

# Making CABI Greener

## Our Policy

We are committed to making continuous improvements in the management of our environmental impact as part of our goal of developing a sustainable organisation. We will work to promote environmental care and awareness with an emphasis on the need to reduce energy consumption, and to manage our carbon footprint.

## CABI Code of Business Conduct

CABI's operations are diverse and international both office and field based and we recognise that these give rise to a variety of environmental impacts. The significance of any impact will be affected by the use of resources such as energy and water, the production of waste and the production of air pollution and greenhouse gases from travel by staff and visitors.

CABI intends to reduce and where possible, eliminate its adverse environmental impact in a way that is progressive, practical and economically sound. In our role as an international organisation, we will also promote and seek to demonstrate good environmental responsibility to our members, our beneficiaries, our employees and our partners.

## We will pursue this policy by:-

- managing, monitoring and reducing the environmental impact of our business operations
- making staff and visitors aware of our **Making CABI Greener** policy and promoting its rationale through effective communication, training for staff and by encouraging participation, the development of expertise and commitment
- ensuring that our buildings are as energy efficient as possible and that, where possible, the energy consumed by CABI is provided by either 'green' energy or a renewable source
- focusing on the efficient use of all natural resources, for example, by reducing the amount of paper and stationery, minimising the use of water in our premises and reducing energy use
- minimising waste and taking every opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle any waste that we do generate
- seeking to purchase effectively and ethically, whilst considering the environmental performance of existing and potential suppliers
- integrating environmental considerations into future business policy decisions and operational plans and reporting on progress
- contributing to international efforts to improve the environment through our information resources and scientific expertise
- considering the implementation of an appropriate environmental management scheme in order to gain certified accreditation, such as the Acorn Scheme (for BS8555 and ISO14001)
- using the **Making CABI Greener** Working Group as a forum to encourage proposals and action on green issues and ideas.

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## Our Objectives

In order to deliver our **Making CABI Greener** policy, we will focus on the following key objectives:-

### 1. Carbon dioxide emissions CO<sub>2</sub>

We will seek to reduce the amount of energy consumed in our premises by:

- seeking to make our buildings more energy efficient;
- reducing the energy used by heating, cooling and lighting; and
- investigating ways to reduce the energy used by IT and electrical equipment.

We will attempt to reduce the emissions created by our use of transport by:-

- reducing the use of car transport when feasible and increasing the use of more fuel efficient or alternative motor vehicles;
- promoting the use of public transport, cycling and walking and beneficial options such as car sharing;
- continuing to develop our use of remote working technology and videoconferencing; and
- review the amount of air travel we undertake.

### 2. Materials and natural resources

- we will reduce the amount of paper we use and where practical we will change to either recycled or sustainable paper; and
- we will closely monitor our water usage and take steps to reduce this in all areas.

### 3. Waste management and recycling

- we will take every opportunity to reduce the production of waste in our business operations;
- we undertake to ensure that any unavoidable waste is disposed of in a way that minimises its impact on the environment; and
- we will increase the recycling of resources including paper, plastic, aluminium and glass.

### 4. Supply chain

Suppliers will be requested to provide evidence of their environmental performance and that of their products or services and, where feasible in terms of cost and quality, preference will be given to those products and services with the least environmental impact.

### 5. Communication

CABI will devise a communication programme to promote best practice and the **Making CABI Greener** policy to all our employees (for example, induction training).

### 6. Leadership opportunities

CABI will benchmark its environmental performance with external assessments and will seek to gain certified accreditation through participation in environmental management schemes. This experience will enable CABI to promote environmental responsibility to our members, our beneficiaries, our employees and our partners.