The promise of good biomass
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As with most things in life there is good and bad, right and wrong. Only sustainably sourced biomass is good biomass and the right way to contribute to achieving climate goals.

Through its credible and robust certification system, assuring responsible practice in feedstock sourcing, SBP is the promise of good biomass and is an integral part of the solution for tackling climate change.

Our purpose is to facilitate the economically, environmentally and socially responsible use of biomass enabling climate goals to be met.

SBP is a not-for-profit, voluntary certification system designed for biomass used in energy production and is driven by the aim of the UNFCCC Paris Agreement to combat climate change. Respected scientific advisory bodies and policy makers worldwide recognise biomass to energy as a renewable technology with a significant role to play in reducing carbon emissions and meeting challenging climate goals.

Who is SBP?
Our purpose embodies why we exist and our objective defines what we do. Together, our purpose and objective guide our strategy, which sets out our approach. We seek to deliver our purpose through our strategy, which is enabled by our business model and underpinned by our values.

Through its credible and robust certification system, assuring responsible practice throughout the biomass supply chain, SBP is the promise of good biomass.
14.95 Mt
Total SBP-certified biomass (wood pellets and chips) produced and sold by Biomass Producers in 2020

14.40 Mt
Total SBP-compliant biomass produced and sold in 2020

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Accredited Certification Bodies

27
Additional organisations had applications in the pipeline for SBP certification

314
Certificate Holders - 250 Biomass Producers; 56 Traders; and eight End-users

Notes:
- Tonnages are rounded to the nearest 0.05 Mt.
- Assumptions:
  - The water content has been set to a default value of 6% for all feedstock types used to produce pellets (to equate to dry tonnes).
  - The water content for primary feedstock used in the production of woodchips has not been converted and is 25%.

SBP in numbers
All figures and data as at 31 December 2020.

Further information in the Facts & Figures section of our website

Definitions for Primary, Secondary and Tertiary feedstock types

Notes:
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Countries making up the geographic spread of Certificate Holders
The essentials of what we do

For an introduction to SBP, our short video can be viewed here
Our focus on economic, environmental and social outcomes in the biomass sector is linked to enabling climate goals to be met. Through mapping the outcomes of our business model on to the UN Sustainable Development Goals we have identified eight that are of most relevance and where we can help increase positive impacts and reduce negative ones.

**Partnerships for the goals**
Enabling multi-stakeholder partnerships throughout the biomass supply chain.

**Affordable and clean energy**
Facilitating the delivery of sustainable and renewable energy.

**Decent work and economic growth**
Assessing and mitigating social and environmental impacts throughout the biomass supply chain.

**Industry, innovation and infrastructure**
Performing assessments of social and environmental impacts and track energy data throughout the biomass supply chain.

**Sustainable cities and communities**
Requiring awareness and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

**Responsible consumption and production**
Application of sustainability principles throughout the biomass supply chain.

**Climate action**
Delivering visibility of energy data throughout the biomass supply chain.

**Life on Land**
Promoting the use of certification and the consequent protection of social and environmental values.

From 2017, we have reported against six key impacts that define the desired and intended outcomes from the implementation of our certification scheme.

Those six key impacts are:

1. Unlocking the potential of biomass in a sustainable way
2. Providing assurance of legal and sustainable practice
3. Realising best practice
4. Achieving recognition by regulatory authorities
5. Providing greater visibility on biomass supply chains
6. Increasing the volume of certified material in the biomass market

For further information on our six key impacts including case studies, please click on the links below:

- Annual Review 2017
- Annual Review 2018
- Annual Review 2019
- Annual Review 2020
Our balanced approach

**Board**

The Board of Directors is the key governing body of SBP, determining our strategy and objectives, and approving the annual business plan and budget.

The Board comprises an independent Chair and nine seats filled with an equal split between the interests of Civil Society, Biomass Producers and End-users.

Each Board member serves in a personal capacity representing their particular stakeholder interest group, and not their affiliated organisation.

Each member has been chosen for his or her knowledge, integrity, expertise and support for SBP’s purpose.

**Standards Committee**

The Standards Committee is responsible for all decision-making concerning standards-setting and the provision of views, advice and recommendations on the operation of SBP to the Board, other Committees and the Secretariat.

The Standards Committee is a representation of stakeholders, with the membership split equally between those representing Civil Society and those representing commercial interests.

The members of the Standards Committee have been chosen to reflect diverse experiences, geographies and interests in relation to the work of SBP.

**Technical Committee**

The role of the Technical Committee is, amongst other things, to provide advice to the Board on technical and scientific functions, including but not limited to certification and accreditation criteria and methodologies.

The Technical Committee is a representation of specialist expertise across the disciplines encompassed by the Standards, including forest management, feedstock processing, biomass distribution, as well as knowledge of auditing, certification and/or accreditation processes and procedures.

The members of the Technical Committee have been chosen to reflect the necessary specialist knowledge and to ensure balance across regional geographies.

**Stakeholder Advisory Group**

The role of the Stakeholder Advisory Group is to provide a platform for stakeholder input and advice to support the work of the Standards Committee in the development, implementation and maintenance of Standards and related documents. As well as other relevant activities towards furthering SBP’s development as a biomass certification scheme and making SBP an efficient and effective organisation.

The number of members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group is unlimited, although only one representative from each organisation/institution is permitted to join the Group.

**SBP Secretariat**

The day-to-day running of SBP is carried out by the Secretariat.

SBP is a virtual organisation registered in England and Wales.

SBP recognises the value and benefit of good governance and our governance arrangements bring together all our stakeholder groups. Outside of our governing bodies, we take every opportunity to encourage stakeholders to get involved in the work we do.
Contact us

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