

# Sustainable Forestry Practices

## APP Group Commitment to Sustainable Forestry Practices

APP Group, a global leader in the pulp and paper industry, is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of environmental stewardship and sustainable forestry management, as stated in APP Group's Sustainability Commitment and Forest Conservation Policy (FCP). In line with this commitment, APP Group has established clear guidelines to ensure responsible forestry practices across all its operations and those of its suppliers.

### Key Environmental Commitments:

- 1. Protecting High Conservation Value and High Carbon Stock Forests:** APP Group is resolute in its pledge to avoid converting High Conservation Value (HCV) or High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests into plantations or using them for non-forest purposes. These forests play a crucial role in biodiversity conservation and carbon sequestration, which are vital for combating climate change and preserving wildlife habitats.
- 2. Prohibiting Genetically Modified Organisms:** In its forestry operations, APP Group does not introduce genetically modified organisms (GMOs). This commitment underscores APP's dedication to maintaining the ecological balance and ensuring the natural integrity of forest ecosystems.
- 3. Avoiding Harmful Pesticides:** APP Group adheres to stringent guidelines regarding pesticide use. Specifically, the company prohibits the use of highly harmful pesticides as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) Annex 1A and 1B, as well as those listed under the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions. This policy helps to protect both environmental and human health from the adverse effects of toxic chemicals.

### Implementation Across Supply Chain:

APP Group ensures that these commitments are not only upheld within its own operations but are also strictly implemented by all its suppliers. This comprehensive approach ensures that the entire supply chain adheres to APP Group's high standards of environmental responsibility and sustainable forestry management.