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Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd.

Release of Sustainability Report 2021

~ Report on activities toward the realization of a sustainable society ~

Sumitomo Forestry Co., Ltd. (President and Representative Director: Toshiro Mitsuyoshi; Headquarters: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; hereinafter Sumitomo Forestry) announced that it has released its Sustainability Report 2021 today on its [website](#). The report consolidates the Sumitomo Forestry Group's activities that contribute to the realization of a sustainable and prosperous society.

This report comprehensively covers sustainability activities and targets a wide range of readers, including ESG investment experts. It is designed to allow easy understanding of the specific initiatives to achieve Sustainability Targets of the Sumitomo Forestry Group 2021 Medium-Term Management Plan and the link between business activities and sustainability strategies. In addition, this year's report has adopted a structure that focuses even more than before on using an ESG (environmental, social and governance) perspective to organize information.

The contents of the report were developed with reference to ISO 26000 Guidance on social responsibility^{*1} and the GRI Standards (2016)^{*2}. Information related to climate change is also disclosed based on the TCFD^{*3} recommendations.

In the "Sumitomo Forestry Group 2021 Medium-Term Management Plan," which started in 2019, the Sumitomo Forestry Group sets out to "promote further integration of business operations and ESG initiatives" as one of the Basic Policies. Non-financial targets were incorporated into the medium-term management plan as the Mid-Term Sustainability Targets to strengthen the link between business activities and sustainability strategies.

Going forward, the Sumitomo Forestry Group will continue to contribute to the realization of a sustainable and prosperous society by working to enhance its public benefit value which consists of environmental and social values, such as suppressing greenhouse gas emissions, preserving biodiversity, and securing labor safety and employment, in addition to the economic value generated by its business activities.



[Sustainability Report 2021 \(website\)](#)

- Overview of Sustainability Report 2021
 - Reporting period; April 2020 to December 2020 (As of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the fiscal term has been changed to end on December 31 instead of March 31; therefore, the report covers a period of nine months.)
 - Boundary of the Reporting: Sumitomo Forestry, its consolidated companies, and some affiliated companies accounted for by the equity-method
 - Disclosure method: Disclosure through Sumitomo Forestry's website (<https://sfc.jp/information/society/>)
 - * English version will be disclosed on July 30, 2021.
 - Independent assurance report: KPMG AZSA Sustainability Co., Ltd.
- Booklet version
 - The report on Sustainability Activity Highlight is planned to be published as a digest booklet in June 2021.
 - If detailed information found on the website is required, please use the PDF version of the Sustainability Report 2021 that is expected to be released in May 2021.
 - To report on long-term initiatives for corporate value enhancement, the Integrated Report—which included non-financial information—is planned to be released in June 2021.

*1 ISO 26000 Guidance on social responsibility is an international standard regarding the social responsibility of organizations published by the International Organization for Standardization on November 1, 2010.

*2 GRI Standards (2016) is an international standard regarding sustainability reporting for companies and organizations formulated by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), an accredited organization of the United Nations Environment Programme.

*3 Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures