

CASE STUDY

From Boundary B to Boundary A

What your certifications
are already doing for you

THE SITUATION

Most supply chains are in Boundary B.

SBTN's methodology puts supply chains into two buckets: Boundary A (traceable to subnational level) and Boundary B (everything else). For most companies, Boundary B is the majority.

THE CHALLENGE

Certified, but stuck in Boundary B.

Companies have spent years on RSPO, Rainforest Alliance, ISCC, EUDR, Fairtrade. These certifications carry real traceability requirements — but without a clear SBTN pathway, that work goes unrecognised.

17

certifications
assessed

Antela mapped mandatory requirements from RSPO, Rainforest Alliance, ISCC, EUDR, Fairtrade, FSC and 11 more — against SBTN's traceability criteria.

RECOMMENDATION 1

Use risk tiers to prioritise.

Focus traceability improvement on High Impact Commodities in non-certified supply chains first. Certified volumes already carry governance credentials that reduce Boundary B risk — recognise that.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Create a mass balance pathway.

Certifications with verified cutoff dates and traceability requirements should provide sufficient evidence to move volumes from Boundary B to Boundary A — converting existing investment into SBTN compliance.

THE IMPACT

17

certifications
mapped

2

strategic
recommendations

1

clear pathway
B → A

A structured, evidence-based framework ready to be incorporated into updated SBTN methodology requirements.

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Companies have invested years in sustainability certifications. Antela built the case for a pathway to move supply chain volumes out of Boundary B, and into Boundary A.

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