

# Sustainability Progress: International Council of Forest & Paper Association Releases 2020-2021 Report



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The International Council of Forest & Paper Association (“ICFPA”) released its biennial sustainability report titled:

*2020-2021 Sustainability Progress Report (“Report”)*

The ICFPA describes itself as serving as a forum for global dialogue, coordination and cooperation among 18 pulp, paper, wood and forest fibre-based associations that encompass 28 countries.

The Report states that progress has been shown in nearly all of the sectors’ performance indicators using the most recent data available (2018-2019). A particular focus of the Report is the impact of the COVID pandemic on the industry.

Performance indicators addressed in the Report include:

- Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity
- Bioenergy and Renewable Fuel Percentage
- Total On-Site Energy Intensity
- Sulfur Dioxide Emissions Intensity
- Water Use Intensity
- Sustainable Procurement
- Recordable Incident Rate
- Global Recycling Rate

Categories addressed include:

- Progress Since Baseline Year
- Progress Since 2019 Report

Described as progress on sustainability performance indicators include:

- In 2019, 52.6 percent of procured wood fibre came from third-party certified sustainably-managed forests, a 41 percentage point increase from the 2000 baseline year.
- Greenhouse gas emission intensity decreased 21 percent from the 2004/2005 baseline year.
- The energy share of biomass and other renewable fuels increased to 64.9 percent, a 12 percentage point increase since 2004/2005.
- Sulphur dioxide emission intensity from on-site combustion sources decreased 77 percent from the 2004/2005 baseline year and 38 percent from the previous report.
- Water use intensity decreased 12.5 percent from the baseline year.

- Investment in health and safety interventions yielded a 30 percent reduction in the global recordable incident rate from the 2006/2007 baseline with the number of recordable incidents falling to 2.88 per 100 employees annually.
- In 2019, 59.1 percent of paper and paperboard consumed globally was used by mills to make new products, marking a 12.6 percentage point increase in the global recycling rate since the year 2000.

A copy of the Report can be downloaded [here](#).