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BCP EUDR Solution

An Introduction to the BCP Solution

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2. Introduction

An introduction to the BCP EUDR Solution

Over the past couple of years, we have explored how BCP can support publishers in complying with the EUDR. We have got agreement to develop our proposed solution with the initial financial support from 12 publishers.

The BCP solution seeks to offer a specific solution for the publishing industry. We think this is important because:

EUDR requires a vast amount of data gathering from the supply chain, not least geolocation coordinates. The success of any solution will depend on it receiving **engagement from the supply chain**.

Book Chain Project has a proven track record of **engaging directly with the paper mill and printing supply chain** on behalf of the publishing industry, building their capacity to **provide data in a standard format**.

Paper sourcing is highly complex due to varied and mixed pulp inputs. Book Chain Project's deep **understanding of mill processes**, and sourcing strategies ensures a **practical and tailored solution for EUDR compliance**.

With nearly 20 years of experience, we understand the **challenges** mills face and focus on both data collection and **building their capacity** to meet new reporting requirements.

Publishers financing the EUDR solution

BLOOMSBURY

hachette UK *

IMAGO GROUP

MACMILLAN

Pearson

Penguin Random House **

Sage

SCHOLASTIC

SIMON & SCHUSTER

SPRINGER NATURE

USBORNE

WILEY

* Also includes Laurence King
**Also includes PRH subsidiaries: DK, Hay House and Little Tiger

We are collaborating with various organisations

Organisation	Descriptor	Role
Global Forest Watch	On-line forest tool developed by the World Resources Institute	Platform to assess geolocation data on behalf of BCP
Zoological Society of London Advisory Services	Advisory Services arm of ZSL, and experts in biodiversity monitoring and protection	Developing templates for legality documents for a selection of six high-risk locations
SLR Geolocation Data Scientists	The Geolocation specialist function sitting within SLR	Working with WRI/GFW Pro Building the auto assessment of legality documentation
Quiet Science	BCP's long-term online database programmer	Adding to the existing functionality of the BCP platform to receive GIS data from existing mills and present that data in a usable format for extraction to publishers (and/or their agents)

ZSL Zoological Society of London
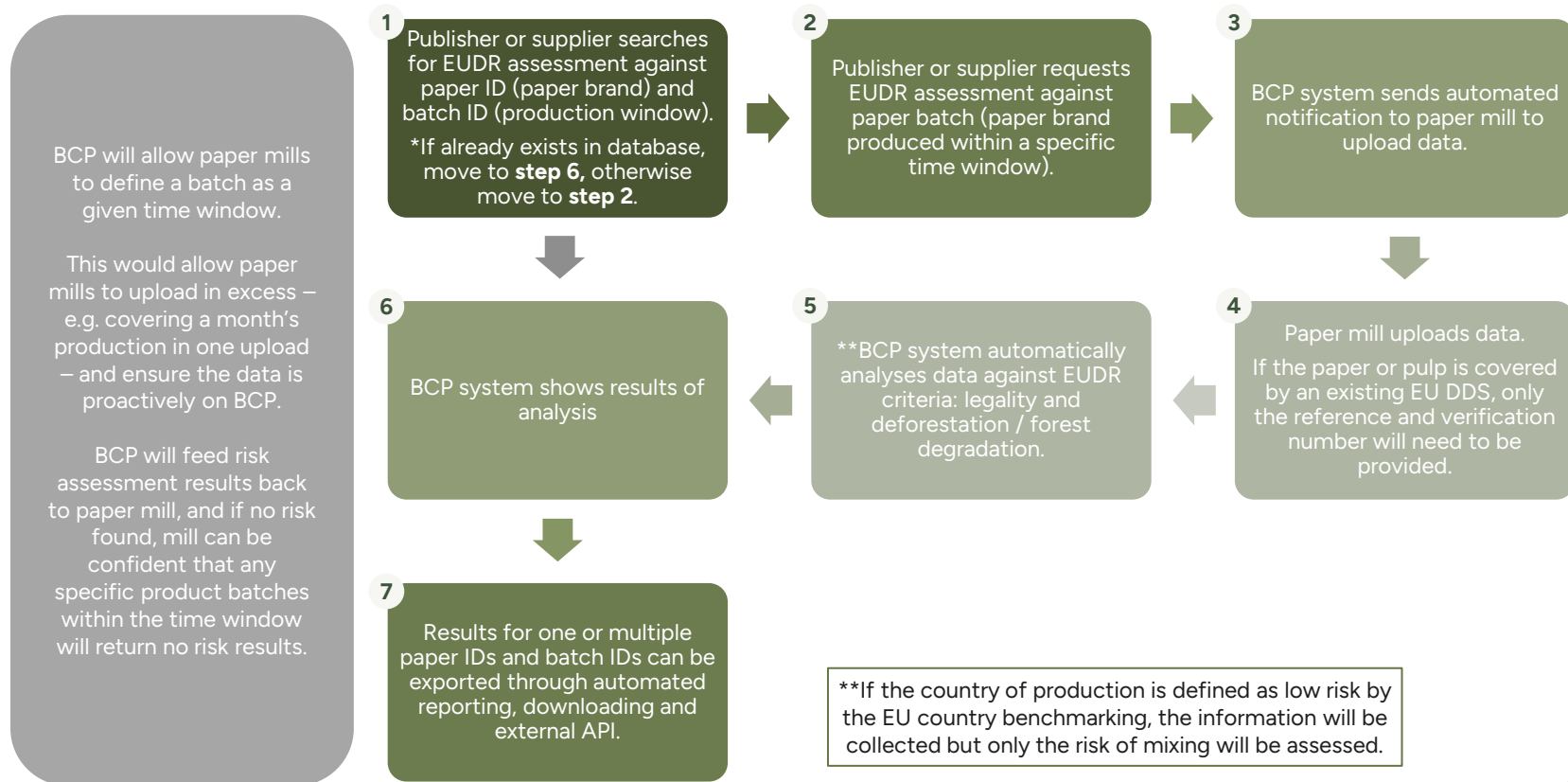
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3. Solution overview

Summary of our proposed approach: high-level workflow

BCP will allow paper mills to define a batch as a given time window.

This would allow paper mills to upload in excess – e.g. covering a month's production in one upload – and ensure the data is proactively on BCP.

BCP will feed risk assessment results back to paper mill, and if no risk found, mill can be confident that any specific product batches within the time window will return no risk results.

1 Publisher or supplier searches for EUDR assessment against paper ID (paper brand) and batch ID (production window).

*If already exists in database, move to **step 6,** otherwise move to **step 2**.

2 Publisher or supplier requests EUDR assessment against paper batch (paper brand produced within a specific time window).

3 BCP system sends automated notification to paper mill to upload data.

6 BCP system shows results of analysis

5 **BCP system automatically analyses data against EUDR criteria: legality and deforestation / forest degradation.

4 Paper mill uploads data.
If the paper or pulp is covered by an existing EU DDS, only the reference and verification number will need to be provided.

7 Results for one or multiple paper IDs and batch IDs can be exported through automated reporting, downloading and external API.

**If the country of production is defined as low risk by the EU country benchmarking, the information will be collected but only the risk of mixing will be assessed.
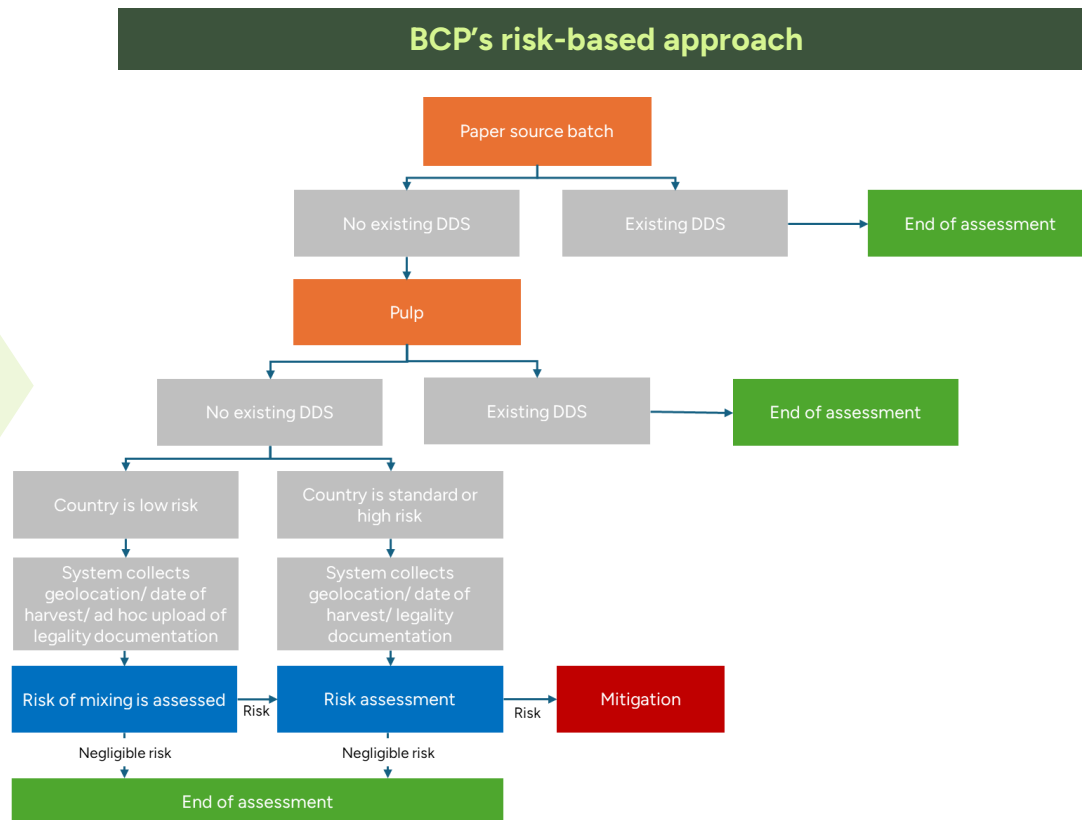
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Risk-based approach

We will be taking a **risk-based approach**, focusing our assessment on **higher-risk sources**:

- No existing DDS

- Standard or high-risk EU classification

BCP's risk-based approach

Paper source batch

No existing DDS | Existing DDS → End of assessment

Pulp

No existing DDS | Existing DDS → End of assessment

Country is low risk | Country is standard or high risk

System collects geolocation/ date of harvest/ ad hoc upload of legality documentation | System collects geolocation/ date of harvest/ legality documentation

Risk of mixing is assessed | Risk assessment —Risk→ Mitigation

Negligible risk | Negligible risk

End of assessment

Solution Development – Mill and supplier input

To support the development of the BCP EUDR Solution, we **have actively engaged with mills and suppliers across all regions to**:

- Gain a clear understanding of existing systems and processes

- Identify the types of data intended to be shared with customers

- Understand levels of preparedness and key challenges faced by mills and suppliers

We did this through:

- 1:1 engagement sessions (13 in total)

- Mill and supplier working groups (6 sessions with 35 participants in total)

We also **gathered feedback on the alpha version** of the solution from participating mills and suppliers, which is helping shape the next phase of development.
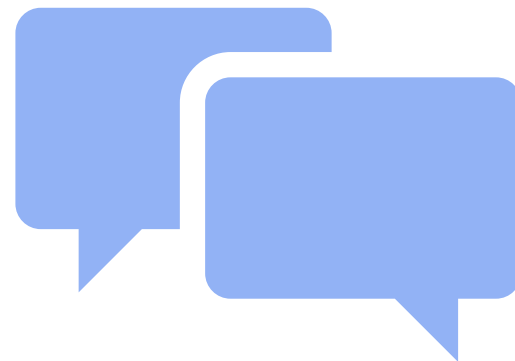
BCP EUDR Solution Development

Key Features of the Alpha Version (released early June)

Data Upload Interface
Upload paper source locations, tree species, legality documents and other data for each paper source batch.

Automated Risk Assessment (RA)
Integrated with new deforestation risk API to check every source location for deforestation degradation risk in the harvest period.

Result Display
Each source location, and the overall batch is flagged if it breaches set thresholds and the risk assessment results are displayed on the BCP platform.

Paper Source Functionality
List of previous paper sources linked to brand
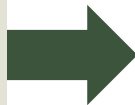
Key Features of the Beta Version (release planned early July)

Data Upload Interface
Automated checks on data format and validity.

Automated Risk Assessment (RA)
RA will be conditional on EU benchmark risk status (low-risk countries will not be sent for RA).

Result Display
- EUDR RA request button for publishers & suppliers
- Notifications to publishers, suppliers and paper mills when EUDR RA is requested and completed (including RA outcomes)
- Data export (.csv)
- Search function on browse/brands and browse/paper sources to search by EU DDS reference number.
- EUDR status flag on browse/mills (engaged / not engaged); and browse/brands and browse/paper sources (DDS reference yes / no; EUDR information complete yes / no; EUDR risk yes / no)

Paper Order functionality
Ability to create an ISBN impression and link this to a paper brand ID and batch and associated paper sources and EUDR DD & Legality RAs

4. Requirements for paper mills

BCP EUDR data collection overview

Paper Brand

Batch (Paper Source)
Date range of paper production for batch
EU DDS and Verification number (if applicable) → If this information is provided, no additional information will be requested
HS code of product
Country of manufacture of paper/board

Pulp 1
Pulp name
Country of manufacture
Supplier information (name/postal/email address)
EU DDS and Verification number (if applicable)
Certified material claim (FSC or PEFC reference number)
Forest Management (Forest supplier information)
Country of production 1
-> Species (common and scientific name)
-> Geolocation 1 coordinates
-> Geolocation 1 period of harvest
-> Confirmation and evidence of legality
Country of production 2 (etc...)

Pulp 2	Pulp 3 etc...
Same input options as Pulp 1	

BCP EUDR data collection format

Paper source batch covered by EU DDS

- Only Reference and Verification numbers are requested.

Paper Source

COPY

Start ❓   1 Mar 2025

End ❓   31 May 2025

	EU DDS Reference	EU DDS Verification
🇪🇺	2w342343242342	23423423

BCP EUDR data collection format

Pulp is covered by EU DDS

- Only Reference and Verification numbers are requested.

Pulps

100% Documented

Pulp Name	Country	Supplier	Type	ECF/TCF	FSC	PEFC	%
⊖ Mill	**Finland** ▪▪▪▪▪▪	EQ	Sulphate/Kraft	TCF	SCS-FM/COC-00143P		58%

Country & District		Supplier	FSC	PEFC
Finland ▪▪▪▪▪▪ Central Finland			SCS-FM/COC-00143P	

EU DDS Reference	EU DDS Verification
25FIOR8FQ11543	TDIY0D8W

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BCP EUDR data collection format

Pulp is not covered by EU DDS

- Harvest start and end date, geolocation and the upload of legality documentation is required.

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	Harvest Start	Harvest End	Locations
🇪🇺	2 Apr 2025	30 Apr 2025	Assessment Required 📍

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Proof of Legality (Harvesting License)

Mill Readiness

- To help publishers and suppliers understand the level of preparedness for EUDR compliance (both from an information sharing and due diligence perspective), we have created an EUDR survey for mills on the BCP system.

- The survey covers questions on:

Company due diligence processes	Product compliance	Interest in the BCP Solution
• Assessment of exposure to EUDR • Engagement with timber/pulp suppliers • Whether an EUDR DD system is in place • Sharing EUDR information with customers	• Purchasing controls • Segregation of material at the mill • Submission of DDS for shipments • Collection of evidence • Scope of risk assessment • Ability to provide EUDR relevant information to customers (including dates) • Sharing of paper source data for testing	

- The results of the survey will be used to assign a mill a readiness maturity rating and so if you have not already completed the questionnaire, **please do so as soon as possible.**

Benefits of the BCP solution for paper mills

Mills are able to upload data in a standardised format, which structured in a very similar way to the current upload of forest sources.

Flexibility in the frequency of data upload to best suit mills (daily, weekly, monthly etc).

Mills can leverage the BCP risk assessment for non-EU sources; ensuring confidence in the products being supplied to customers.

Helps to grow customer confidence in the data and products being supplied to them (both print suppliers and publishers).

1:1 support from the BCP team if there are any risks flagged ~ we will investigate all flagged risks.

5. Requirements for suppliers

Key actions for print suppliers

Viewing/ requesting assessment

- Printers will be able to search for an EUDR assessment based on the paper ID (brand name) and batch ID (paper production date).

- If the assessment has already been undertaken, the results will be visible in the BCP system.

- If an assessment has not been undertaken, the supplier can request the information be uploaded by the paper mill.

Results of the assessment

- Results of the assessment will be visible to mills, suppliers and publishers.

Linking paper source batch to print run

- We are currently building a functionality for printers/ publishers to create an ISBN impression and link this to a paper brand ID and batch and associated paper sources and EUDR DD & Legality RAs.

- We're exploring potential API links to publisher order systems, such as Biblio.

Benefits of the BCP solution for print suppliers

Suppliers can access the EUDR Solution through the Forest Sources subscription (currently £666/year).

Suppliers can leverage the BCP risk assessment for non-EU paper; ensuring confidence in the products being supplied to customers.

Suppliers can combine multiple brands into a composite product (book), compiling information ready for export into EU TRACES.

Helps to grow customer confidence in the data and products being supplied to them (primarily publishers).

1:1 support from the BCP team if there are any risks flagged ~ we will investigate all flagged risks.

6. Next steps

Next steps

For Paper Mills

- Complete the **Mill EUDR Readiness Survey** on the BCP platform.

For Print Suppliers

- Reach out to your **paper mills** to encourage their participation and information sharing via the BCP platform.

- Contact Millie and Victoria to confirm your interest in adopting the BCP solution.

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Timeline 2025

We are here (marker at June)

Phase	Activity	Details	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Phase 1: project set-up and solution build	1. Project Initiation	• Project set-up and invoicing first 50% • Set-up of publisher working group to consult on the solution • Research and follow up with external players, e.g. FSC, PEFC • Agreement on solution features, development plan, key activities and milestones	■	■							
	2. Solution development	• Engagement with key paper mill and print supplier groups • Development of user interface for data upload and API for data transfer and storage • Integration of GFWPro in BCP solution • Development of documentation review with ZSL • Development of documentation checks and data extraction • Development of risk assessment and due diligence reporting functionality • Iteration, review and validation through-out		■	■	■	■				
	Milestone 1: BCP EUDR solution v1 (alpha version) for validation						🟧				
	Stage gate 1: Validation of BCP EUDR solution v1 and Go / No Go for Phase Two						🟥				
Phase 2: further build & refinement	1. Solution refinement	• External feedback from key paper mill and print supplier groups • Refinement of solution based on formal feedback from all stakeholders • Further development of functionalities where required • Purchasing of deforestation data from GFWPro						■			
	Milestone 2: BCP EUDR solution v2 (beta final version) for testing							🟧			
	Stage gate 2: validation of BCP EUDR solution v2 (beta final version) for testing							🟥			
Phase 3: finalization & Go Live	1. Pilot testing	• Pilot testing of solution by publishers and select mills and suppliers							■	■	
	2. Refinement and finalisation	• Collation of pilot testing feedback and insights • Refinement of solution UX and functionality								■	
	Milestone 3: BCP EUDR solution vf for release										🟧	
	Stage gate 3: validation of BCP EUDR solution for roll-out and Go Live										🟥	
	1. Roll-out & Go Live	• Communicate Go Live to BCP mills and suppliers • Solution Live: data gathering, risk assessment, documentation checks and integration • Communicate externally on solution on BCP website and to non-participating publishers										■→

7. Q&A

Making Sustainability Happen

Appendix