

Using Forest 500 Data - Companies

You can download Forest 500 data via multiple points throughout the website. Below, you can find simple instructions on how to use that data to identify trends, conduct analyses, and compare the assessments of different companies. Additionally, several examples of the analyses our data can be used for are included in this document, alongside the relevant indicators and columns.

Data download of “all data” - Companies

This table explains the information included within this data download, including the column, column heading, and a description of what the column contains. If you would like to know more about our company assessment methodology you can download it here ([link](#)).

Column	Column Heading	Description
A	assessment_year	The year the assessment data was collected. Multiple years can be selected before downloading, enabling comparisons from year to year.
B	flid	An internal ID reference allocated to each company and financial institution assessed by Forest 500.
C	company	Holding/Parent company name.
D	hq_country	The country in which the company has its headquarters.
E	hq_region	The region of the world in which the company has its headquarters.
F	company_url	Link to the company’s homepage/main website.
G	sector	The main/predominant business sector that the company operates in.
H	total_score	The company’s overall score, to 2 decimal points, out of a possible 100 points.
I	scoreband	The score band the company’s score (out of 100) falls into. This range is from 0 - 5.
J	all_commodities	A list of the specific commodities the company is assessed for.
K	all_segments	A list of the segments of the supply chain the company functions in and is assessed for.

L	commodity_assessed	A list of the 6 commodities companies are assessed for - Palm Oil, Soy, Beef, Leather, Timber, Pulp & Paper.
M	commodity_score	The company's commodity score, to 2 decimal points, out of a possible 100 points.
N	indicator_group	Indicators (or questions) companies are assessed by are split into the following 4 indicator groups : Overall approach, Content of commitments, Social Considerations, Reporting and Implementation.
O	group_average_score	Refers to the indicator group above. This is the average score for either Overall Approach, Content of Commitments, Social Considerations, or Reporting and Implementation.
P	group_commodity_score	Refers to the score given for each commodity and indicator group. This is the score for either Overall Approach, Content of Commitments, Social Considerations, or Reporting and Implementation.
Q	parent_indicator	Indicators are questions that companies are assessed against within the Forest 500. Indicators are split into "parent" and "sub". 3 indicators in the assessment have a "parent" indicator or question, which is then broken down into sub questions that address scope, reporting and validation.
R	indicator_	Indicators are numbered in the following format: 1.1 - 1.11, 2.1 - 2.9, 3.1 - 3.4, 4.1 - 4.20. Descriptions of what each indicator question corresponds to can be found in the methodology explainer included in the zip download file.
S	indicator_text	A brief description of what the indicator assesses.
T	assessment	Each indicator has various answer options that the Forest 500 scores the company against. Each answer selection gives a corresponding number of points for each indicator.
U	pts	The number of points the company has scored for each indicator. The total amount of points a company can score varies for each indicator, please refer to the methodology explainer for a detailed breakdown of point allocation.
V	maxpts	The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each indicator.
W	quote_summary	The text answer used to assess the company for each indicator. For companies that are assessed in their local language, the text "[Translation]" will be added at the beginning of the answer to indicate this.
X	links_to_docs	Forest 500 only uses publicly available information for assessments. The text answers quoted for each indicator can be found within the webpage or link provided in this column.
Y	extra_details	Any additional information or extra information that might be relevant for the indicator answer is recorded here.

Examples of using Forest 500 data – Companies

(Please note: the below examples have been made using the 2020 data set)

Once downloaded, the data can be further manipulated for individual needs. Below are a couple of examples of how Forest 500 data can be used.

Example #1

Comparing the indicator group scores of companies whose headquarters are based in Denmark, and who are involved in soy supply chains.

Parameters/ Headquarters in Denmark

filters: In the animal feed sector

Assessed for Soy

Filtered by indicator group (overall points for: commitment strength, reporting and implementation, social considerations)

Compare: Total points scored in each section

Sum of pts		indicator_group		
company	sector	Commitment Strength	Reporting and Implementation	Social Considerations
BioMar	Animal feed	20	18	5
Danish Agro	Animal feed	0	0	0
DLG Denmark	Animal feed	12	10	6
Hamlet Protein	Animal feed	14	12	4

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Example #2

Assessing all companies which are assessed for Palm Oil, whether or not they have commitments to:

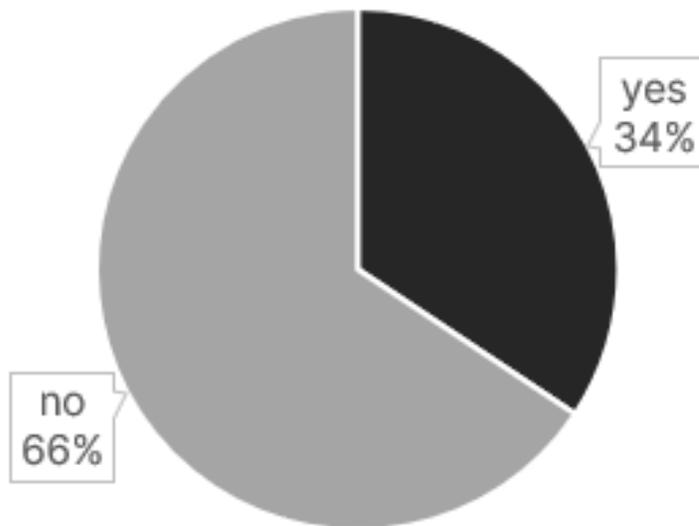
- A) Does the company offer support to smallholder producers to help them enter responsible supply chains and/or achieve compliance with commitments? (indicator 2.5)
- B) Does the company commit to securing the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of potentially affected indigenous peoples and/or local communities prior to acquiring new interests in land or resources and prior to new developments or expansions? (indicator 2.8)

Parameters/ All companies assessed for palm oil

filters: Filtered by indicators 2.5 and 2.8

Compare: Count of companies which have “yes” and “no” as answers for those indicators, shown as the percentage of the total

2.5 Smallholders



2.8 FPIC



Example #3

Comparing food retailers with headquarters in Germany, France and Sweden who are involved in the beef supply chain. Specifically indicator 2.1, which assesses if a company has a deforestation commitment relating to beef.

Parameters/ Headquarters in Germany, France and Sweden

filters: In the food retail

Assessed for Beef

Filtered by indicator 2.1 (deforestation commitment relating to beef)

Assessment text

Compare: Points scored for this indicator (out of a possible 8 points), and the quote summary showing the text answer

company	hq_country	sector	commodity_assessed	indicator	assessment	pts	maxpts	quote_summary
Carrefour S.A.	France	Food retail	Beef	2.1	Zero-gross deforestation	6	8	[Translation] - "As part of its Zero Deforestation by 2020 policy, the Group has committed to the following objectives: ...100% of Brazilian beef suppliers must be geomonitored by the end of 2020"
Aldi Group	Germany	Food retail	Beef	2.1	Sustainability commitment	2	8	Aldi North - We exclusively procure our fresh meat products originating from Brazil from slaughterhouses who are signatories to the [...] Cattle Agreement . This enables us to exclude any and all connections of our products to deforestation measures taken in the Amazon region which is the habitat of innumerable animal species.
Metro AG	Germany	Food retail	Beef	2.1	No commitment	0	8	No commitment
Schwarz Group	Germany	Food retail	Beef	2.1	Protects priority forests	4	8	[Translation] Beef from Brazil is exclusively sourced from producers who signed the so-called "Cattle Agreement" or who can provide an equivalent sustainability/environment certificate. This way, amongst other things, deforestation of the rainforest for grazing land, can be minimised. In addition social aspects (exclusion of forced labour, land grabbing, and more) are considered.
ICA Gruppen AB	Sweden	Food retail	Beef	2.1	No commitment	0	8	No commitment