

Framework for corporate climate reporting in the wood-based sector

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A dark, misty forest with tall, thin trees and a mossy forest floor. The scene is dimly lit, with a blueish-grey mist filling the air between the trees. The ground is covered in green moss and low-lying vegetation. The text is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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1. Policy frameworks, existing

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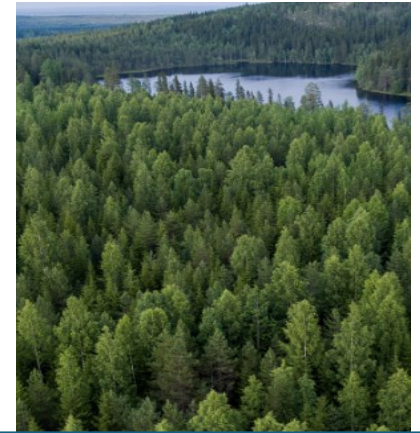
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IPCC Common Reporting Framework (CRF)

1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories
(remains as basic structure in climate reporting)

UNDERSTANDING THE COMMON REPORTING FRAMEWORK

This chapter contains a listing, with definitions, of the categories you should use when reporting emissions and removals. The source/sink categories have been grouped into sectors as follows:

- Energy
- Industrial Processes
- Solvent and Other Product Use
- Agriculture
- Land-Use Change and Forestry
- Waste

The sectors and their source/sink categories are described and discussed in the chapters of the Reference Manual and the modules of the Workbook. This chapter also contains a brief explanation of the principles underlying the Sectoral Tables and Summary Report Tables for reporting national inventories.

(c) Promote and cooperate in the development, application and diffusion, including transfer, of technologies, practices and processes that control, reduce or prevent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol in all relevant sectors, including the energy, transport, industry, agriculture, forestry and waste management sectors;

Responding to 1992 UNFCCC Climate Change Mitigation objectives

(d) Promote sustainable management, and promote and cooperate in the conservation and enhancement, as appropriate, of sinks and reservoirs of all greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol, including biomass, forests and oceans as well as other terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems;

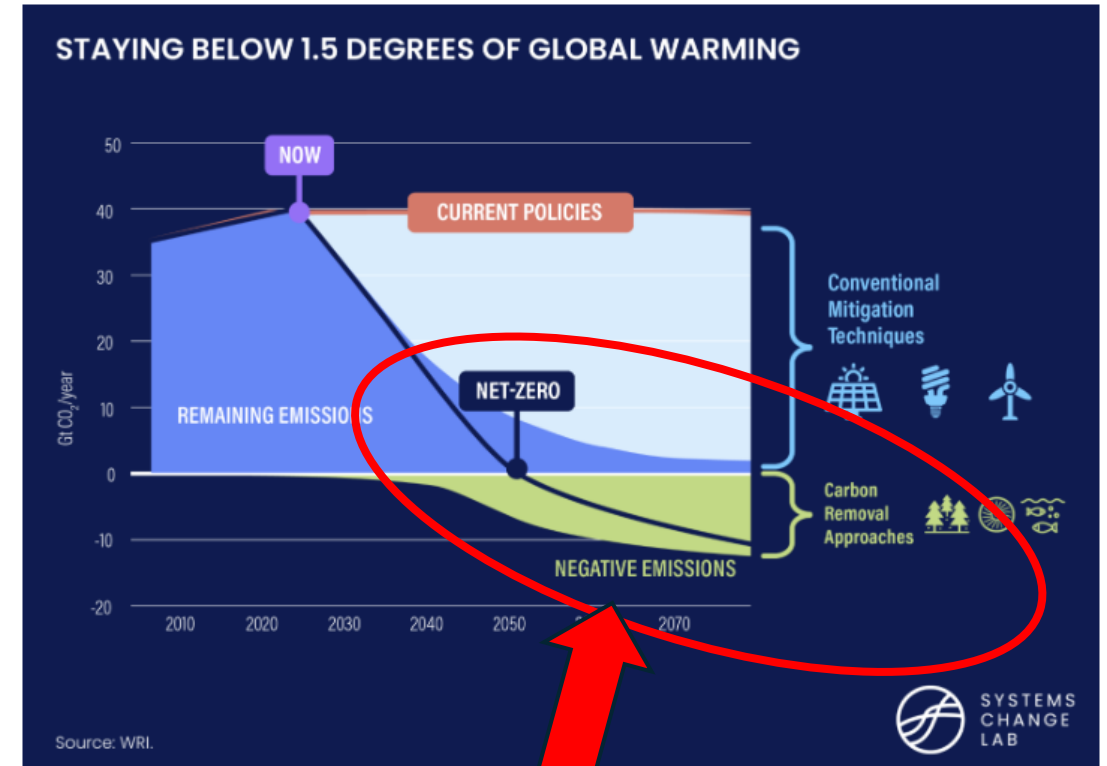
1. Reduce emissions

2. Enhance sinks & reservoirs

Paris Agreement and new “**Net-Zero**” problem

..overarching goal is to hold “the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and pursue efforts “to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.”

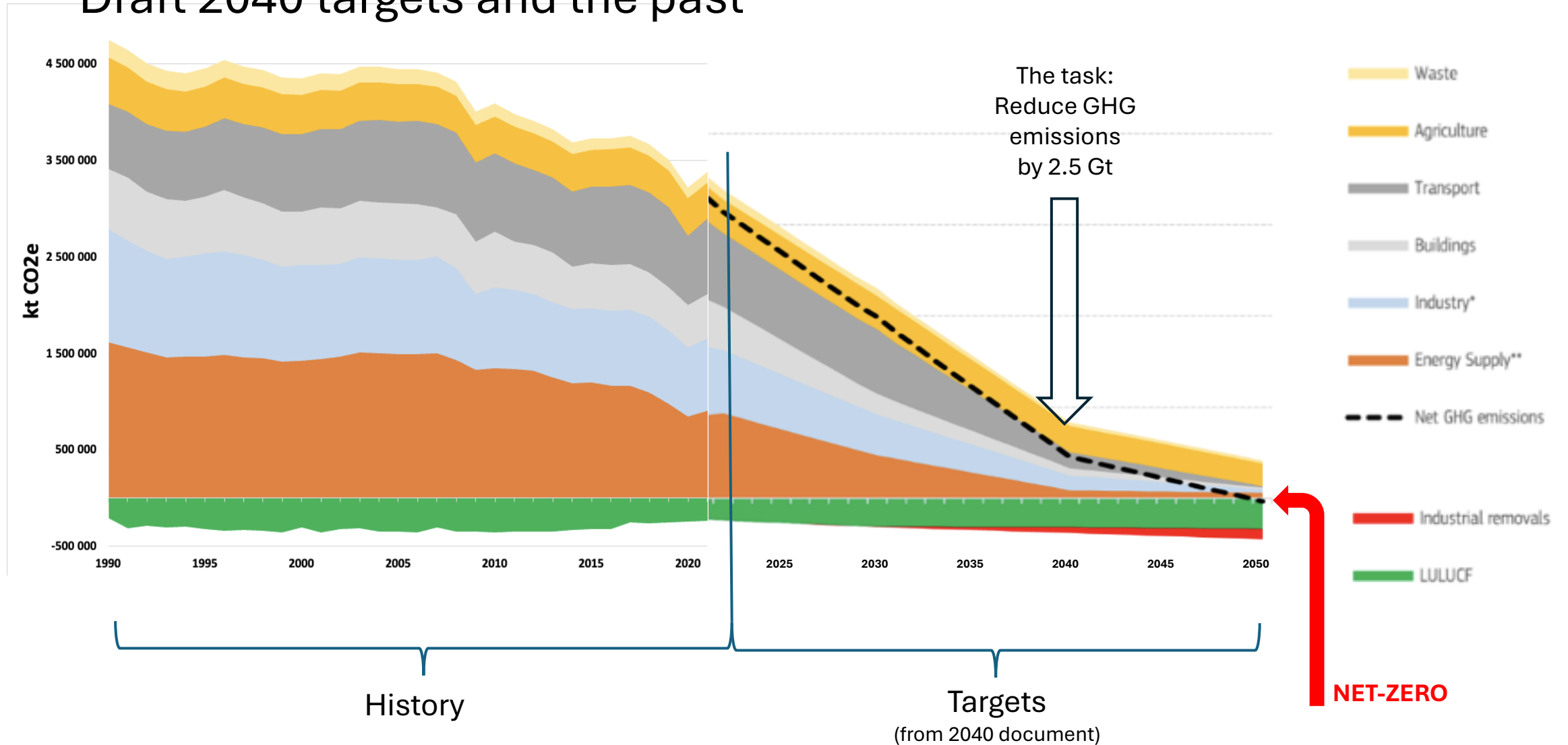
...achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century. -> **NET-ZERO**



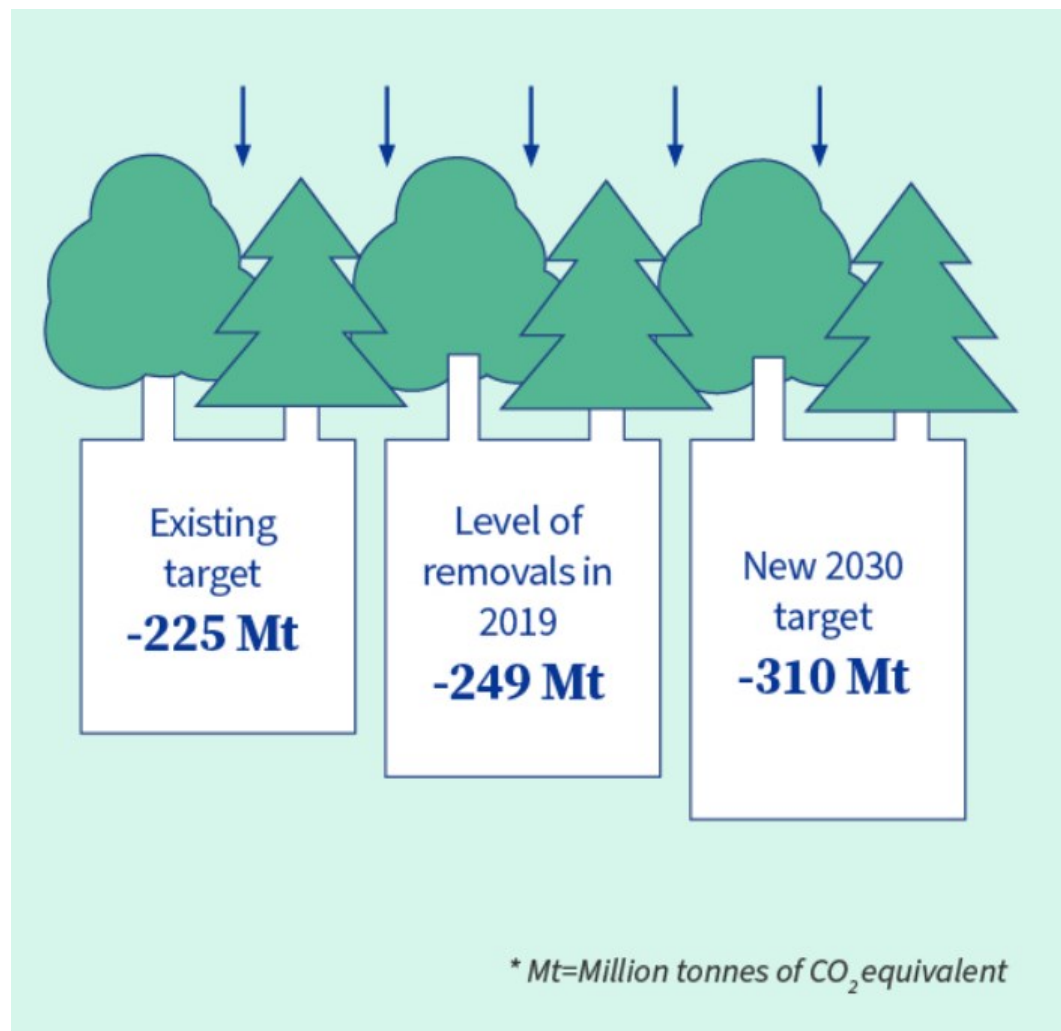
This is where it goes wrong wrt forests and climate change!

EU Climate legislation

Draft 2040 targets and the past



EU LULUCF (Land use, land use change and forestry)



- Tied to the overall climate legislation
 - To ensure **“net-zero”** through compensation of remaining GHG emissions in 2050
- Unrealistic
 - Few countries will meet targets
- Counterproductive
 - Only option in Sweden for short-term targets is drastic reduction of wood harvest.
 - Which will result in
 - leakage,
 - less C in products and
 - more fossil emissions

Swedish climate law 2017

Sweden's Climate Act and Climate Policy Framework

In 2017 Sweden adopted a new climate policy framework. The framework consists of a climate act, climate targets and a climate policy council. Sweden's long-term target is to have **zero net** greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 at the latest.

Supplementary measures

To achieve the target of **zero net** emissions of greenhouse gases by 2045 and the milestone targets by 2030 and 2040, supplementary measures may be utilized, such as:


- increased uptake of carbon dioxide by forests** as the result of additional measures;
- verified emission reductions carried out outside the Swedish borders; and
- carbon capture and storage based on the combustion of biomass, known as bio-CCS.

2. Reporting frameworks, existing

2 examples

National Inventory Reports

- Annual reports by “Annex 1” countries
- Defined by national boundary
- Uses CRF format (still)
- LULUCF is included, but excluded from totals



National Inventory Report Sweden 2023

Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories 1990-2021

Submitted under the United Nations Framework
Convention on Climate Change




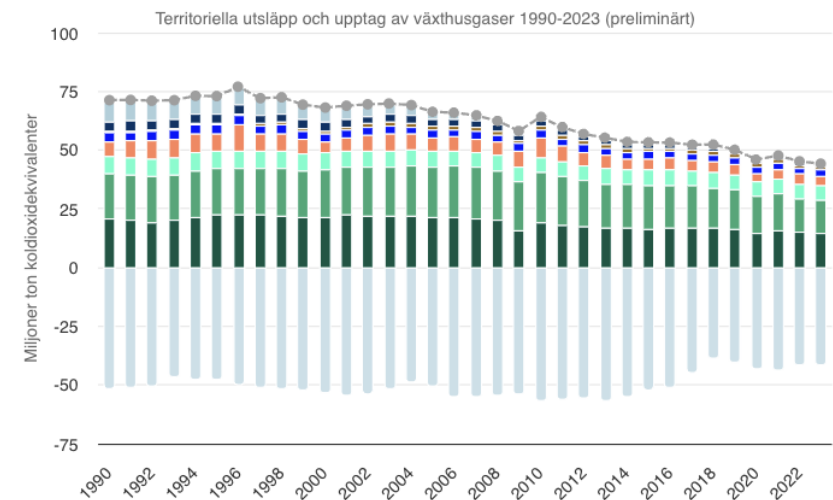
Table ES.3. CRF sectors and data sources used in the inventory.		
CRF	Sector	Main source for activity/emission data
1	Energy	
	-Stationary combustion -Transport	Statistical survey on energy consumption Transport authorities
2	Industrial processes and product use	Environmental reports Direct contact with companies CO ₂ Data from the European trading scheme (ETS) National data from the Products register at the Swedish Chemicals Agency, National statistics, and National experts
3	Agriculture	Official statistical reports Organisations and researchers
4	Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Swedish Forest Agency
5	Waste	Swedish Association of Waste Management The Swedish Forest Industries Federation
		Statistics Sweden Swedish Environmental Protection Agency Environmental reports

Sweden's emissions and uptake of greenhouse gases

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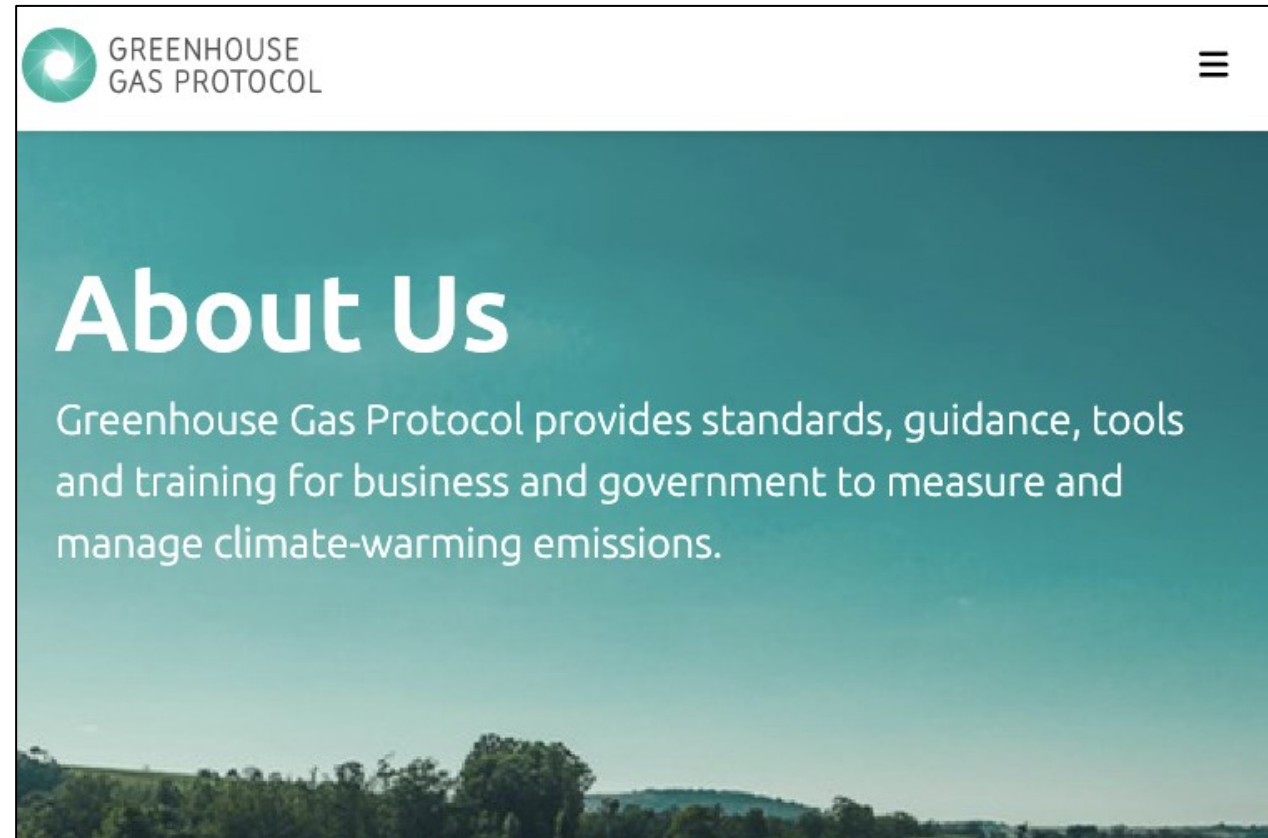
According to preliminary statistics for 2023, Sweden's territorial emissions of greenhouse gases amounted to 44.2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents (excluding LULUCF). This means a reduction of 38 percent since 1990. The reduction compared to 2022 was tentatively just over 2 percent.

DISPLAY AS GRAPH VIEW AS TABLE



Greenhouse Gas Protocol

- Corporate reporting
- *de facto* “standard”
- Emissions Scope 1-3
 - Addresses only the emission goal
- Attempts to include “land emissions”
 - cf LULUCF
 - Contested approach, issues on governance



3. What's NOT in above frameworks?

Existing frameworks are siloed

- Missing: Impact in other sectors
 - For example when wood-based products help reduce emissions in housing, transportation, food system, energy.
 - Practically all wood-based products are used in other sectors.
- Missing: Impact in other countries/jurisdictions
 - For example when wood-based products are exported and help reduce emissions in other countries.
 - 85% of Sweden's wood-based products are exported

Interference for forest-climate solutions

- Counterproductive policy
 - LULUCF
- Counterproductive advocacy
 - Wrong: “Synergy between conservation for biodiversity and forest contribution to climate solution”
- Focus on less significant factors
 - “long-lived products” (only refers to sink/storage, not emission reduction)
- Less focus on forest growth
 - Focus on carbon storage and reducing harvest will reduce carbon uptake, which in turn reduces opportunities for solutions.

4. So what do we do?

A new reporting model.

Recall: Climate convention basics since 1992

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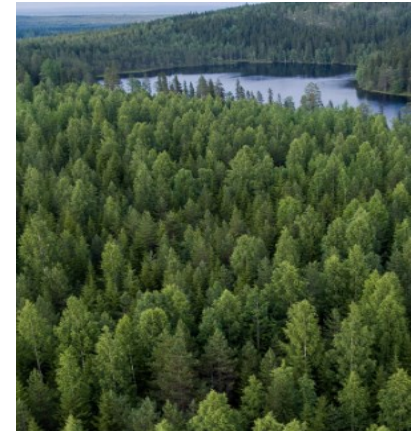
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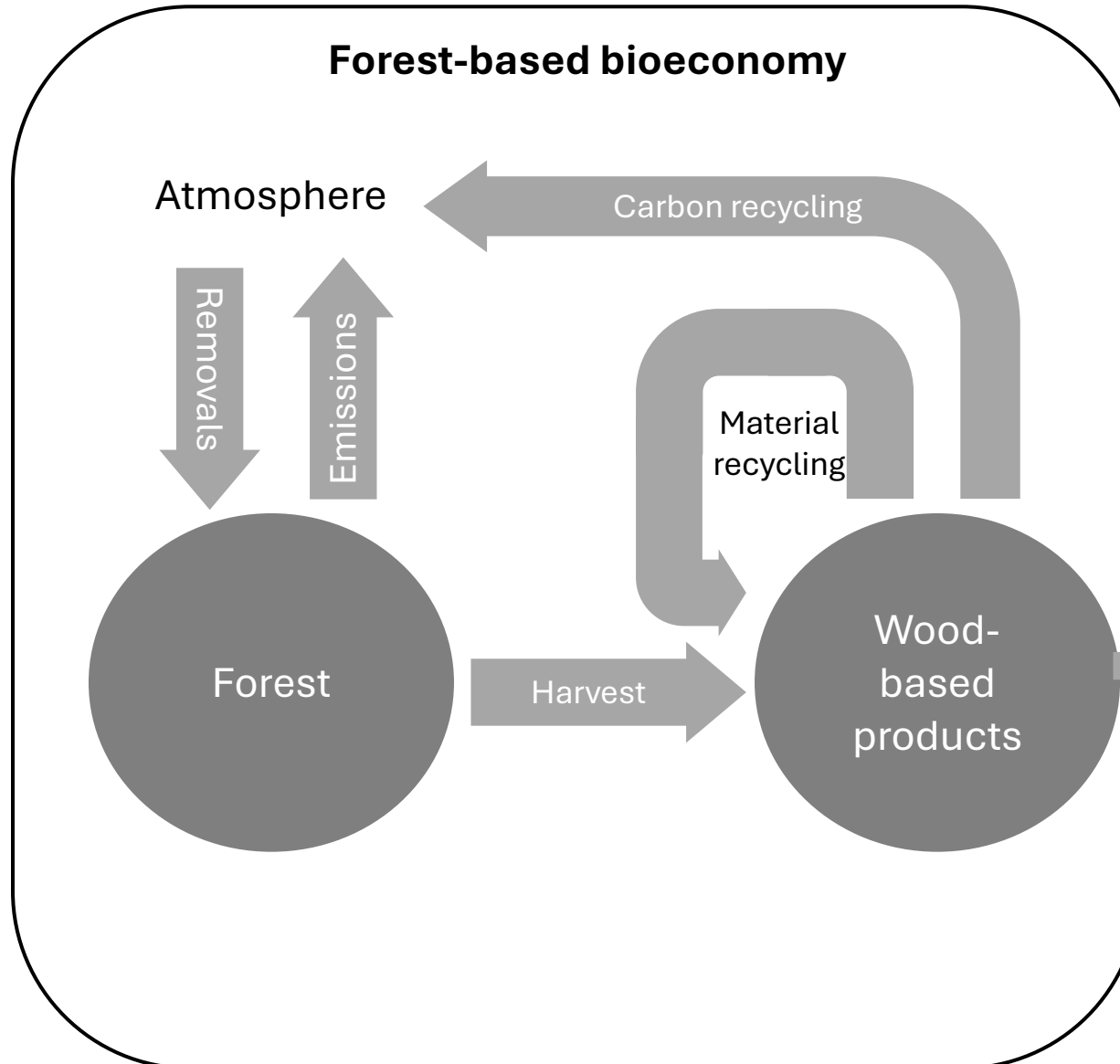


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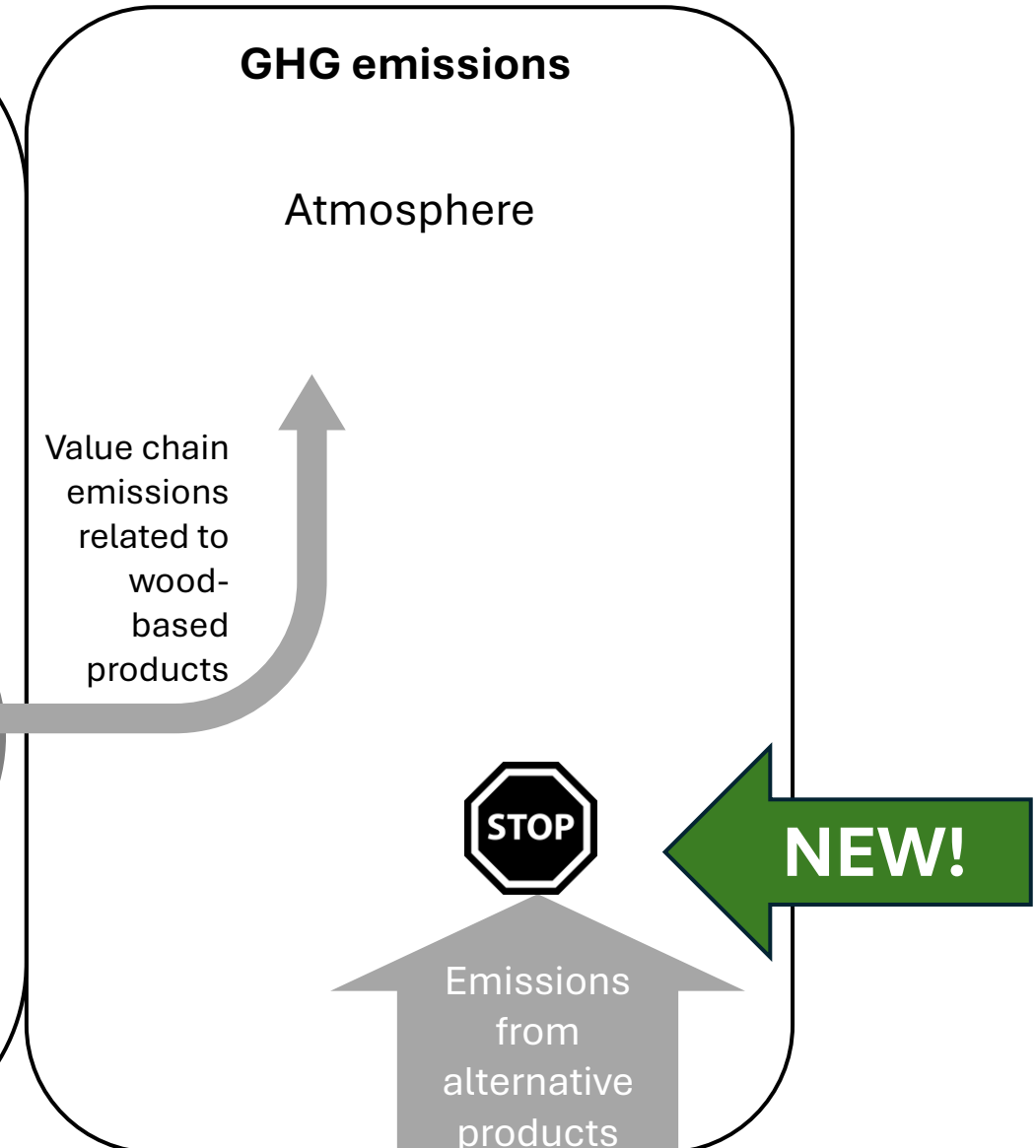
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Towards a complete model

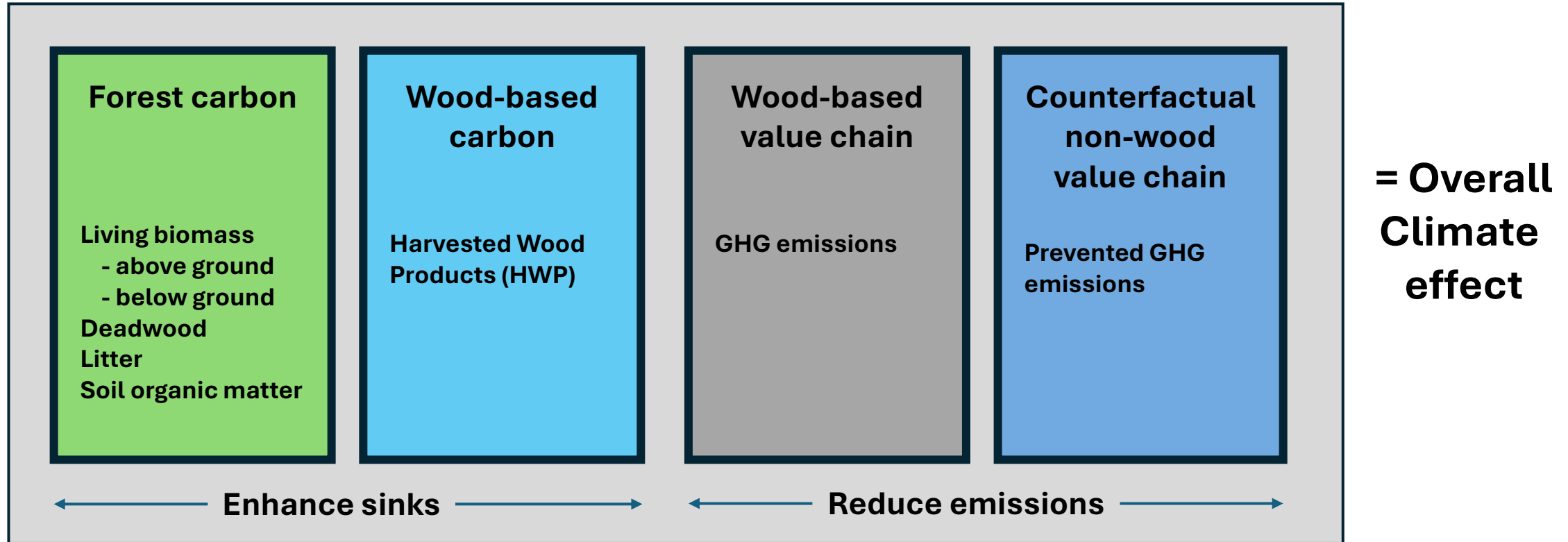
Goal 2: Enhance sinks



Goal 1: Reduce GHG emissions

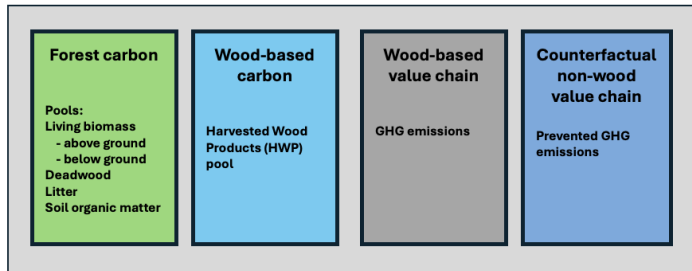


Four component model for corporate reporting

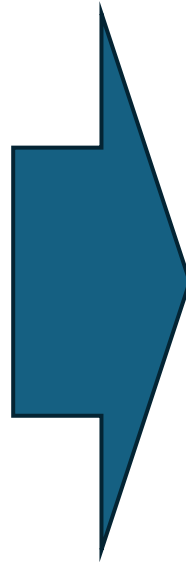
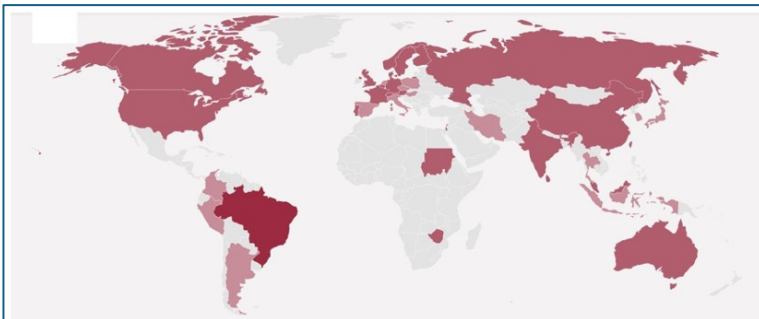



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Greenhouse Gas dynamics of Wood and Wood-based Products




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ISO/DIS 13391-1

Wood and wood-based products — Greenhouse gas dynamics

Part 1: Framework for value chain calculations

Under development

This Draft International Standard is in the enquiry phase with ISO members.

[Read sample](#)

ISO/DIS 13391-1

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Abstract


This document specifies how calculations of different parts can be combined into a carbon balance calculation for the entire value chain related to wood and wood-based products. NOTE This document will gradually mature over time as methodology evolves. This document sets general requirements and overarching terminology. This document includes information on how to bring calculation results forward in the value chain. It also includes information on how claims and declarations can be worded based on this standard, both within the value chain and to customers and consumers.

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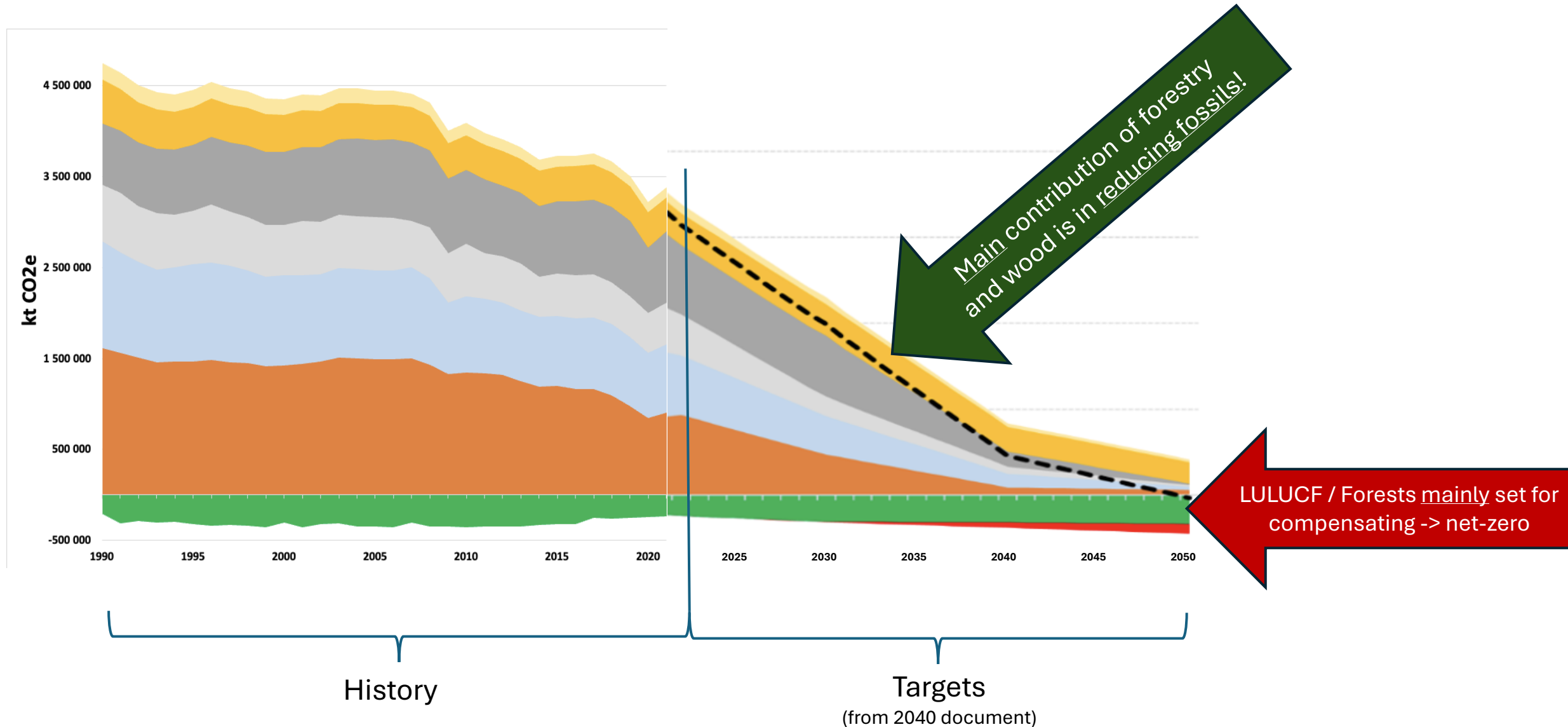
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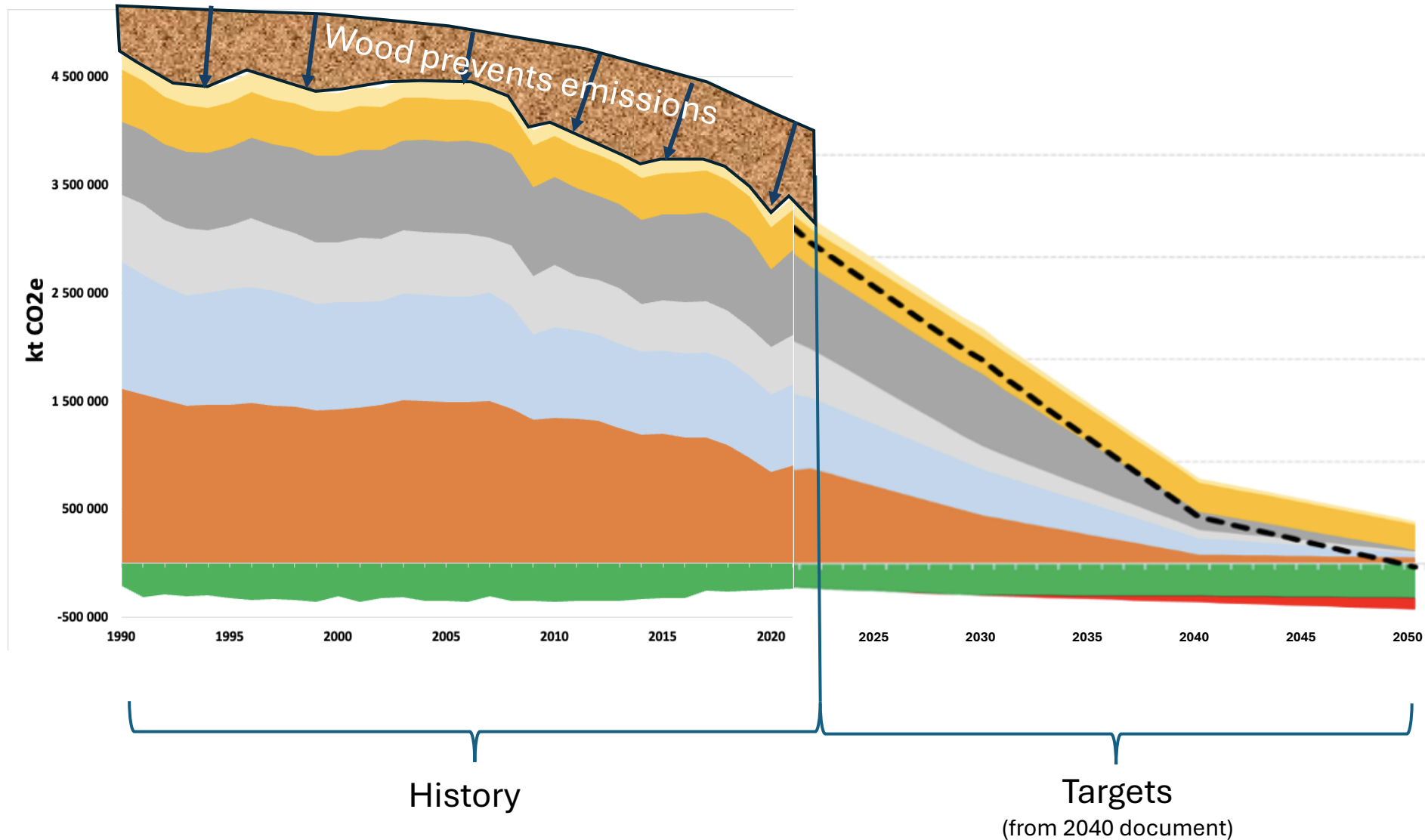
5. This gives us a new perspective

Recall, EU 2040 targets: It's the fossils we must focus on!

Forests and the bioeconomy are major factors for succeeding in other sectors!

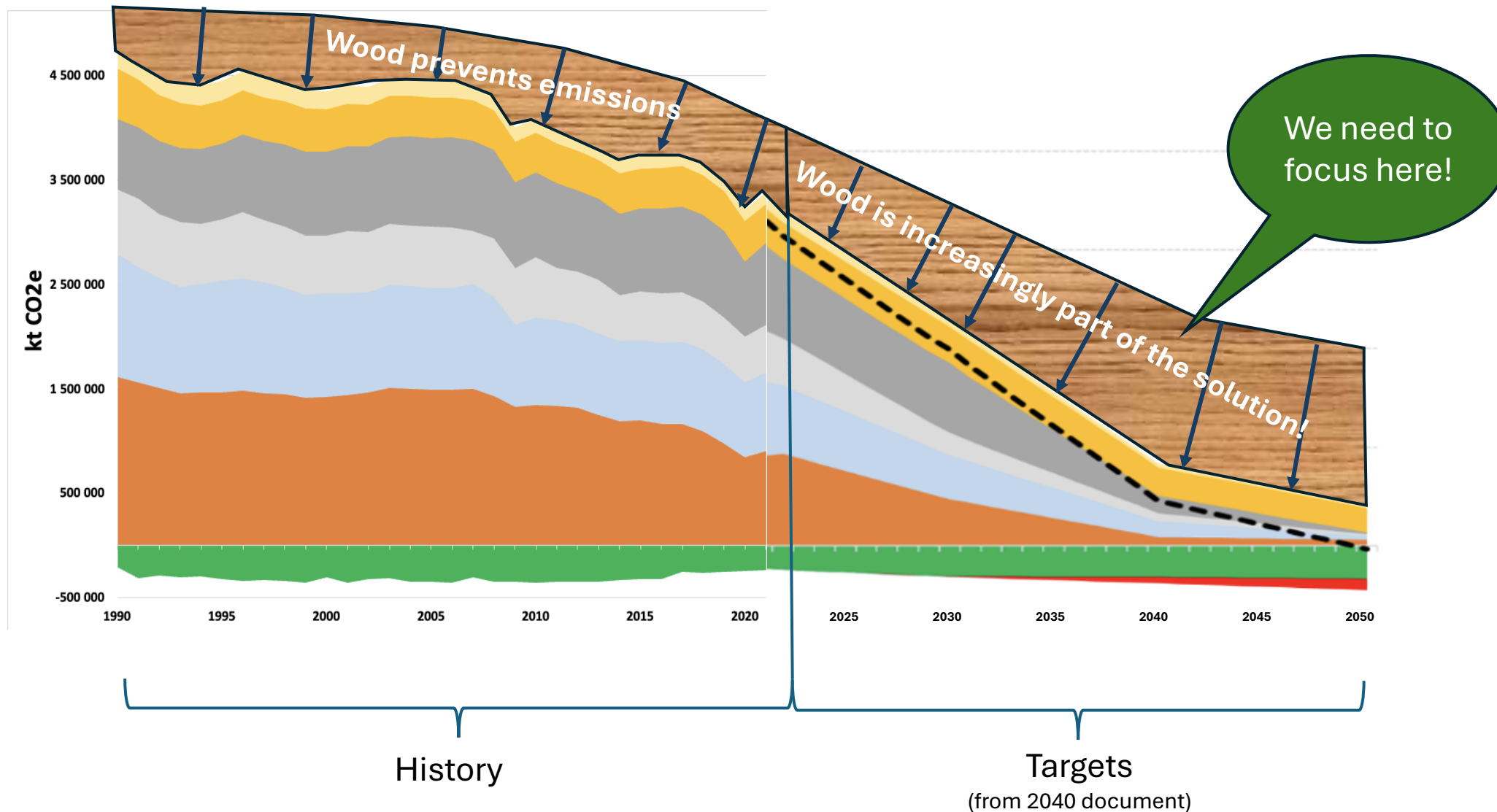


The wood-based sector already massively prevents GHG emissions
Without wood-based products, GHG emissions would be much higher!



What is the potential future contribution of wood-based products?

More wood, more efficient value chains and new user solutions can raise the bar!



Three take homes

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“It’s the fossils, Stupid.”

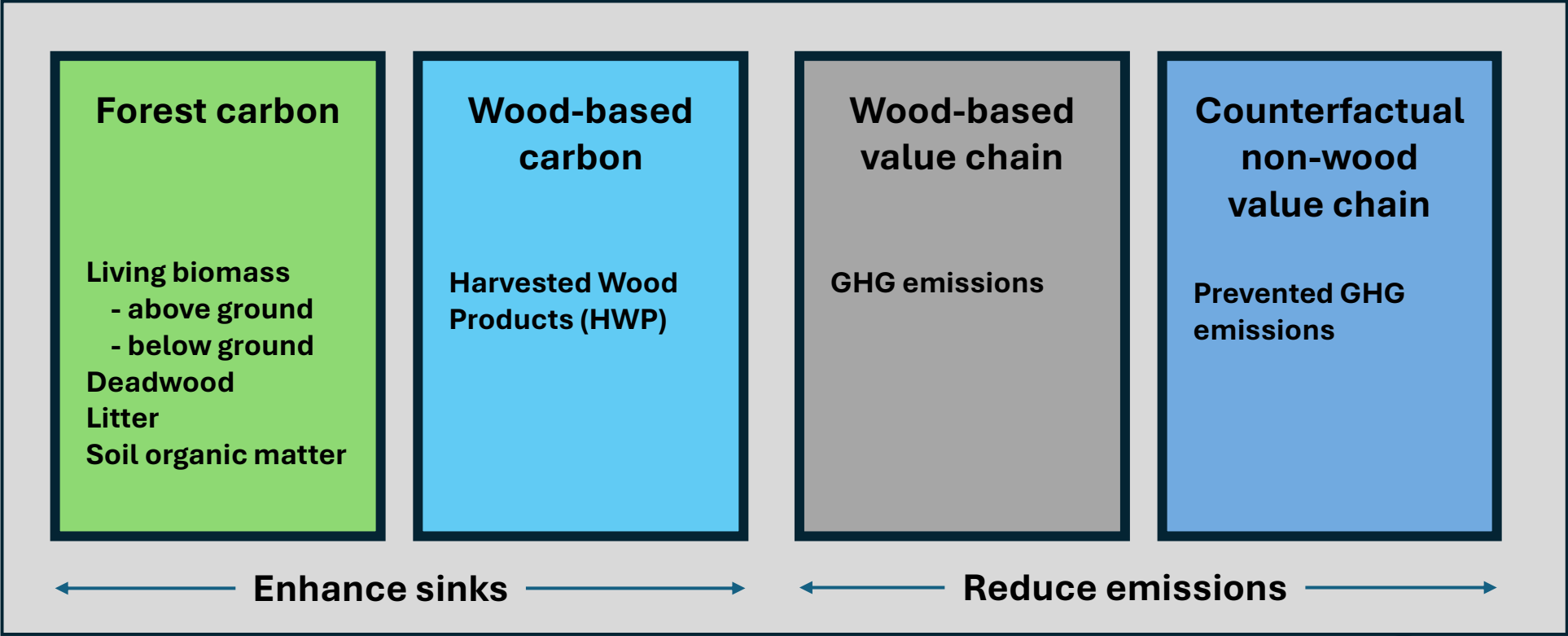
The top half of the image is a composite of two black and white photographs. The left photograph shows a large offshore oil rig with a tall crane, situated in the ocean with a small support vessel nearby. The right photograph shows an industrial facility with several large, white, cylindrical storage tanks in the foreground and various pipes and structures in the background.



Forests can help reduce our fossil addiction!

The bottom half of the image is a color photograph of a dense forest. The trees are mostly green, with some yellowing foliage in the foreground, suggesting an autumn setting. The forest is viewed from an elevated perspective, showing the vast expanse of the wooded area.

SOLUTION: Four component model



ISO standard

