



Sustainable Biomass Program
Information Pack

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The promise of good biomass

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Who is **SBP**?

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.

Our purpose

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

Our objective

To promote and maintain an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable biomass supply chain through the development and operation of an independent, third party certification system.

Our values

Our values are the guiding principles that we use to manage our operations and our relationships with stakeholders.

Our four values are:

**Integrity; Credibility;
Transparency; Inclusivity.**

Our strategy

Our strategy is informed by our review of risks and opportunities, enabled by the right stakeholder balance and skill set, and underpinned by our values.

Our four strategic objectives focus on:

**Assurance; Certification;
Communications;
Organisational development
and resource.**

Our business model

We specialise in the biomass market where we have the expertise to succeed and realise our ambition to be the biomass certification system of choice. Focused on delivering a certification system that meets our stakeholders' needs and has the desired and intended outcomes that improve the use of natural capital.

SBP **today**

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.



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Accredited Certification Bodies

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Additional organisations had applications in the pipeline for SBP certification



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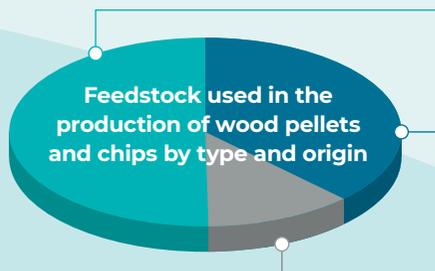
Certificate Holders – 250 Biomass Producers; 56 Traders; and eight End-users

14.40Mt

Total SBP-compliant biomass produced and sold in 2020

14.95Mt

Total SBP-certified biomass (wood pellets and chips) produced and sold by Biomass Producers in 2020



Feedstock used in the production of wood pellets and chips by type and origin

50.2%

Primary feedstock

88.6% low grade roundwood; 10.7% harvest residues without stumps; and 0.7% low grade roundwood rejected by sawmills, high grade roundwood and harvest residues with stumps.

37.4%

Secondary feedstock

100% sawmill and wood industry residues, of which: 54.8% sawdust; 43.5% chips; and 1.7% offcuts.

12.4%

Tertiary feedstock

100% wood industry residues, of which: 78.2% shavings; and 21.8% chips.

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:
Tonnages are rounded to the nearest 0.05Mt.

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%.



- Australia
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malaysia
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Russian Federation
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK
- USA
- Vietnam

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Countries making up the geographic spread of Certificate Holders

Making a difference

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 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.

Our balanced approach

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.



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