Delve into the core criteria of the Responsible Sourcing Scheme, ensuring transparency and commitment to better practices across the board.



## HABITAT AND BIODIVERSITY "WOOD BASED MATERIAL"

## What's Covered?

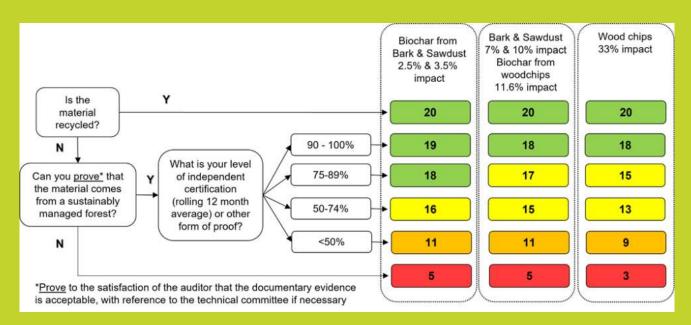
- Focus on the extraction/growing and harvest stage of wood-based materials.
- Inclusion of both softwood and hardwood, whether virgin or recycled.

## **Evidence Needed:**

- A comprehensive supply chain map detailing the sources of wood-based materials.
- Proof that the material is sourced from sustainably managed forests, which could be through thirdparty certification, recognised national/retailer schemes, or country of origin risk assessments.
- Membership or certification details to relevant schemes, along with data on the total amount of material handled and its certification status.

## Ways to Improve:

- Enhance the traceability and transparency of the wood-based process.
- Elevate the standards by prioritising materials with higher levels of certification and minimising reliance on just country and origin risk assessments.



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