

Biodiversity and Forests Policy Statement



For over 60 years Tosca has been an industry leader in providing customers with sustainable reusable solutions. As a valuable part of the supply chain, we are committed to providing products that are better for the planet. A key part of growing our business sustainably for the long term is to preserve biodiversity for future generations.

Biodiversity underpins the security of supply for our raw materials derived from natural resources (nature-based), most especially those related to wood used in our 640 Cheese Boxes.

Forests and other natural habitats are essential to life, supporting biodiversity and providing vital ecosystem services. These landscapes play an important role in the global water and carbon cycles, sequestering terrestrial carbon, producing oxygen, replenishing soils and helping maintain and regulate water flows, quantity and quality. Destruction of forests and degradation and conversion of land not only has severe impacts on these ecosystems and associated biodiversity but on communities whose services depend upon them. We are therefore committed to supporting sustainable forest management and help protect woodlands from deforestation and illegal harvesting.

We are committed to protecting biodiversity in our own operations by reducing emissions, waste produced, water usage and by sourcing our nature-based products, especially wood, sustainably. We will not locate our operations in close proximity to critical ecologically or biodiversity protected areas.

Beyond regulatory compliance, and in alignment with our integration of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we also pledged to strengthen the following material topics, encouraging our suppliers of raw materials derived from natural resources to:

- Ensure compliance with all applicable laws and international standards related to the use and trade of natural resources especially in relation to sustainable forests and/or forestry management.
- Disclose all relevant information with regards to biomass of origin and its geographical origin in relation to its cultivation and/or collection areas (min. country level).
- Monitor and mitigate impacts on biodiversity directly or indirectly linked with supplier's activity (e.g., deforestation, use of non-sustainable forestry and farming practices).
- Promote and implement agricultural and collection practices that contribute to climate resilience and regeneration of ecosystems (e.g. species diversity, soil and water health, etc.).
- Respect of land rights and indigenous people's rights, when applicable.
- Develop their own or seek compliance with leading relevant sustainable certifications standards.

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