

Root to Retail

Unlocking Business Potential through Nature-
Positive Supply Chains

20th May 2025, 11:00 – 12:00



Today's speakers



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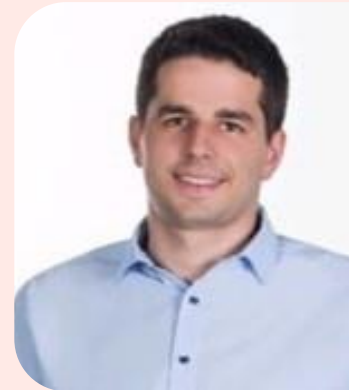
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Agenda

Introduction from
FDF and NatWest

11:00 – 11:05

WWF

‘Nature positive’
and the risks &
challenges which
businesses face

11:05 – 11:20

Nestlé

Experience with
regenerative
agriculture

11:20 – 11:35

Audience **Q&A**

11:35 – 11:58

Closing remarks

11:58 – 12:00





PILLAR 1:

Net Zero



PILLAR 2:

Nature Restoration



PILLAR 3:

Sustainable Commodities



PILLAR 4:

Food Waste



PILLAR 5:

Packaging

Ambition:

Contribute to a 50% reduction in emissions across the agrifood supply chain by 2030

Ambition:

Build a 'Nature Positive' industry to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030

Ambition:

Contribute to halting commodity-driven deforestation and conversion by 2030













Ambition:

Halve per capita food waste by 2030, contributing to UN SDG 12.3 and the Courtauld 2030 commitment

Ambition:

Contribute to implementing a world-class packaging recycling system in the UK, reducing the environmental impact of packaging

Nature Restoration

	Entry	Established	Innovative
Targets	<p>Sustainable sourcing policies/codes of conduct.</p> <p>Supply chain engagement and due diligence, including asking questions about the sustainability of supply and where it is coming from.</p> <p>Engagement with key suppliers*</p>	<p>50% of fresh food being sourced from areas with sustainable water management by 2030.</p> <p>Sourcing from certified supply chains.</p> <p>Engagement with suppliers on regenerative farming practices.</p>	<p>Nature restoration partnership in key sourcing geography (e.g. through NGO partnerships)</p> <p>Piloting new nature frameworks (e.g. TNFD, SBTN)</p> <p>Regenerative agriculture targets (i.e. % of ingredients sourced from regen farms or ha of land farmed regeneratively)</p>
Guidance frameworks	<p>Principles set out by the AFI:</p> 	     	    



Activities over 2025

- Webinar series
- 18th June risk workshop for members
- June ESC at the Allerton Project
- Nature Handbook (Q3/Q4 launch)
- Member site visits (Q3 onwards)
- Cambridge University research





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Sector Manager, Consumer
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NATURE-POSITIVE PATHWAYS TO GUIDE POLICY AND PRIVATE SECTOR ACTION

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20/05/2025





IMPACTS

In 2021, **Southern Water** was given a record £90m fine for unpermitted sewage discharges in Kent, Hampshire and Sussex.

Heineken UK, Bakkavor, and Akzo Nobel have all received fines and reputational damage due to pollution incidents in England

Poultry processor, **Avara Foods**, is being sued over alleged pollution of the River Wye in Herefordshire



DEPENDENCIES

Holmyard Mussel Farm, Europe's largest offshore mussel farm, in Lyme Bay, faced E. coli contamination issues affecting exports

In 2024, **Classic Mineral Water**, a bottled water company entered administration due to water source contamination

In 2024, around **5% of fruit and vegetable crops** across the UK was lost due to extreme flood events

Diageo experienced disruptions to its Scotch whisky operations in 2010 due to droughts in Scotland

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Revised EIP will be published in June 2025.
Here are some key targets of the previous version:

Halt Biodiversity Loss:

Aim to halt the decline in species abundance by 2030 and achieve an increase by 2042.

Water Quality

Improvement: Improve at least 75% of waters to be close to their natural state as soon as practicable.

Soil Health: Bring at least 40% of England's agricultural soil into sustainable management by 2028.

Production and consumption activities that contribute to nature-positive outcomes

Examples, not exhaustive

In value chain

Re-engineering of businesses' operations and value chain



New products and business model



Beyond value chain

Conservation

Wildlife protection programs



Marine protected areas

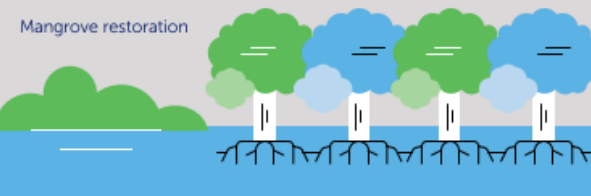


Restoration

Forest restoration



Mangrove restoration



Avoid

Reduce

Restore and regenerate

Transform

Transforming the underlying systems

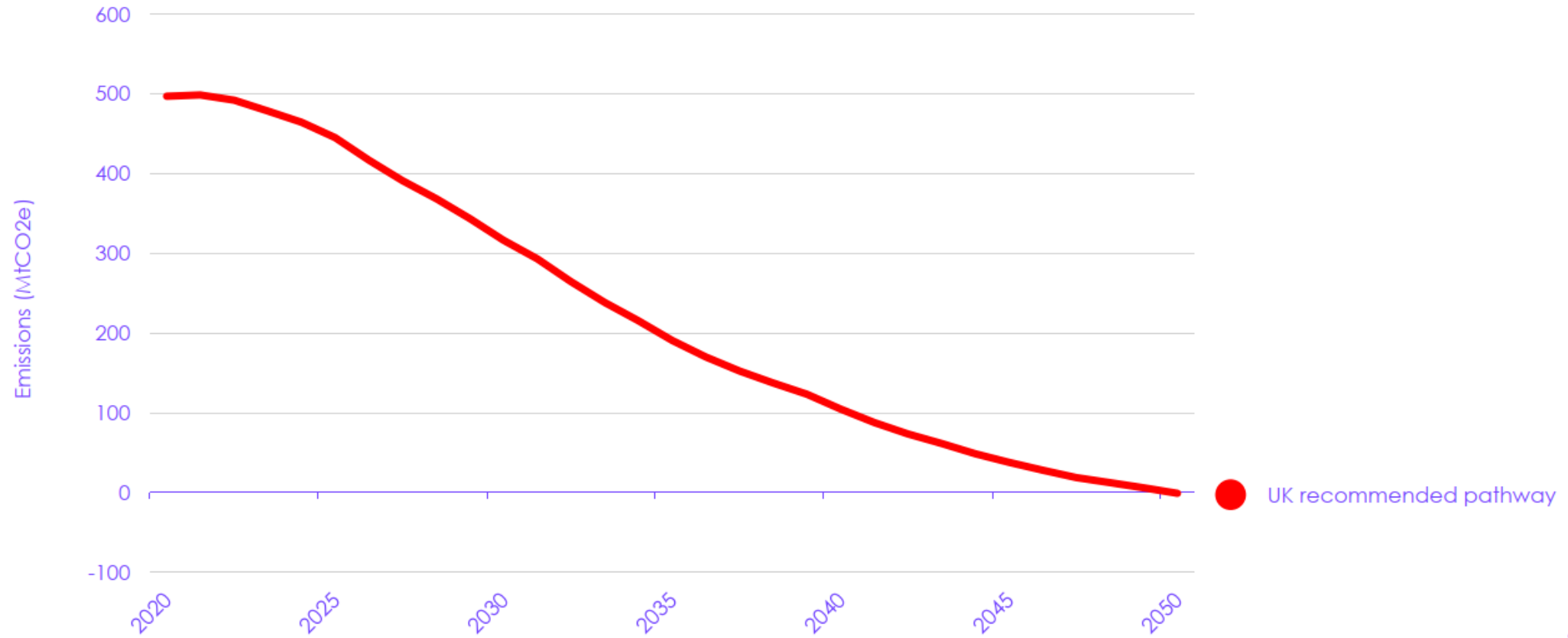
Development of common goods incl. nature technology, data and analytics

System-level collaboration and transformation, such as through landscape and jurisdictional initiatives

Advocacy, capacity building and awareness raising

UK path to Net Zero

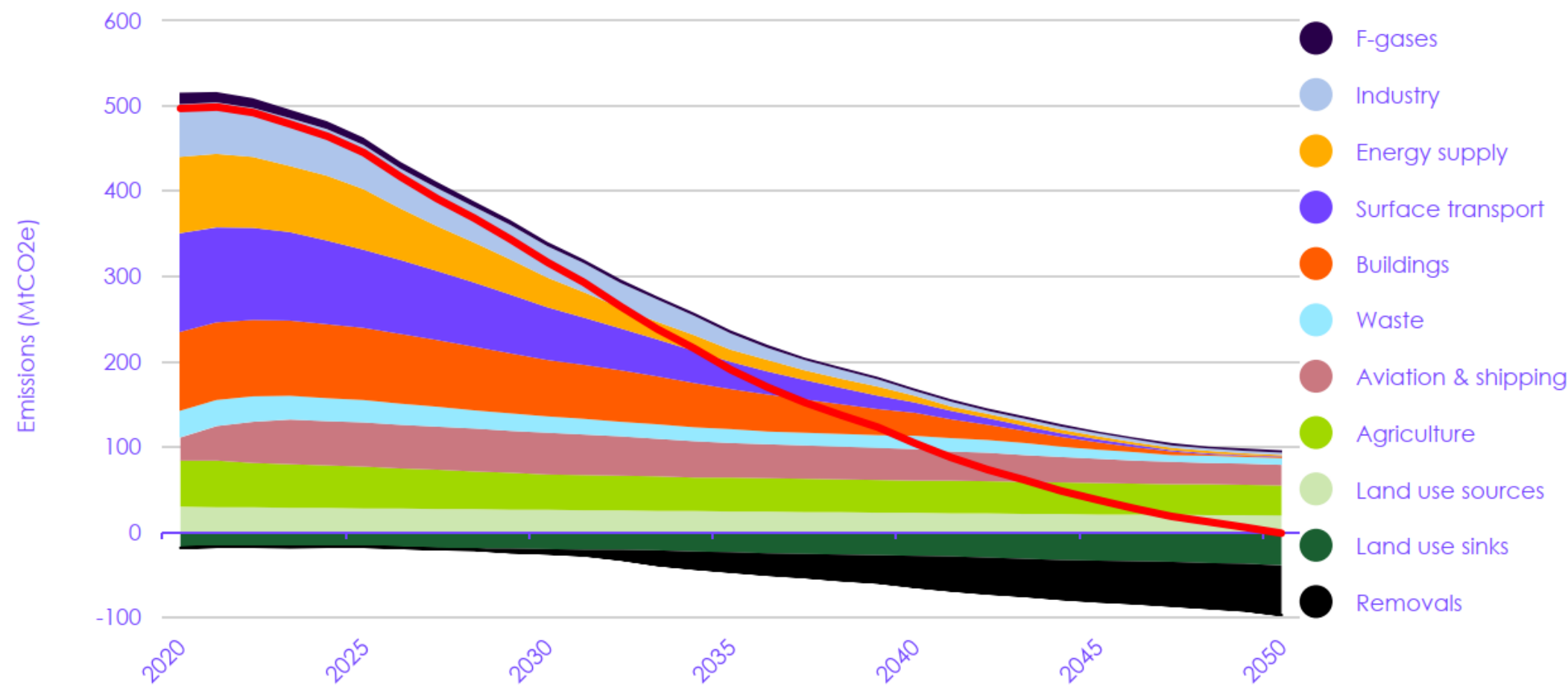
The recommended path



Source
CCC analysis

Source: UK Climate Change Committee

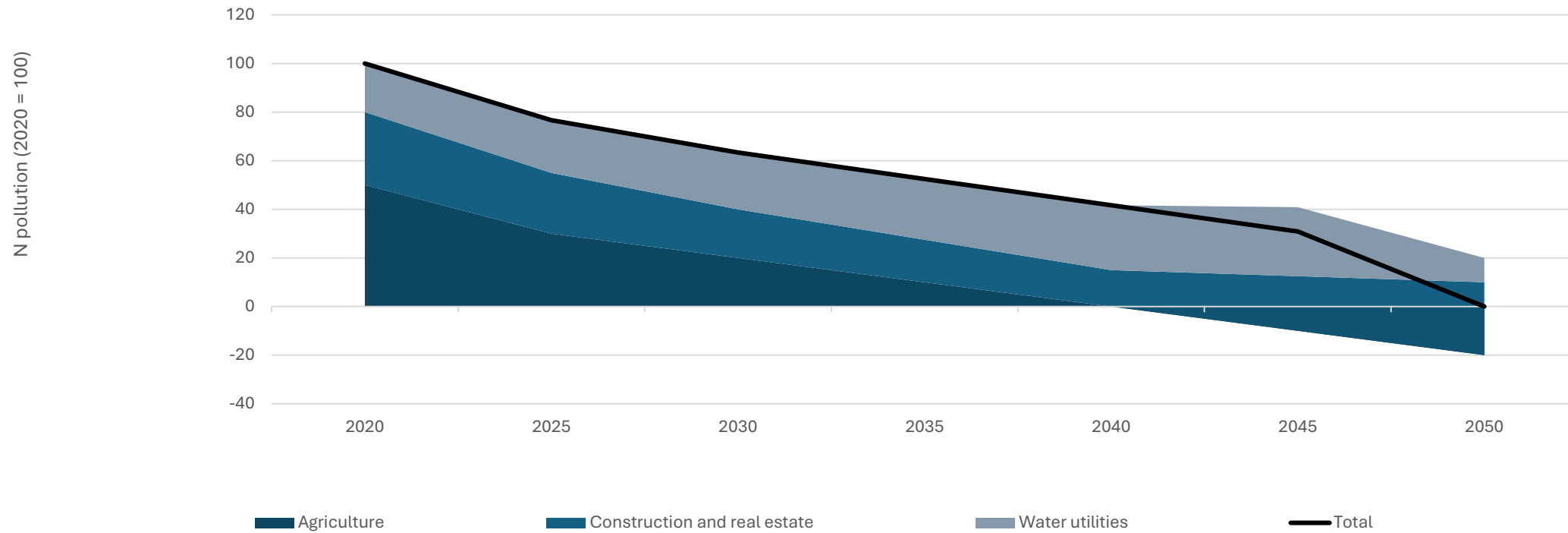
UK Net Zero Sectoral Pathways



Source: UK Climate Change Committee

NPPs lay out each sector's role to meeting the UK's nature targets

Sectoral contributions to reducing UK Nitrogen pollution, illustrative





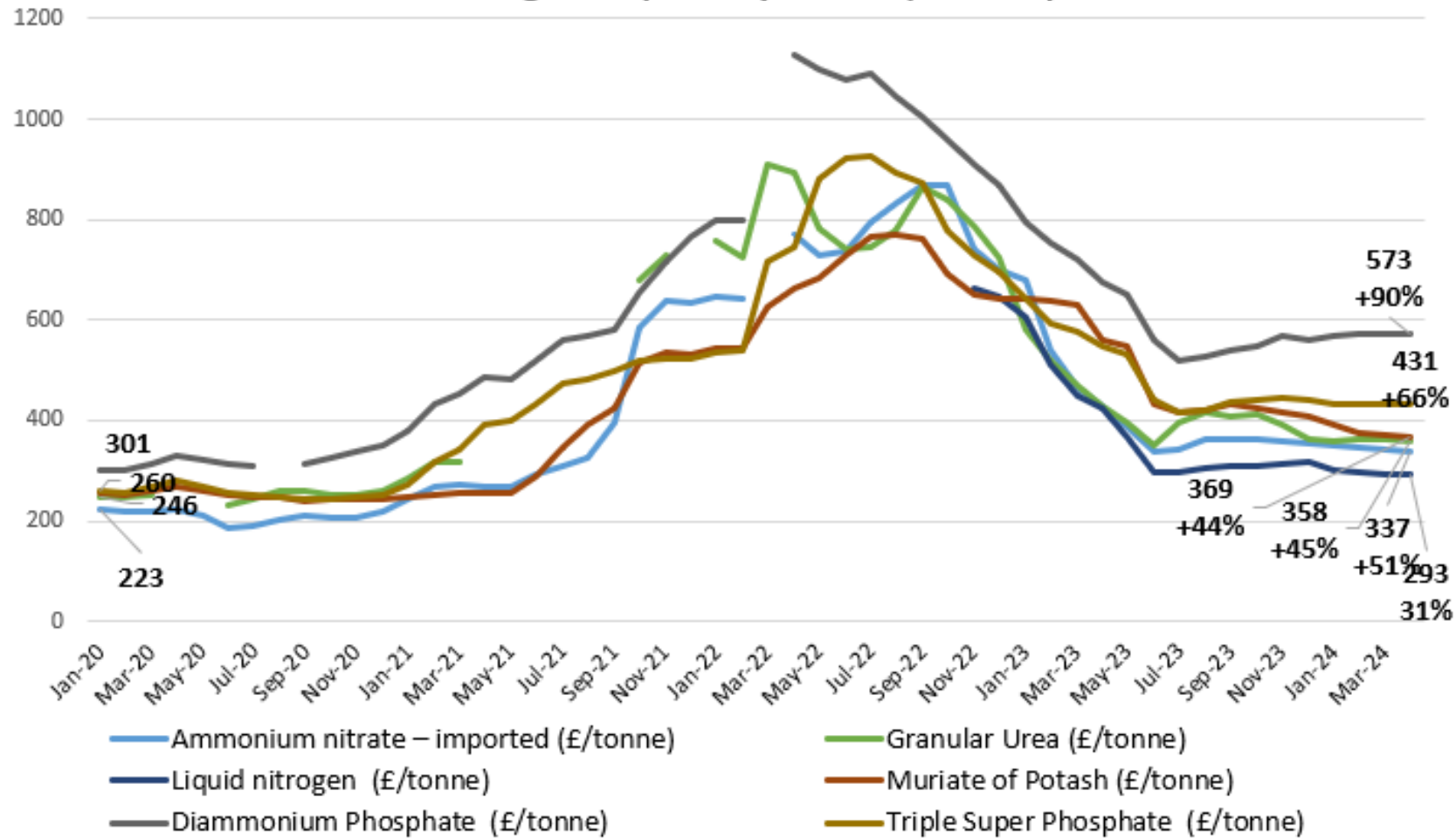
Acting on climate
change to build
a better tomorrow



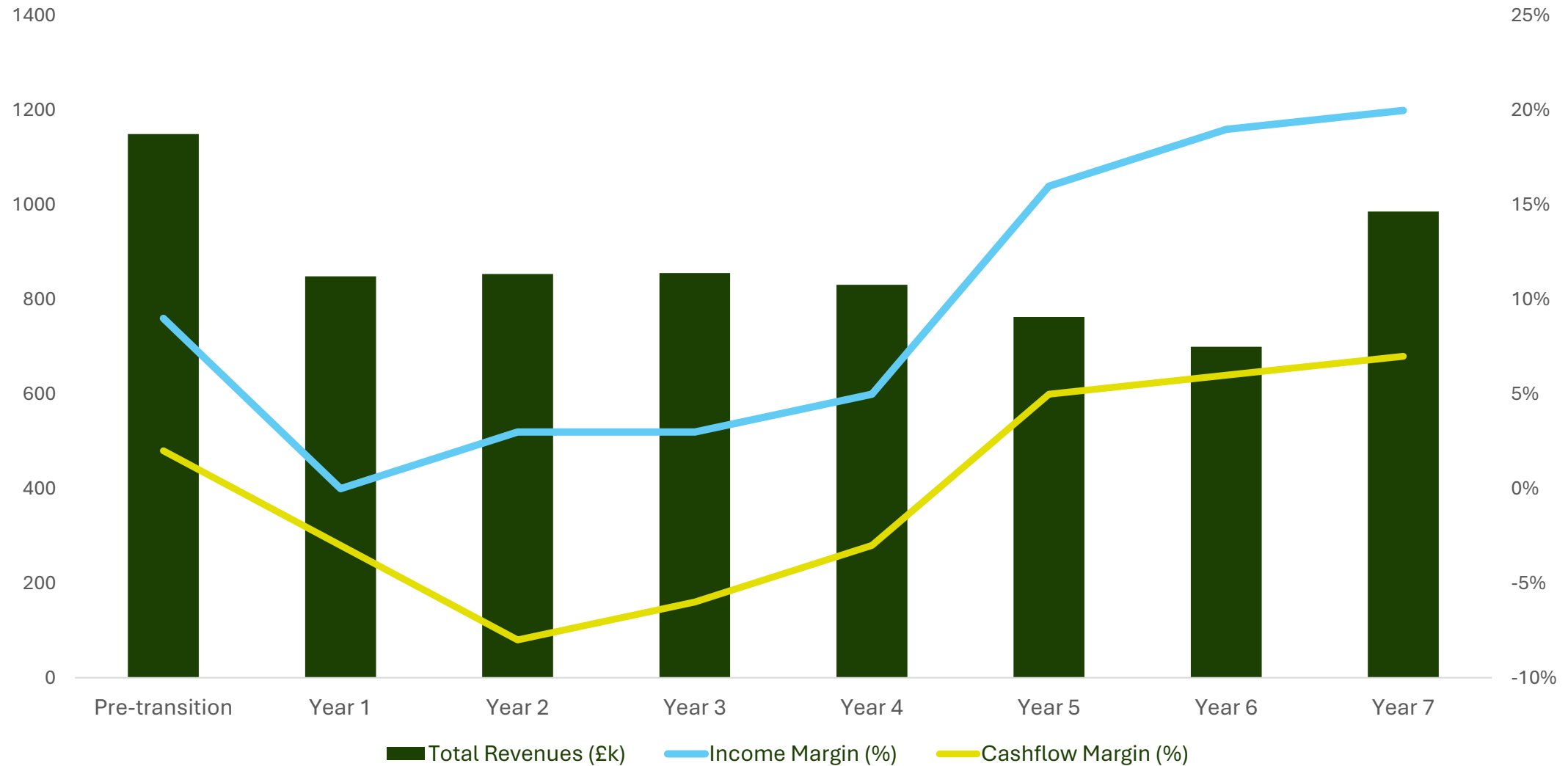
Creating Space for Nature's Recovery



Evolution of farming costs (January 2020- April 2024) - Fertilisers



Regenerative Transition for a UK Dairy Farm





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PROGRESS



- ✓ The UK government will include NPPs in the EIP and support th
- ✓ Defra officials are supporting of our proposal with GFI: Mary Creagh, Emma Hardy, Directors
 - **Next steps:** Explain link to economic growth, Raise philanthropic funding



- ✓ Private sector support: 27 businesses support our advocacy ask, Business for Nature
 - **Next steps:** Establish multi-stakeholder process



Good food, Good life

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May 2025

NESTLÉ'S NET ZERO ROADMAP

Our path to regeneration for future generations

Solving the problem means identifying the problem. We found Nestlé emitted 92 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions in 2018*. Now we know the extent, we know the road ahead.

*Total GHG emissions were 113 million tonnes (CO₂ equivalent) in 2018, 92 of which are in scope of our UN 1.5°C pledge.

Companies and their emissions grow over time. That's why we're promising to be net zero based on our 2018 baseline, no matter how much our company grows.

— Path to zero emissions by 2050
-- Business as usual

Emissions by operation (million tonnes of CO₂e, 2018)

65.6	Sourcing our ingredients
7.0	Manufacturing our products
11.0	Packaging our products
7.5	Managing logistics
0.8	Travel and employee commuting

Moving faster

We're excited to hit the soil running. We're accelerating our work in manufacturing, packaging and carbon-neutral brands. We're also investing CHF 1.2 billion to help spark regenerative agriculture across our supply chain, as part of a total investment of CHF 3.2 billion by 2025.

Our milestones

- 100% deforestation free for primary supply chains** by 2022
- 100% of our packaging recyclable or reusable by 2025
- Plant 20 million trees a year
- Switch our global car fleet to lower emission options by 2022
- 100% certified sustainable cocoa and coffee by 2025
- Source 20% of key ingredients through regenerative agricultural methods by 2025
- 100% certified sustainable palm oil by end of 2023
- 100% sourced renewable electricity in all our sites by 2025
- Cut virgin plastic in our packaging by a third by 2025

Scaling up

Further down the greener path, we will invest in new technologies and fundamental changes to our products and businesses around the globe.

- Use more renewable thermal energy in our manufacturing
- Plant 200 million trees by 2030
- Source 50% of key ingredients through regenerative agricultural methods by 2030

Delivering our promise

Advanced agricultural techniques will deliver a regenerative food system at scale, supported by zero emission logistics and company operations. We will balance any remaining emissions through high-quality natural climate solutions that benefit people and the planet.

By 2025, we will reduce our emissions by 20%

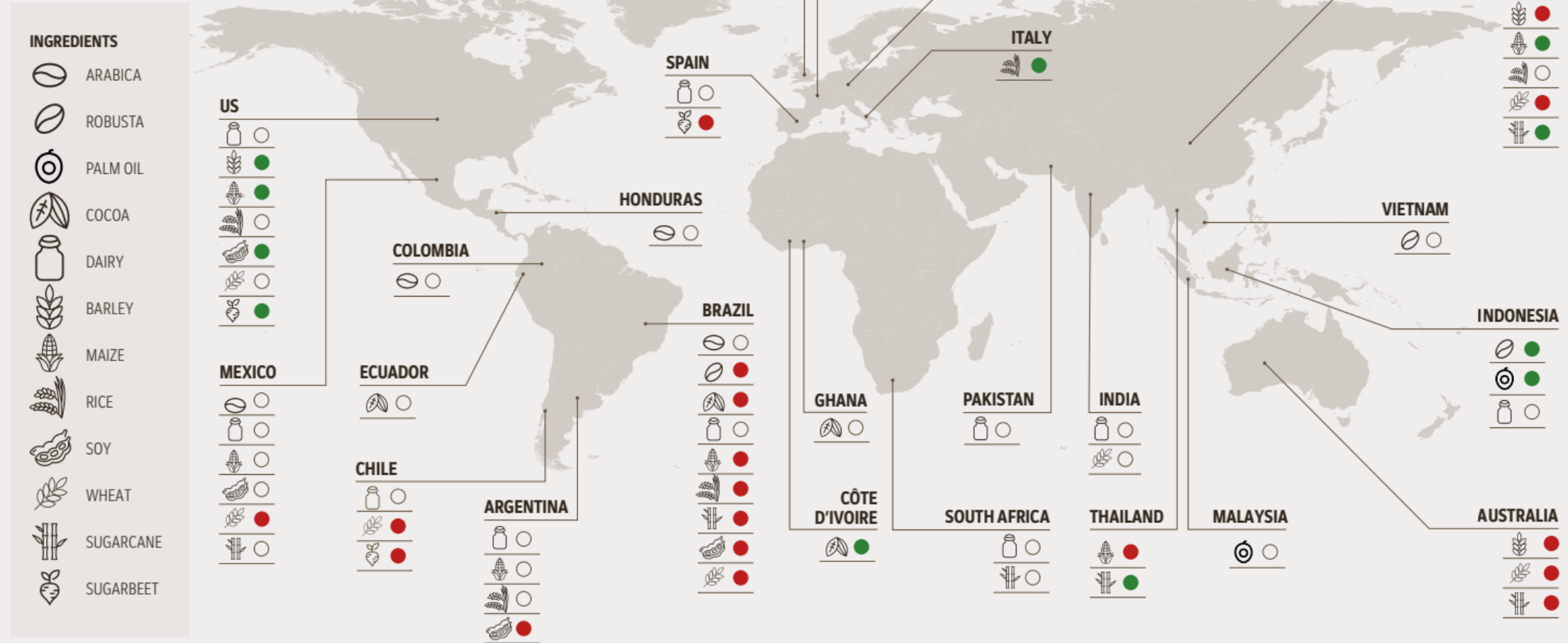
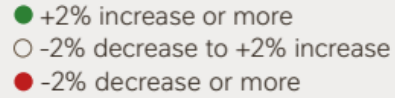
By 2030, we will reduce our emissions by 50%

By 2050, we will reach

net zero

**Scope: Direct supplies of palm oil, pulp and paper, soya, meat and sugar.

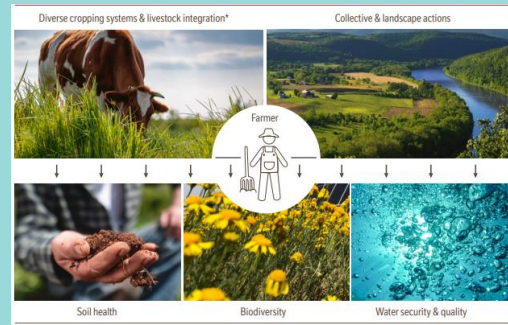
Impact of climate and physical risk on key ingredients by 2040



Nature protection and restoration is embedded into our business strategies



Driving the transition towards Regenerative Agriculture



Sustainable sourcing of key agricultural commodities



Our Forest Positive Strategy: 3 pillars



I. Deforestation-free supply chains



II. Long-term forest conservation and restoration in our supply chains



III. Sustainable landscapes

Regenerative Agriculture at nestle

Targets

By 2025: **20%** of key ingredient volumes sourced through regenerative agricultural methods
By 2030: **50%** “

First Phase



Volumes

Global Volume in Scope (2023)	14.24M Tonnes
UKI Volume in Scope (2023)	295k Tonnes

Regenerative Agriculture: Our Implementation Strategy

Our guiding principles



Beneficial to farmers



Driven by measurable outcomes



Collaborative and science-based



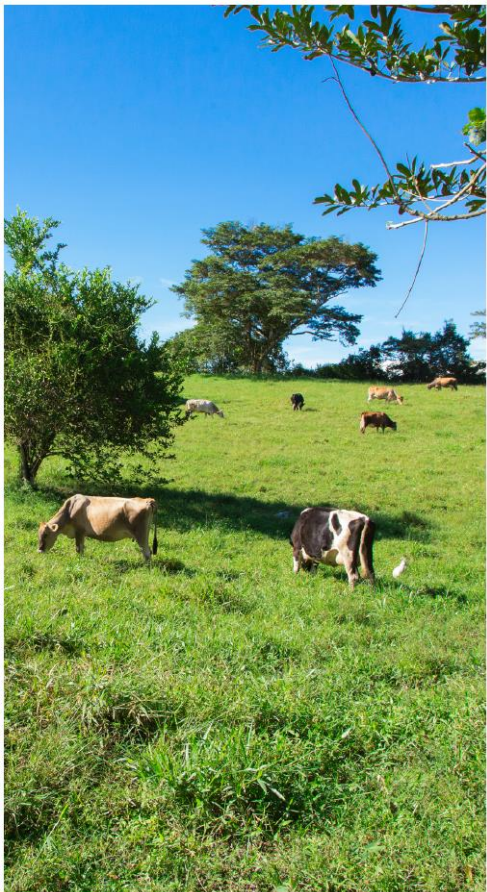
Pragmatic and adjusted to local conditions



Actions at landscape level (where relevant)



Tailored to smallholder needs (Where relevant)



Implementation



TECHNICAL

Adoption of practices at farm level

Initial mapping resources & practices

Engage farmers, reference farms

Deploy, measure & report



COLLABORATIVE

Awareness creation, engagement and training of stakeholders

Expertise, partnerships, incl. R&D

Communication strategy

Workshops & advocacy



FINANCIAL

Ensuring competitive solutions and creating demand

Funding models, internal & external

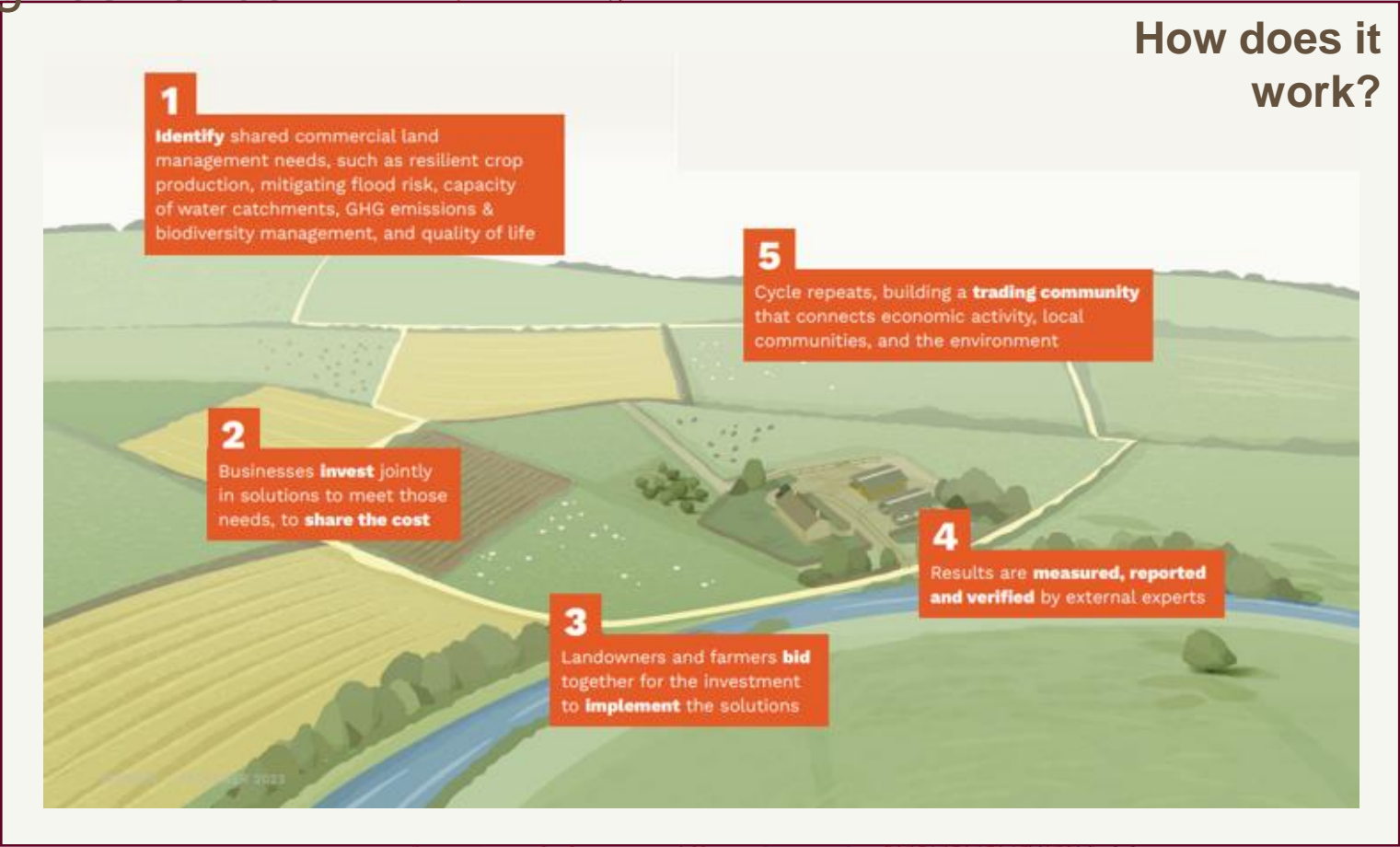
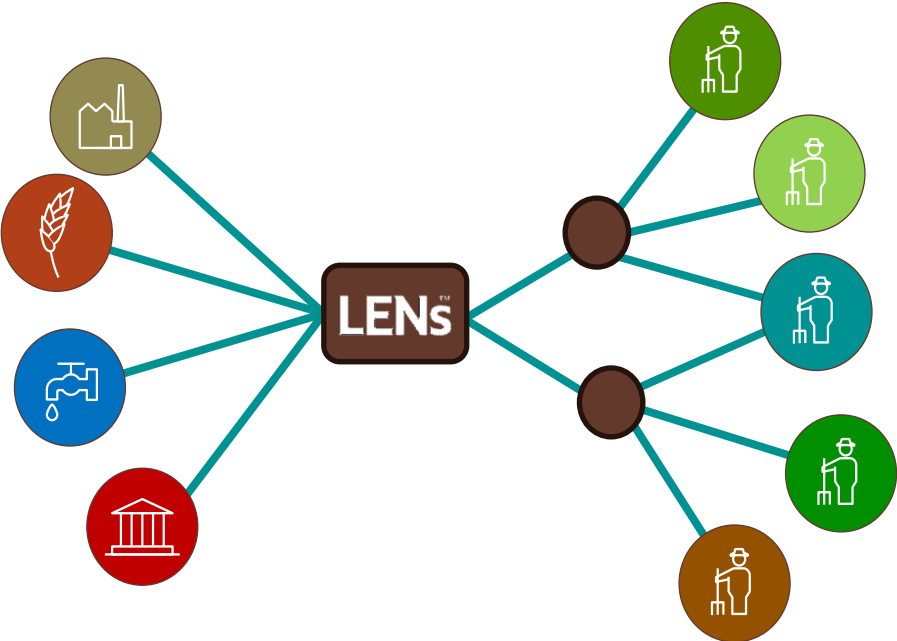
Benchmarking

Ensure long term demand



Landscape enterprise Networks (LENs)

A shared interest tool for building resilience



Strategic partners:



Nestlé income accelerator program

- School enrolment
- Good agricultural practices
- Agroforestry activity
- Diversified incomes






THE NESCAFÉ PLAN 2030

Helping renew the world of coffee to uplift lives and livelihoods with every cup.

2030 Vision

An integrated strategy to use regenerative agriculture to help address climate change, aiming to:

- REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 
- INCREASE FARMERS' INCOME 
- CREATE BETTER SOCIAL CONDITIONS 

Our goals:

By 2025

- 100% responsibly sourced coffee
- Source 20% of our coffee through regenerative agriculture methods

By 2030

- Source 50% of our coffee through regenerative agriculture methods
- 50% greenhouse gas emissions reduction



AGROFORESTRY

Help farmers to improve soil health, water management and biodiversity by combining coffee with shade or border trees.



LAND RESTORATION

Support farmers to plant native trees to capture CO₂ in and around coffee farms, helping improve biodiversity and water management.



GREEN BORDERS (RIPARIAN BUFFERS)

Help farmers improve water sources and biodiversity by restoring vegetation along the water margins.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Supporting coffee farmers in accelerating their transition to regenerative agriculture practices.



HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

Reinforcing monitoring and corrective actions across our value chains.



WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Enhancing business and financial skills through training, including record keeping and farm management.



OPTIMIZED FERTILIZATION (INCLUDING ORGANIC FERTILIZERS)

Support farmers to improve productivity and quality, helping reduce CO₂ and improve soil health by tailoring the fertilizer to the soil needs.



FARM RENOVATION

Support farmers to improve yield and quality, and to reduce CO₂, while aiming to improve income through pruning and/or the introduction of new and improved coffee varieties.



COVER CROPS

Help farmers to improve soil health and biodiversity, while reducing agrochemical usage.



INCOME DIVERSIFICATION (INCLUDING INTERCROPPING)

Promoting different crops within the coffee farm to enhance income diversification, soil health and biodiversity.

Nestlé Regenerative Milk Plan

- GHG emission reductions
- Improvements in animal welfare
- 140ha woodland planted
- 25k boundary trees
- 650km of hedges
- Farmer-led interventions and incentives driving continuous improvement



Nature as an unlock



Business resilience



Regulatory context is driving an increased focus on nature



Opportunities to collaborate within and beyond single sectors e.g. BNG



Employee engagement, pride, talent attraction

CHALLENGES AHEAD



Definitions and methodologies vary across industry – lack of standardization (at present).



A patchwork of solutions likely needed, depending on the context:

1. supplier-led programmes
2. landscape-scale collective actions



Better alignment and coordination between public and private sectors is key to avoiding confusion, duplication and unintended consequences



Nestlé Good food, Good life

Thank you!

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a red and black plaid shirt over a dark top, is working in a field of lush green leafy plants. She is looking down at the plants, and her hands are visible among the foliage. The background shows a fence and some distant buildings under a bright, slightly cloudy sky.

Q&A



Thank you



Tomorrow begins today

