires
- Greater salvage in more severely burned watersheds
- eDNA species' detections can differ from traditional techniques potentially affecting biodiversity responses to fire severity or pre-fire stand age
- Awaiting DNA sequencing and sequence analysis to identify species







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## II. MEETING THE CHALLENGE

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# CONSERVATION IMPACT GRANT: ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENHANCED RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT IN PENTICTON INDIAN BAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY



## JAMES PEPPER

Director

Penticton Indian Band (PIB) Natural Resources

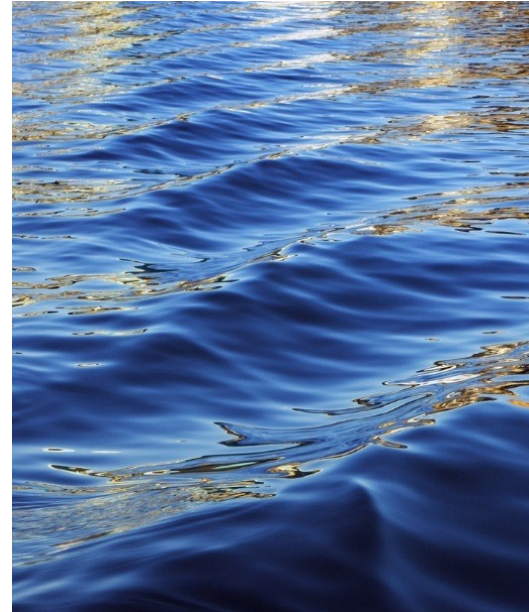


PENTICTON INDIAN BAND



# Penticton Indian Band interim syilx Forest Harvest Standards

Penticton Indian Band SFI Presentation  
May 18 2023



# Penticton Indian Band Strategic Forestry Initiative Project

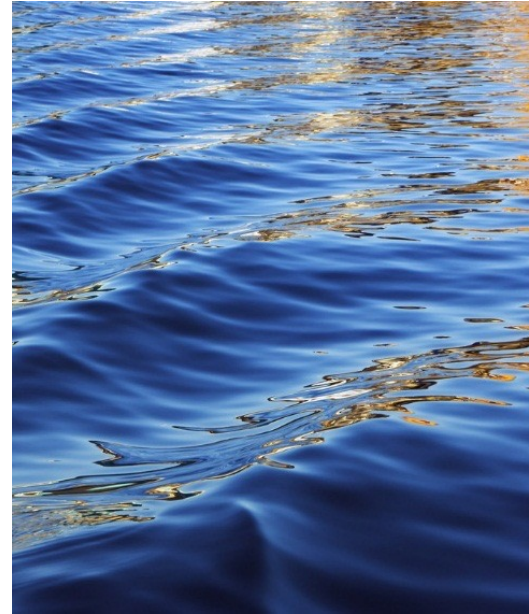
## Assessing the Effectiveness of Enhanced Riparian Management in Penticton Indian Band Area of Responsibility

In Partnership with:





Penticton Indian  
Band, syilx Nation





## *snpink'tn /Penticton Indian Band*

- The syilx people hold Title and Rights to over 69,000 sq. km of unceded, unsurrendered Territory.
- All activities, including forestry, are subject to *syilx* Title, jurisdiction, Rights, interests, and Penticton Indian Band (PIB) decision making and responsibility.



## *snpink'tn /Penticton Indian Band*



- No activities can occur within syilx Territory and the PIB Area of Responsibility without the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of the Penticton Indian Band.



# Penticton Indian Band, syilx Forest Standards



## *Penticton Indian Band, syilx forest standards*



- The syilx people have a Right and Responsibility to manage unceded syilx lands and resources.
- Since 2019, the Penticton Indian Band has implemented PIB syilx forest harvest standards within the Penticton Indian Band Area of Responsibility (approximately 20,000 sq km).



## *Penticton Indian Band, syilx forest standards*



- We work with 15 different Forestry proponents to complete in-field assessments that identify PIB interests (social, cultural, environmental and economic) on approximately 1,400 proposed harvest areas per year.

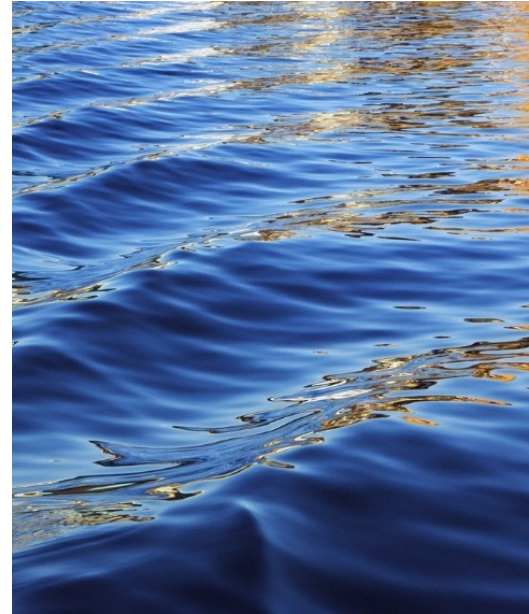
## *Penticton Indian Band, syilx forest standards*



- The PIB syilx forest harvest standards are designed to protect and mitigate impacts to PIB interests. Including protection measures for:
  - Riparian areas,
  - Wildlife corridors,
  - Edible and medicinal plants,
  - Cultural features and
  - Ecosystem function.
- All proponents are 100% compliant with the PIB syilx forest harvest standards.



# SFI Project Summary



## *PIB SFI Project Summary*



- In the spirit of objective 8 of the SFI standard, the Penticton Indian Band (PIB) has worked collaboratively to adopt and implement the PIB Enhanced Riparian Standards on SFI-certified tenures within the PIB Area of Responsibility (AOR).



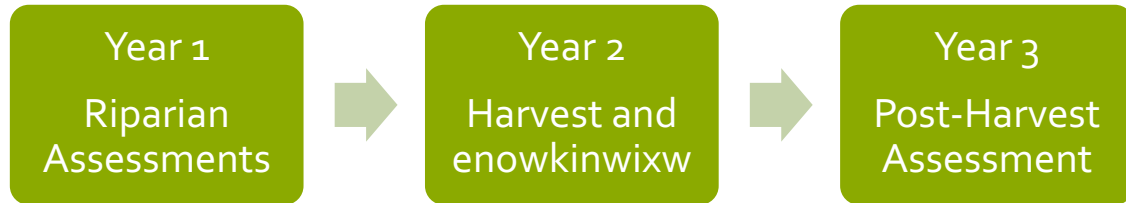
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The Penticton Indian Band will monitor the implementation of the PIB Enhanced Riparian Standards and assess their value and effectiveness for improving forest management for water quality and synergistic indigenous values vs. FRPA Standards.

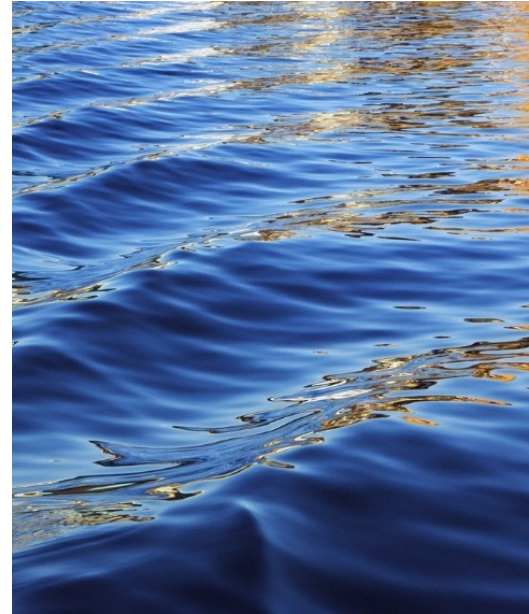
## *PIB SFI Project Summary*

- The Penticton Indian Band will test this by sampling and comparing outcomes of riparian management using PIB forest harvest standards vs noncertified lands managed under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) and the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR).





# Linking TEKK to WSK



## *Tech to TEKK*

- This project aims to link the Indigenous worldview via direct engagement with syilx Elders and Knowledge Keepers with scientific knowledge to prepare the forest industry for the adaptation of syilx Nation forestry standards and assist industry in meeting SFI standards.
- This project will showcase how the SFI Standard can adapt to ensure for the recognition of Indigenous rights and drive improved management and outcomes for indigenous values including water quality.
- This project will link the qualitative and quantitative elements of syilx Indigenous Knowledge with western scientific quantitative knowledge.





## *Environmental, Social and Governance Performance*

- The people of the syilx Nation have used, occupied and governed the lands and resources within syilx Nation Territory since time immemorial.
- Forest companies and governments often seek to use these unceded lands and resources without meaningfully consulting with the syilx people.



## *Environmental, Social and Governance Performance*

- This approach is different, PIB is working directly with multiple proponents, SFI and the Provincial government to ensure that the PIB syilx forest standards are as robust as possible.





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(thank you)



# CONSERVATION IMPACT SOUNDING BOARD WORKSHOP

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# BREAK

RETURN AT 3:30 PM





# III. STRIVING FOR METRICS AND IMPACT

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## COMMUNICATING CONSERVATION IMPACT FOR NATURE-POSITIVE OUTCOMES



### DR. DARREN SLEEP

Lead Scientist  
Sustainable Forestry Initiative



# COMMUNICATING CONSERVATION IMPACT FOR NATURE-POSITIVE OUTCOMES

**DARREN SLEEP, PhD**  
LEAD SCIENTIST  
SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE



**E** NVIRONMENTAL

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REPORTING**



**SUSTAINABILITY  
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# “NATURE POSITIVE”



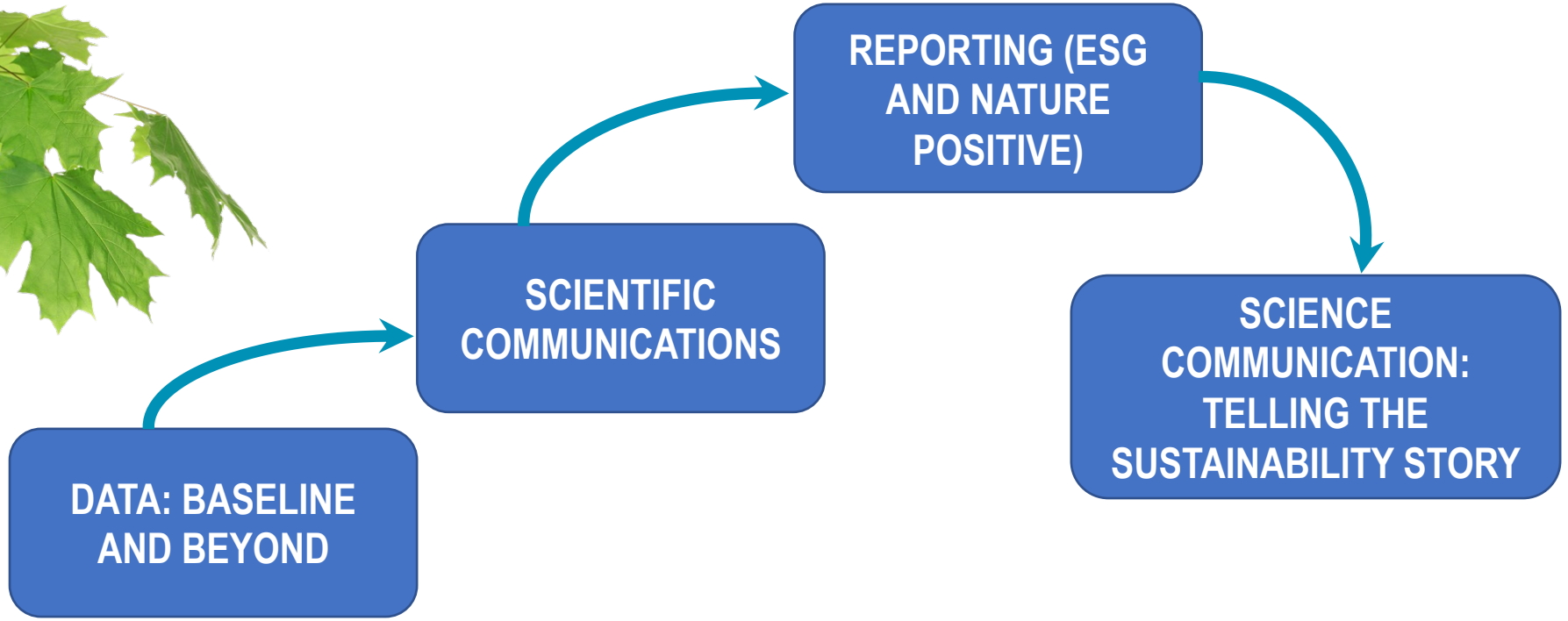
## YET TO SEE A FIRM, MEASURABLE DEFINITION:

"A nature-positive future means that we, as a global society, halt and reverse the loss of nature measured from its current status, reducing future negative impacts alongside restoring and renewing nature, to put both living and non-living nature measurably on the path to recovery." (IUCN 2022)

"A high-level goal and concept describing a future state of nature (e.g. biodiversity, nature's contributions to people) which is greater than the current state." (SBTN 2020)



# THE ARC OF ESG AND “NATURE POSITIVE” REPORTING



# A VERY IMPORTANT DISTINCTION...

## SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION

- Communicating new knowledge gained
- Audience: scientists and technical experts
- Allows feedback and advancement in what we know and how we know it
- Complexity is expected and welcomed; translation is not needed
- Peer-review journals and technical reports

VERSUS

## SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

- Inform, educate and raise awareness of science-related topics
- Audience: General public and non-expert audience (maybe decision-makers)
- Generates an appreciation of science in decision-making and everyday lives
- Complexity must be translated and explained (NOT dumbed-down)
- Videos, blogs, tweets (etc.)



# RESEARCH IS NEEDED TO

DATA: BASELINE  
AND BEYOND

- Test assumptions about sustainability and applied practices – do our methods work the way we think they do?
- Quantify baseline conditions – are improved methods making a difference versus “Business as Usual”?
- Provide the data to tell our stories – What good news can we share about what sustainable forestry is doing?
- Create new tools or new practices to help improve what we do.
- This science **MUST** be communicated: “Research without publication is recreation.” (R.M. Brigham – maybe...)

# DOING THE SCIENCE

# \$78 MILLION

IN FOREST RESEARCH IN 2021

# \$1.9 BILLION

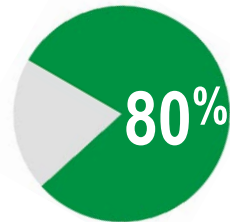
DIRECTLY INVESTED IN FOREST RESEARCH  
BY SFI-CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS  
SINCE 1995



NO OTHER FORESTRY  
STANDARD HAS A  
RESEARCH REQUIREMENT

DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH DOLLARS  
(IN MILLIONS)

\$24	FOREST HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY
\$23	WILDLIFE AND FISH
\$4	WATER QUALITY
\$4	CLIMATE
\$3	INDIGENOUS RELATIONS
\$2	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
\$17	ALL OTHER RESEARCH AREAS



OF RESEARCH FUNDING IS LINKED  
TO CONSERVATION-RELATED  
OBJECTIVES



# DOING THE SCIENCE

## SFI CONSERVATION IMPACT PROJECT

- Brand owners need to understand the impact of their sourcing
- Certified Organizations need information that validates their certification
- Conservation stakeholders need to better understand the value of certification
- Improved understanding facilitates continual improvement in SFI

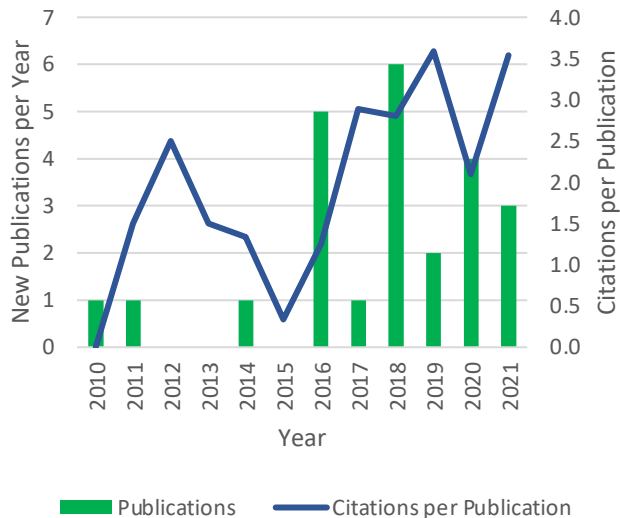


# COMMUNICATING TO THE SCIENTISTS

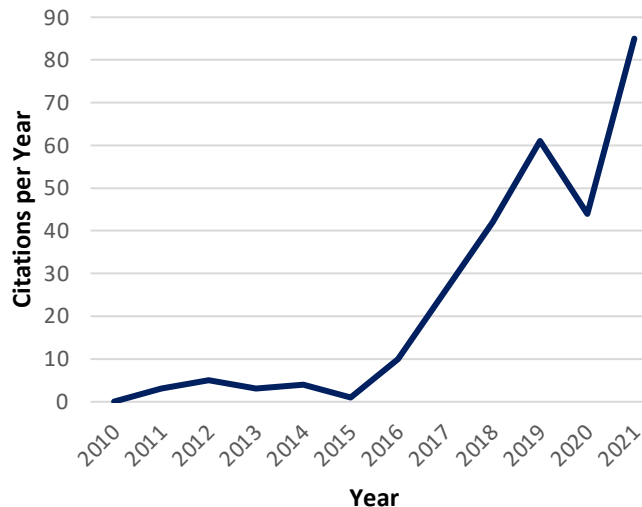
## THE CONSERVATION IMPACT PROJECT

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLICATION METRICS OF SFI'S CONSERVATION WORK



CITATIONS OF SFI-PARTNERED PUBLICATIONS



**SFI's h-index: 9\***

(Measure of scientific productivity and impact)



Number of collaborating organizations **52(+)**

Number of peer-reviewed publications **27**

*\*Darren's h-index: also 9*

# SFI LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION COLLABORATION

## MEMBERSHIPS, COUNCILS AND CHAIRS



COSSARO

Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario



## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

REVIEW ARTICLE

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Forest Management

### Potential Recolonization Benefits of Retention Forestry Practices

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Essay, part of a Special Feature on Conservation of Boreal Birds

### Toward actionable, coproduced research on boreal birds focused on building respectful partnerships

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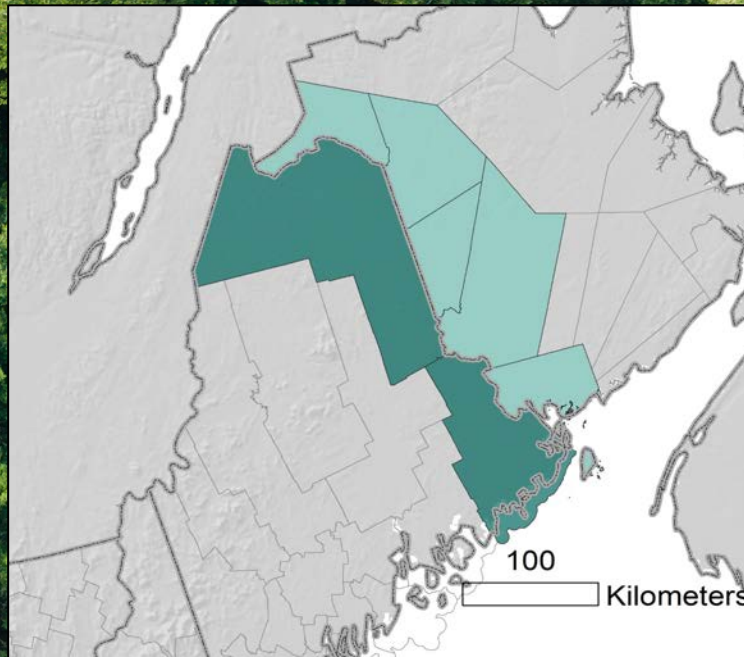


## DEVisING NEW WAYS TO MEASURE BIODIVERSITY ACROSS MILLIONS OF ACRES

Measuring the Conservation Value of Forests Certified to SFI across the U.S. and Canada

**Project Partners:** NatureServe, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Boreal Avian Modeling Project, American Bird Conservancy, National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI), Resource Management Service, Hancock Natural Resource Group, J.D. Irving

PILOT AREA EXTENT: 51,000 KM<sup>2</sup>



**Maine** (Aroostook and Washington counties)

**New Brunswick** (Madawaska, Victoria, Carleton, York, and Charlotte counties)



## REPORTING (ESG AND NATURE POSITIVE)

- Science and data to support sustainability claims are VITAL to ensuring reliable metrics and accountability.
- Supply chain projects can help develop metrics for reporting (e.g., carbon sequestered or water filtered through sourcing from SFI certified lands)
- “First measure the right things; then measure them right.” – Pearl Zhu



# BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATION

## CLIMATE SMART FORESTRY

### WHY IT MATTERS

FORESTS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND STORING CARBON

### SFI STANDARD REQUIREMENTS – OBJECTIVE 9:

- **Identify and address climate change risks** to forest and forest operations and the develop adaptation objectives and strategies.
- **Identify and address opportunities** to mitigate the effects associated with its forest operations on climate change.



# CLIMATE SMART FORESTRY

## DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE? **YES...**

“From what I see in the trenches of forest certification, the SFI standard 2022 is having a real, overdue, and positive impact. The certificate holders are more than being aware (as in the 2015 SFI standard) and now they are engaged in practical actions and proactive planning.”

- LAIRD VAN DAMME, AUDITOR

**...BUT WE STILL NEED DATA!**





## CARBON ASSESSMENT OF THE SFI U.S. FOOTPRINT

SFI collaborated with the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI) to develop a tool to estimate and display forest carbon stocks, and forest carbon stock changes, across the SFI footprint in the U.S.







### Forest Carbon Pools

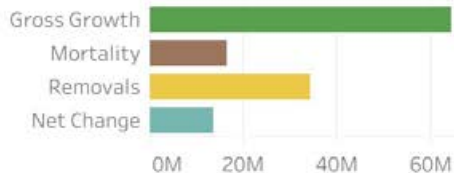
Above Ground Trees	1,566,364,550
Below Ground Trees	333,354,052
Standing Dead Trees	57,792,850
Downed Dead Trees	222,511,510
Understory	78,889,105
Forest Floor	523,996,040
Soil	2,782,617,223
<b>Total Forest Carbon</b>	<b>5,565,525,330</b>

SFI-certified area (acres) | 0  3,414,236

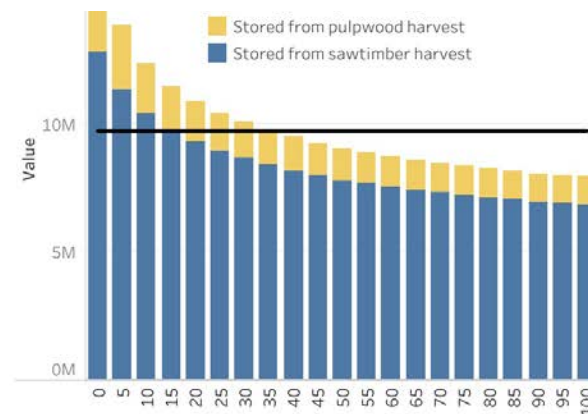
SFI-certified area for All owners: 66,127,085 acres

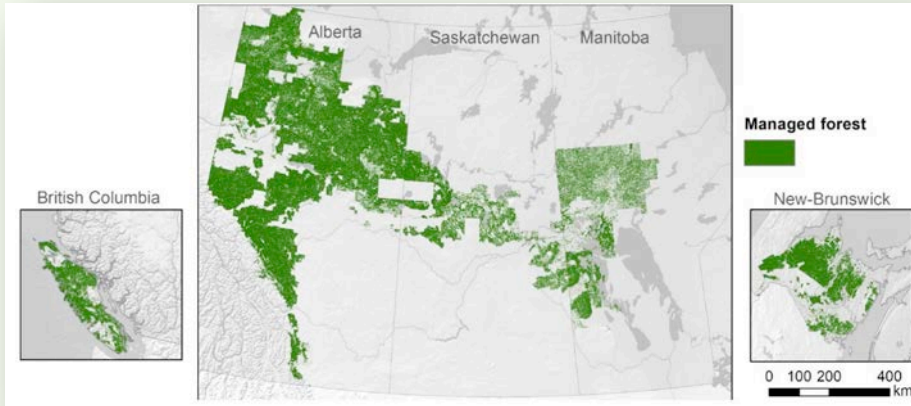
*(The carbon stock measured most reliably in forest inventory is the aboveground live tree carbon; most other forest carbon pools are based on models or limited measurements).*

### Annual changes to aboveground live tree carbon stocks \*

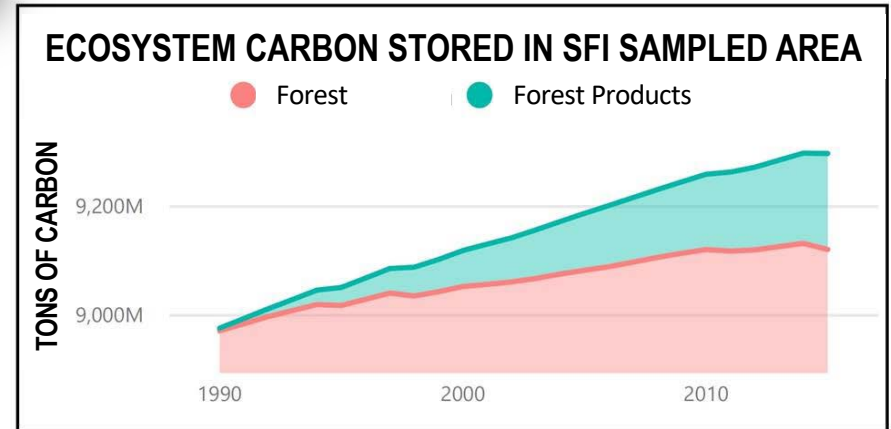
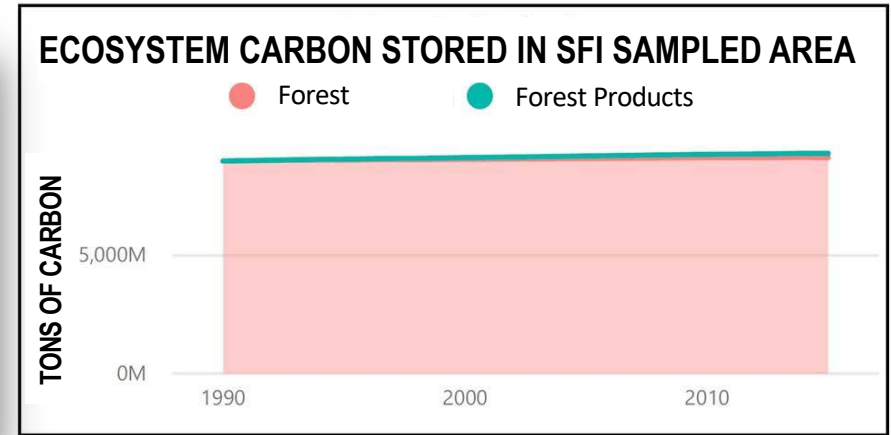


Growth: 64,193,867 (removed from atmosphere)  
 Mortality: 16,261,913 (transferred into dead carbon pools)  
 Removals: 34,282,752 (transferred to HWP and residues)  
 Net change: 13,649,202 (net stock increase or decrease)





- Canada's GCBM
- 18.3% of SFI certified forests in Canada modeled
- 4.5 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e sequestered annually (above ground pools)
- ~24.4 million across Canada\*\*



THERE IS MORE

# CARBON STORED

WITHIN THE SFI FOOTPRINT



SUSTAINABLE  
FORESTRY  
INITIATIVE

SFI-00001

THAN WOULD BE EMITTED BY

# 30 BILLION CARS IN A YEAR

MORE THAN

# 21 TIMES THE NUMBER OF CARS IN THE WORLD IN 2018



HOW MUCH WATER  
FLOWS THROUGH  
SFI-CERTIFIED LAND?

AT LEAST  
**661** BILLION CUBIC METERS /  
865 BILLION CUBIC YARDS  
OF WATER EVERY YEAR



THAT'S ENOUGH  
TO SUSTAIN  
**NIAGARA  
FALLS**

FOR MORE THAN  
**7**  
YEARS



FORESTS CERTIFIED TO SFI ENCOMPASS

**6.8 MILLION HECTARES/**

**16.8 MILLION ACRES** OF SURFACE WATER

THIS IS ENOUGH WATER  
TO COVER MORE THAN

**9** MILLION  
**SOCCER FIELDS**



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# MAPPING SFI ESG LEADERSHIP THROUGH KEY THEMES

ENVIRONMENTAL	SOCIAL	GOVERNANCE
Climate Smart Forestry	Indigenous Peoples' Rights, Recognition, and Relationship Building	Diverse Board of Directors
Fire Resilience and Awareness	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Labor Rights	Standards and 3rd Party Audits
Biodiversity and Species Recovery	Healthy Communities and Urban Forestry	
Water Quality and Quantity, and Soil Health		
Reducing Risk (deforestation, illegal logging)		

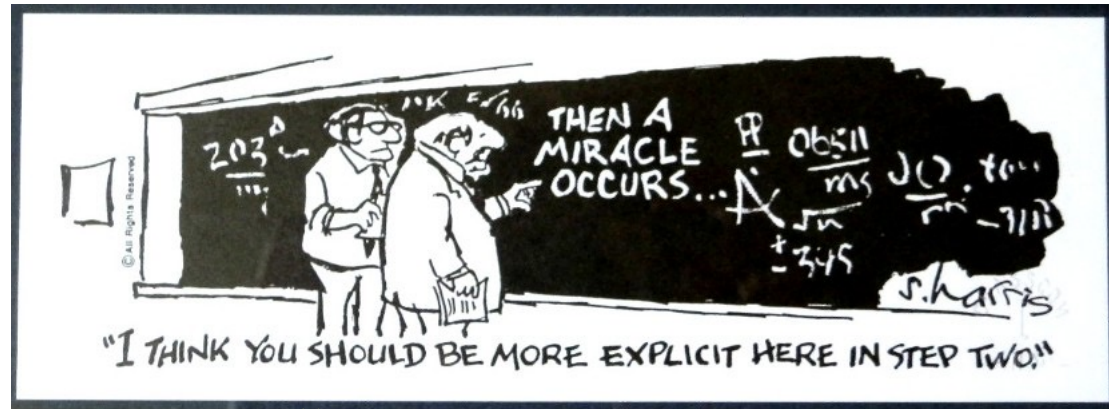


# SCIENCE LEFT IN THE HANDS OF SCIENTISTS HELPS...

SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS

## BUT NOT ENOUGH

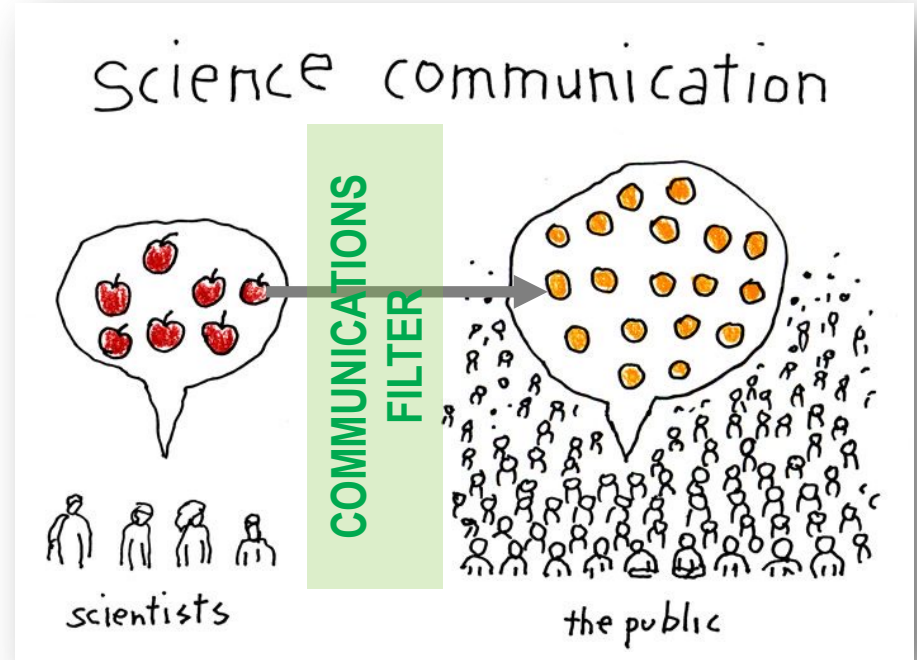
- The public needs to hear the stories in a way they can relate to
- NOT dumbed-down, but adequately explained (e.g., SFI Standard Guidance, Section 7)



# SCIENCE CAN BE COMPLICATED

- The public doesn't want the details (in most cases).
- ...but dumbing it down can often be perceived as misleading, or condescending.
- Science comms can help bridge the divide.

**SFI CAN HELP...**





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FEATURE

## Managed Forests are Key to Gopher Tortoise Conservation

### US Fish and Wildlife Service: Tortoise No Longer Candidate for ESA Listing in Most of Its Range

By Steve Wilent

Most news articles involving the Endangered Species Act (ESA) describe proposals to list species as threatened or endangered, or the decline of those already listed. In October, a decision by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS) offered some positive news: The population of the gopher tortoise in the southeastern United States is robust in most of its range and is no longer a candidate for listing as threatened under the ESA.

The gopher tortoise lives primarily in forests throughout Florida, southern Georgia, and portions of South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and eastern Louisiana. They excavate burrows up to 12-foot deep that provide shelter from wildfire, predators, winter cold, and summer heat. Gopher tortoises can live to be 50 to 80 years old and can grow to be up to 15 inches

long and weigh from eight to 15 pounds. They are primarily herbivores, but sometimes eat insects and carrion.

The F&WS listed the gopher tortoise in 1987 as threatened under the ESA in the western part of its range, in portions of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. In 2011, the agency determined that the gopher tortoise warranted listing as a threatened species in the eastern portion of its range, where the vast majority of tortoises live, but the agency opted not to list the species there because it had higher priorities for other species.

With the October F&WS decision, the species is no longer a candidate for listing in the eastern portion of its range; it remains listed as threatened in the smaller western portion of its range.

In a Federal Register notice of its decision, the F&WS noted that active forest management and efforts by a range of



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**Sustainable Fo...**  
Wed 1/5/2022 11:16 am...

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Conserving Birds on a...

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>33</b>
Reactions	20
Comments	2
Shares	3
Post Link Clicks	1
Other Post Clicks	7

**Sustainable Fo...**  
Fri 4/22/2022 1:10 pm EDT

DYK that there is more #carbon stored with the #SFI footprint than would be...

**CARBON STORED WITHIN THE U.S. SFI FOOTPRINT**

THAN WOULD BE EMITTED BY

**4 BILLION CARS IN A YEAR**

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>31</b>
Reactions	18
Comments	1
Shares	1
Post Link Clicks	—
Other Post Clicks	—

**Sustainable Fo...**  
Thu 3/3/2022 11:37 am ...

It's a common misconception that an untouched #forest is all we can do for species at...

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>23</b>
Reactions	10
Comments	0
Shares	4
Post Link Clicks	—

**@sfiprogram**  
Thu 11/17/2022 4:30 p...

"Trees are the Swiss army knife of ESG solutions," Rich Brown SVP and Environmental Progr...

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>50</b>
Likes	23
@Replies	0
Retweets	6
Post Link Clicks	—
Other Post Clicks	21
Other Engagements	0

**@sfiprogram**  
Mon 3/21/2022 3:05 pm ...

SFI is proud to announce the 2022 SFI Conservation Grant recipients on...

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>38</b>
Likes	12
@Replies	0
Retweets	4
Post Link Clicks	12
Other Post Clicks	10
Other Engagements	0

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Wed 1/5/2022 11:15 am...

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<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>38</b>
Likes	12
@Replies	1
Retweets	3
Post Link Clicks	7
Other Post Clicks	15
Other Engagements	0

**Sustainable Fo...**  
Thu 5/26/2022 12:27 p...

SFI's Sr. Director of Conservation Science and Strategies, Darren Sleep,...

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>477</b>
Reactions	104
Comments	1
Shares	3
Post Clicks (All)	369

**Sustainable Fo...**  
Tue 10/11/2022 1:34 pm...

#SFI is thrilled to announce Lauren Cooper as its new Chief Conservation Officer...

**FI ANNOUNCES AUREN T. COOPER AS ITS NEW CHIEF CONSERVATION OFFICER**

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>262</b>
Reactions	130
Comments	16
Shares	5
Post Clicks (All)	111

**Sustainable Fo...**  
Fri 5/20/2022 9:46 ...

It's a common misconception that an untouched #forest is all we can do for species at...

<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>105</b>
Reactions	63
Comments	3
Shares	9
Post Clicks (All)	30



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Science and data to support sustainability claims are VITAL to ensuring reliable metrics and accountability; measuring the right thing the right way is essential.
- Scientific Communication is not the same as Science Communication; it's important to know the difference!
- SFI is working to tell the story and communicate it to multiple audiences
  - The scientific community
  - The curious public
  - ESG and “Nature Positive” reporting needs
  - The general public

## LET US HELP!





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### LEONARDO VIANA

VP Conservation Collaboration  
Sustainable Forestry Initiative





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CONSERVATION IMPACT  
SOUNDING BOARD WORKSHOP

**LEO VIANA**

Vice President, Conservation Collaboration  
Sustainable Forestry Initiative

May 18, 2023



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# CONSERVATION RESEARCH AT SFI: Past and Present



**1995**  
SFI Research Requirement



**2016**  
Conservation Impact Project

**74** TOTALING  
CONSERVATION GRANTS  
**\$4.8 MILLION**  
OVER  
**\$13.2 MILLION**  
WHEN LEVERAGED WITH PROJECT PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

**2022**  
Decade of Success

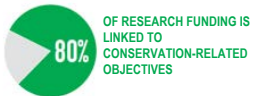


**Today**

**\$1.9 BILLION**

**2010**  
Conservation and Community Partnership Grants Program

Since 1995, SFI-certified companies have directly invested nearly **\$1.9 billion** in forest research. In 2021, 80% of these investments were allocated to conservation-related objectives.



**2021**  
Gap Analysis Conducted Results in Grant (RFP)



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**LAUREN T. COOPER**  
AS ITS NEW CHIEF CONSERVATION OFFICER



SFI ANNOUNCES  
**DR. HEALY HAMILTON**  
AS ITS NEW CHIEF SCIENTIST



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## NATURESERVE

*Quantifying Evidence of Imperiled Forest-Associated Species on SFI-Certified Lands*



## DR. HEALY HAMILTON

Chief Scientist, SFI

Previous: Chief Scientist, NatureServe

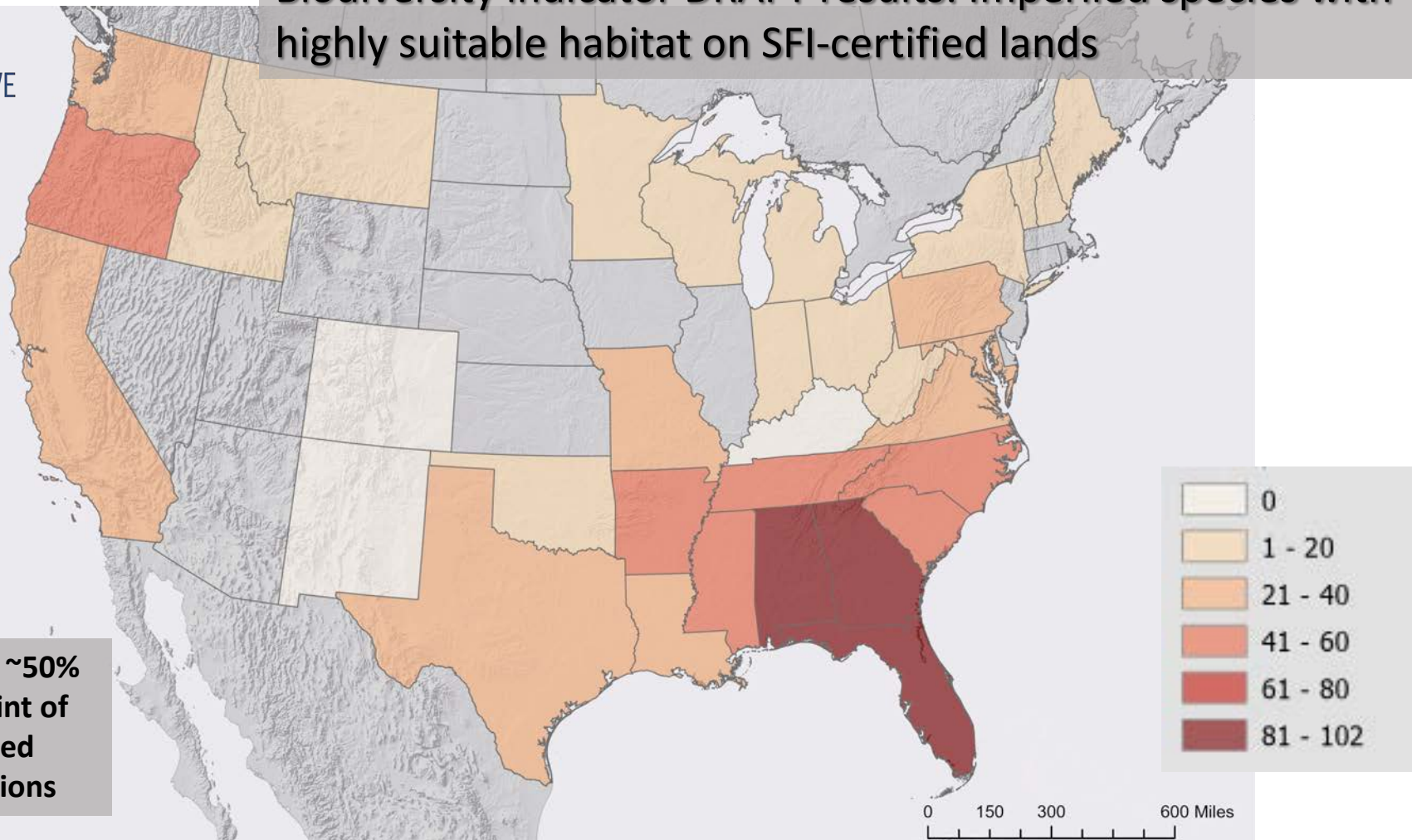


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# Biodiversity indicator DRAFT results: Imperiled species with highly suitable habitat on SFI-certified lands



Based on ~50%  
of footprint of  
SFI certified  
organizations

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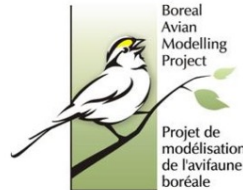
## BOREAL AVIAN MODELLING PROJECT (BAM)

*The Value and Resilience of SFI Forests for Eastern Forest Birds in a Changing Climate*



## DR. JUNIOR TREMBLAY

Invited Professor, Université Laval  
Research scientist, Boreal birds & Ecosystems,  
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)



BEACONS Project · Projet BEACONS  
Boreal Ecosystems Analysis for Conservation Networks



# CONSERVATION GRANT PROJECT

## MAINE TREE FOUNDATION

*SFI 2022 Forest Management Standards and Climate-Smart Forestry in the Northeastern United States*



**DR. ERIC WALSH**

Program Director, Climate Smart  
Land Network, Manomet





# OTHER TOPICS: INFORMING THE FUTURE

**ESG?**



**FIRE?**



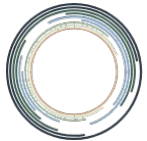


# THE TIME IS NOW



Taskforce on Nature-related  
Financial Disclosures

**March 28, 2023:** TNFD releases final **beta framework** for **nature-related risk management and disclosure**.



**SCIENCE BASED TARGETS NETWORK**  
GLOBAL COMMONS ALLIANCE

**May 24, 2023:** First release of **science-based targets for nature** publicly available

“creating an equitable, **nature positive**, net-zero future using science-based targets”

# HOW CAN SFI HELP WITH TOPICS LIKE NATURE-POSITIVE AND ESG?



# A CONVERSATION...

## What's happening out there?

What drivers are you seeing?

Any additional initiatives?

Insights on the topics covered by speakers today?



# A CONVERSATION...

## How should the Conservation Pillar advance?

Provide guidance on benchmarking or assessing dependencies and impacts?

Fund a particular type of conservation science research?

Facilitate crosswalks of alignment between your metrics and global frameworks?





# OTHER TOPICS: INFORMING THE FUTURE

ARE THERE OTHER  
COLLABORATORS OR  
PARTNERS THAT SFI  
SHOULD CONSIDER  
PARTNERING WITH?



# COLLABORATION



# THANK YOU

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