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# Thailand Taxonomy Board

The Thailand Taxonomy Board is established to develop Thailand Taxonomy, a classification system of economic activities deemed as environmentally-sustainable. The Board comprises agencies from both the public and private sectors as well as financial sector to ensure all sectors' views are reflected. The list of agencies is as follows:

- 1. Department of Climate Change and Environment (DCCE), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- 2. Bank of Thailand (BOT)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. The Securities and Exchange Commission, Thailand (SEC)<sup>1</sup>
- 4. Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)<sup>1</sup>
- 5. Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency, Ministry of Energy
- 6. Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organisation (Public Organisation)
- 7. Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment
- 8. Energy Policy and Planning Office, Ministry of Energy
- 9. Office of Transport and Traffic Policy and Planning, Ministry of Transport
- 10. Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
- 11. Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
- 12. Rice Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
- 13. Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
- 14. Royal Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- 15. Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- 16. Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
- 17. Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- 18. Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning, Ministry of Interior
- 19. Department of Industrial Works, Ministry of Industry

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> the BOT, SEC, and SET are representatives of the Working Group on Sustainable Finance (WG-SF), in collaboration with the Fiscal Policy Office (FPO) and the Office of Insurance Commission (OIC).

- 20. Thai Industrial Standards Institute, Ministry of Industry
- 21. Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- 22. Department of Local Administration, Ministry of Interior
- 23. Energy Regulatory Commission
- 24. Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
- 25. Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health
- 26. Wastewater Management Authority, Ministry of Interior
- 27. Federation of Thai Industries
- 28. Renewable Energy Industry Club, Federation of Thai Industries
- 29. Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand
- 30. Thai ESCO Association
- 31. Council of Engineers
- 32. Thai Condominium Association
- 33. Thai Green Building Institute
- 34. Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand
- 35. The Thai Bankers' Association (TBA)
- 36. Association of International Bank (Thailand) (AIB)
- 37. Government Financial Institutions Association (GFA)

In addition, Thailand Taxonomy was developed with the support of the International Financial Corporation (IFC), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Meanwhile, various international and local consultants served as technical advisors during the development, including the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI), DNV, the Creagy, the Carbon Institute for Sustainability (CBiS), and the Thailand Development Research Institute Foundation (TDRI).

More importantly, inclusive collaboration across various parties, including academia, industry associations, NGOs, and international organisations, helps to ensure that the Thailand Taxonomy aligns with international standards while reflecting the national context. Views and feedback, even from those not formally on the Thailand Taxonomy Board, also contributed significantly to the successful completion and future implementation of the Thailand Taxonomy.

# Thailand Taxonomy Methodological Summary

This section provides a brief description of the methodology for developing the Thailand Taxonomy and the basic principles of its use.

## Objectives of the Thailand Taxonomy

Based on an analysis of Thailand's national plans, strategies and policies, the following taxonomy objectives were identified:

- 1. Climate change mitigation;
- 2. Climate change adaptation;
- 3. Sustainable use and protection of marine and water resources;
- 4. Promotion of resource resilience and transition to a circular economy;
- 5. Pollution prevention and control;
- 6. Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

# Selection of the activities for the inclusion into the Taxonomy

The Taxonomy is structured and designed to improve the ecological and climate credentials of the economy, and activities within each sector are selected on the basis of the following:

- Substantial contribution to the environmental objectives of the Taxonomy specified for each sector.
- Existence of technological solutions for decarbonisation for some climate-material activities, no such solution has yet been developed.
- Inclusion into other taxonomies to avoid global green market fragmentation and utilize research put into their development.

In addition, climate-material activities are selected on the basis of the ISIC (version 4) classification system. It is an international classification system of economic activities that has been adopted by the majority of other taxonomies as a common framework. Mapping against other types of classification (including TSIC) is included in the Thailand Taxonomy.

Although the economic materiality of certain activities is presented in this report, it does not serve as the primary criteria for the activity selection. This is because some economically significant activities may not, in themselves, exhibit direct climate materiality.

# Classification of Activities

## 1. Traffic Light System

Thailand Taxonomy introduces a "traffic light system" classification—green, amber (transitional), and red—offering a more effective approach to evaluating economic activities. Unlike traditional binary taxonomies that categorize activities as either sustainable (green) or unsustainable (red), the traffic light system allows a greater flexibility and a broader range of pathways for decarbonizing the economy, thereby providing greater opportunities for funding access.

Traffic light	Description	
Green	Substantially contributing to the goals of the taxonomy. This category includes:	
	• Near zero activities: activities already at or near net-zero emissions that may require some further decarbonisation but not a significant transition (e.g., solar or wind power generation or operation of electric fleet-based transportation services);	
	• Clear pathway to zero activities: activities that are not net-zero at the moment but have a clear Paris Agreement aligned decarbonisation pathway (e.g., shipping) that may be followed.	
	This category can generally be applied to new facilities operating in compliance with the requirements of the taxonomy (e.g., construction of a steel mill producing steel in compliance with the green category for steel production) or to revenue that is generated through the sale of products that meet the requirements of the taxonomy.	
Amber	<ul> <li>This category includes activities that entail relatively high emissions but are:</li> <li>Facilitating significant emissions reductions in the short term with reliable decarbonisation pathways and prescribed sunset dates (2040 for Thailand Taxonomy);</li> </ul>	
	• Enabling other green activities, even though they are not green themselves (e.g., grid infrastructure).	

Traffic light	Description	
	Thailand's national decarbonisation strategies and Nationally Determined Contribution	
	(NDC) were taken into account when developing criteria for this category.	
	Amber activities may have the criteria in the form of:	
	• decarbonisation pathway (e.g. in the energy sector) that the activity must follow in order to be considered transitional. In order to attract transition financing, the changes implemented in the enterprise must lead to a decrease in the emission intensity according to this pathway.	
	• relative performance improvement requirements (e.g. in the construction and real estate sector). This format involves the introduction of a certain percentage of improvement over the baseline that must be achieved in order for the financing raised this way to be considered transition financing.	
	• <b>list of applicable measures</b> (e.g. in the Manufacturing sector) which refer to the individual technologies that can be applied to improve the climate and environmental credentials of the activity. Funds raised for the implementation of these measures will be considered transition funding.	
	If this category features N/A, it means that no transitional option is available, and or green category is available to those who want to align their activity of this kind wi the Taxonomy.	
Red	Currently not compatible with net-zero trajectory and are not going to become compatible anytime soon. These activities should therefore be phased out (e.e. electricity generation from coal) if the country wants to achieve the goals of the Pa Agreement.	
	If this category features N/A, it means the activity cannot deal significant damage the environment and thus all activities of this type that are not aligned with green amber category are simply out of scope of the taxonomy.	
Out of the scope of the taxonomy	If the activity is not present in the taxonomy, it does not mean that this activity is harmful to its objectives. It is simply considered "out of the scope" due to its low climate materiality or lack of science-based criteria. The taxonomy does not make any decision about it, and it should be reported in disclosure documents as "out of scope".	

However, development of the agricultural taxonomy employs a practice-based approach due to data limitations in directly measuring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This method relies on internationally recognized best practices that are widely accepted for their effectiveness in reducing GHG emissions within the agricultural sector.





Source: The Creagy

# 2. Essential criteria

The principles of **Do No Significant Harm (DNSH)** and **Minimum Social Safeguards (MSS)** serve as the essential criteria within the Thailand Taxonomy framework. DNSH ensures that economic activities do not adversely impact other environmental objectives, while MSS aims to prevent negative social consequences. These principles are essential to maintaining the integrity of the taxonomy and mitigating risks such as greenwashing.

In cases where an activity does not meet these principles, the responsible entity must develop and implement a remediation plan that has undergone evaluation against relevant standards, includes stakeholder consultation, and ensures public disclosure. The plan must be fully executed within a three-year timeframe. If the activity fails to achieve compliance within this timeframe, it will result in the activity being reclassified as non-compliant (red category).

It is very important to note that all entities adhere to the applicable legal and regulatory frameworks of Thailand or the jurisdiction in which the activity is conducted, as a prerequisite for alignment with the taxonomy.

# The implications of aligning capital expenditures, revenue, or financial instruments with the Taxonomy

The most popular use of taxonomies worldwide is to evaluate various financial flows for alignment with it. Any business can be divided into various economic activities in accordance with the ISIC classification (this is why activity serves as the basis for the Taxonomy). Each of these activities can either generate revenue, or financial instruments can be issued with their backing, or it can be changed in some way with the help of capital expenditures:

- Capital expenditure, refers to the money an entity raises through debt instruments (bonds, loans) and that is used to buy, maintain, or improve its fixed assets. By meeting the relevant Taxonomy criteria, entities can issue Taxonomy-aligned<sup>2</sup> green- or transition-labelled bonds or loans to raise sustainable financing for Taxonomy-eligible<sup>3</sup> activities.
- **Revenue** refers to the total income of an organisation or corporate entity that is derived from the sale of products or services. By meeting the relevant Taxonomy criteria, corporates can report and disclose the proportion of business that is aligned with green or transition as defined by the Taxonomy. The products that are produced through the Taxonomy-aligned activities can also be considered Taxonomy-aligned.
- Financial instruments can be aligned with the Taxonomy if they are derived from a business whose revenue aligns with the Taxonomy. In this case, the financial instrument can be called "green" or "amber (transitional)", depending on the revenue alignment category.

Please note that these are general application rules, and more detailed guidance must be provided separately by relevant national authorities.

#### Living Document

Thailand Taxonomy is designed as a living document, subject to review every 3–5 years. Earlier revisions may be undertaken in response to significant technological advancements or newly available data that impact its criteria and thresholds, ensuring continued alignment with evolving scientific knowledge, innovation, and policy developments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Aligned" means that the activity in question is fully compliant with all relevant criteria of the taxonomy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Eligible" refers to the activities that are included in the taxonomy without assessing their compliance with the criteria.

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# List of abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AER	Annual Efficiency Ratio
ANDBI	Activities Not Defined by ISIC
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATTRIC	Automotive and Tyre Testing, Research, and Innovation Center
AWD	Alternative wetting and drying
BAU	Business-as-usual
BEC	Building Energy Code
BF	Blast furnace
BF-BOF	Blast furnace – basic oxygen furnace
BOT	Bank of Thailand
BUR4	Thailand's Fourth Biennial Update Report
СарЕх	Capital expenditure
CBAM	Carbon border adjustment mechanism
CCAPA	Climate Change Action Plan for Thai Agriculture
CCMP	Climate Change Master Plan
CCS/CCUS	Carbon capture and storage/ Carbon capture, utilisation and storage
СНР	Combined heat and power
CRVA	Climate risk vulnerability assessment
CSP	Concentrated solar power
DCCE	Department of Climate Change and Environment
DCS	Fuel Oil Data Collection System
DEDE	Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency
DIW	Department of Industrial Works
DRI	Direct reduced iron
DSR	Direct dry rice seeding
EAF	Electric arc furnace
EDGE	Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies
EU	European Union

EUI	Energy use intensity	
FDI	Foreign direct investments	
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	
FTI	Federation of Thai Industries	
GBCA	Green Building Council Australia	
GDP	Gross domestic product	
GFA	Gross floor area	
GHG	Greenhouse gas	
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH	
GWP	Global warming potential	
HDPE	High-density polyethylene	
ICMA	International Capital Market Association	
IEA	International Energy Agency	
IFMP	MP Integrated Farm Management Plan	
IFC	International Finance Corporation	
IFMP	MP Integrated Farm Management Plan	
IGBC	Indian Green Building Council	
IMO	International Maritime Organisation	
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	
IPHE	International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy	
IPPU	Industrial processes and products use	
IRENA	International Renewable Energy Agency	
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification	
ISO	International Organisation for Standardization	
LCA	Life cycle analysis	
LDPE	Low density polyethylene	
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	
LLDPE	Linear low-density polyethylene	
LPG	Liquefied petroleum gas	
LT-LEDS	Long-Term Low Emissions and Development Strategy	
LULUCF	Land use, land-use change, and forestry	

MEPS	Minimum Energy Performance Standard	
MOE	Ministry of Energy	
MIND	Ministry of Industry	
MOT	Ministry of Transport	
MOU	Memorandum of understanding	
MRV	Monitoring, reporting and verification	
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution	
NESDC	National Economic and Social Development Council	
OpEx	Operating expenditure	
PED	Primary energy demand	
PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification	
PET	Polyethylene terephthalate	
PM 2.5	Particulate matter 2.5	
РР	Polypropylene	
PW	Photovoltaic	
QoQ	Quarter-on-Quarter	
RCP Representative Concentration Pathway, a greenhouse gas concen		
	trajectory adopted by the IPCC	
SCM	Substitute cementitious material	
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals	
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission	
SET	Stock Exchange of Thailand	
ТСМА	TCMA Thailand Cement Manufacturers Association	
TPI	PI Transition Pathway Initiative	
TTB	Thailand Taxonomy Board	
TEI	Thailand Environment Institute	
TFCC	Thai Forest Certification Council	
TSIC	Thailand Standard Industrial Classification	
WG-SF	Working Group on Sustainable Finance	
WG-SF XRD	Working Group on Sustainable Finance X-ray diffraction	

# List of Metrics Abbreviations

CO2e/kWh	Greenhouse gas emission intensity calculated as amount of greenhouse gases in carbon dioxide equivalent per kilowatt hour	
EJ/year	Energy consumption calculated as exajoules consumed per year	
GgCO2eq	Gigagrams of carbon dioxide equivalent, Greenhouse gases in carbon dioxide equivalent	
ktoe	Thousand tons of oil equivalent	
Mha	Megahectare	
MtCO2e/year	Gross emission calculated as metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emitted per year	
MW	Megawatt	
pkm or p-km	passenger-kilometre is the unit of measurement representing the transport of one passenger by a defined mode of transport (road, rail, air, sea, inland waterways etc.) over one kilometre	
RTK	Revenue-tonne-kilometre, measures how much revenue a company makes per volume of freight transported	
tkm or t-km	tonne-kilometre is a unit of measure of freight transport which represents the transport of one tonne of goods by a given transport mode (road, rail, air, sea, inland waterways, pipeline etc.) over a distance of one kilometre	

# 1. Thailand Taxonomy Development Project Background

The Working Group on Sustainable Finance (WG-SF), consisting of the Fiscal Policy Office (FPO), the Bank of Thailand (BOT), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Office of Insurance Commission (OIC), and the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), has joined forces to steer and align the direction of Thailand's sustainable finance policies to support the country's development objectives. Developing a practical national sustainable finance taxonomy to promote inward investment flows across Thailand's financial sectors from domestic and international investors is one of the key strategic initiatives identified by the Thailand Sustainable Finance Initiatives Roadmap published in 2021.<sup>4</sup> A well-defined and structured taxonomy is intended to support better-informed and more efficient decision-making and responses to investment opportunities that contribute to achieving national climate development objectives as defined by the Government of Thailand.

As an institution leading the Thailand Taxonomy (hereinafter – the Taxonomy) development process, the Thailand Taxonomy Board defined the following list of objectives for the Taxonomy document:

- 1. To provide a standard practice to the financial sector and other related sectors;
- 2. To enable data disclosure and encourage financial institutions and other sectors to integrate environment-related risks and opportunities into their operations by providing incentives;
- 3. To provide alignment with internationally recognized taxonomies such as ASEAN Taxonomy, EU Taxonomy, Singapore Taxonomy and Climate Bonds Taxonomy.

In June 2023, the Thailand Taxonomy Board launched the Thailand Taxonomy Phase I as a reference tool for standardized classification of economic activities deemed low-carbon and climate-friendly. While recognizing multiple priority environmental objectives for Thailand, the Thailand Taxonomy Phase I develops a classification system for the objective of climate change mitigation (i.e., the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions) and covers economic activities in energy and transportation sectors, which are the two economic sectors that contribute the highest proportions of Thailand's total GHG emissions. The Thailand Taxonomy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Bank of Thailand [BOT], "Joint Statement Sustainable Finance Initiatives for Thailand," Press release, August 18, 2021, https://www.bot.or.th/en/news-and-media/news/news-20210818.html.

Phase I was developed with the support of the International Financial Corporation (IFC), with Climate Bonds Initiative as the technical advisor.

In May 2025, the Thailand Taxonomy Board for Phase II - co-led by Department of Climate Change and Environment (DCCE), BOT, SEC, and SET - launched the Thailand Taxonomy Phase II. This phase marks a significant expansion, incorporating four additional sectors that are critical to achieving the country's environmental objectives: agriculture (including forestry), construction and real estate, manufacturing, and waste management.

# 2. Thailand General Climate Policy Background

Thailand has progressively strengthened its climate commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The country submitted its first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in 2016, committing to a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the projected business-as-usual (BAU) level by 2030, with the potential to increase this to 25% conditional on international support.

The First Updated NDC (2020) emphasized the need for financial and technical support, particularly in the energy sector. This was operationalized through the NDC Roadmap on Mitigation (2021–2030) and the NDC Action Plan.

In 2021, Thailand submitted its Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS), aiming to peak GHG emissions by 2030, achieve carbon neutrality by  $2065^5$ , and move toward net-zero emissions in the latter half of the century. At COP26 in Glasgow, the Prime Minister announced an enhanced target of carbon neutrality by 2050 and reaffirmed the net-zero goal by 2065, with the potential to raise emission reductions to 40% by 2030, contingent on adequate international support<sup>6</sup>.

In November 2022, Thailand Second Updated NDC<sup>7</sup> and the revised LT-LEDs<sup>8</sup>, committing to a 30% GHG reduction by 2030, with an enhanced ambition of up to 40% under favorable conditions. The revised LT-LEDS outlines key mitigation strategies, including a significant scaleup of renewable energy deployment. According to the draft National Energy Plan, at least 50% of new power generation will be renewable by 2050, with solar and wind projected to contribute 65% of total electricity generation by 2060.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning [ONEP] and Climate Change Management and Coordination division [CCMP], "Mid-century, Long-term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategy THAILAND," UNFCCC (MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, October 2021,

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Thailand\_LTS1.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Mintra Adair, "Thailand Vows to Reach Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2065 at COP26," Thai PBS World, November 2, 2021, https://www.thaipbsworld.com/thailand-vows-to-reach-net-zero-carbon-emissions-by-2065-at-cop26/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning [ONEP], "Thailand's 2nd Updated Nationally Determined Contribution," UNFCCC NDC Registry, September 2, 2022, https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/NDC/2022-11/Thailand%202nd%20Updated%20NDC.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> UNFCCC, "Thailand's Long-term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategy (Revised Version)," November, 2022, https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Thailand%20LT-LEDS%20%28Revised%20Version%29\_08Nov2022.pdf

To fulfil country's commitments, Thailand established the Department of Climate Change and Environment (DCCE) in August 2023. This dedicated department will lead the country's efforts in responding to climate change and implementing necessary measures. In March 2025, the DCCE presented the research, targets, strategies, and measures for Thailand's GHG reduction under its Third Updated NDC, "NDC 3.0", also referred to as Thailand's Second GHG Reduction Target. This updated version shifts from a BAU model to an absolute emissions reduction target, using 2019 as the base year. As a result, this enhanced target applies across all economic sectors and aims to limit Thailand's net GHG emissions to 152 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2035, with at least 118 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e expected to be absorbed through forestry and land use (LULUCF). The domestic mitigation efforts (unconditional target) are expected to reduce emissions by 76.4 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e, while an additional 32.8 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e reduction is anticipated through international support (conditional target), totaling 109.2 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e in reductions. With full support, this would represent a 60% reduction from 2019 levels, potentially aligning Thailand with a pathway to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C. Thailand plans to submit NDC 3.0 to the UNFCCC Secretariat by September 2025, ahead of 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) in November 2025.<sup>9</sup>

Thailand is also in the process of developing its first Climate Change Act, which aims to increase the efficiency of climate change mitigation and adaptation actions and facilitate the transition to a net zero economy. Some of the key elements of the draft Climate Change Act are the provisions on mandatory GHG reporting at the corporate level, the application of carbon pricing mechanisms such as the Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) and carbon tax, and the use of Thailand Taxonomy as a reference tool for various contexts. It is expected that the Act will be enacted within 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> DCCE, "DCCE has a public hearing on the 'NDC3.0' target for reducing GHG emissions to 109.2 million tons of CO2 equivalent by 2035", March 2025, https://www.dcce.go.th/4537/

# 3. Thailand Taxonomy Development Framework

# 3.1 The rationale for the development of a national taxonomy

Given the importance of private and public finance to combat the challenges of climate change, creating and transitioning to a dedicated green finance taxonomy is catalytic to a more vigorous and effective sustainable finance sector. A taxonomy aims to provide a common framework for classifying economic activities to enable stakeholders to gather investment information and mobilise green financing. Taxonomies help market participants, regulators, and policymakers understand risk management and promote investments that meet robust sustainability goals. This increases the level of transparency in financial market priorities and could give a government a tool to direct capital flows in the desired direction that delivers measurable environmental, social and governance (ESG) benefits and net zero emission target.

Taxonomies also facilitate the development of sustainable finance products, including green bonds, green loans, green asset-backed securities, and green indices. A granular taxonomy also allows investors and state authorities to measure the degree of decarbonisation of the different sectors of the economy, the efficiency of their investments, and to identify related weak spots.

In particular, this taxonomy is a multipurpose tool that can be used for a variety of objectives. These could include:

- To steer the market and provide guidance, frameworks and standards for investors and stakeholders. It helps to avoid greenwashing and to increase capital flows to green projects as more and more people and institutions want their investments to be sustainable. It can also use to provide better clarity when complying with other frameworks such as the Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Recommendations.
- To attract international climate-oriented capital. A national taxonomy which is compatible with international standards and other recognized taxonomies can increase investment flow into that country and improve conditions for domestic borrowers operating on global markets.
- To enable and harmonize data disclosure. As the Taxonomy is adopted by intermediaries, it will be possible to benchmark the share of green investments in

portfolios of banks, insurance companies, and non-financial entities, with a consistent set of nomenclature.

- To assess environmental risks and risk mitigation options. Compliance with the taxonomy criteria can provide valuable information on climate-related risks for risk assessment specialists within the financial sector.
- To modulate state policy in the desired manner. Under the Paris Agreement and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), Thailand is committed to mitigating its GHG emissions. The Taxonomy provides the government with a tool to define target activities and develop support policies to achieve the country's emission reduction goals.
- To serve as a basis for data collection. Granular taxonomies are a valuable tool for understanding the situation in the economy related to GHG emissions and climate action.

# 3.2 The world of green taxonomies

The concept of green taxonomy was introduced in 2012 by the CBI as a voluntary guideline for the green bond market<sup>10</sup>. The taxonomy concept has since evolved from a voluntary market-led tool to a one that is increasingly led by governments. Currently, over 20 jurisdictions have or are in the process of establishing a green or sustainable finance taxonomy or similar classification scheme.<sup>11</sup>. These include the European Union (EU).<sup>12</sup>, ASEAN<sup>13</sup>, China.<sup>14</sup>, Singapore<sup>15</sup> and many others. The EU, Climate Bonds and ASEAN taxonomies usually serve as benchmarks with countries and regions adjusting their respective national schemes to be compatible with them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. (2023). <u>Climate Bonds Taxonomy</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. (2022). <u>Global Green Taxonomy Development, Alignment, and Implementation</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> European Commission. <u>EU Taxonomy Navigator</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> ASEAN Taxonomy Board. (2021). <u>ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance Version 1</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Climate Cooperation China. (2020). <u>Green Bond Endorsed Project Catalogue (2020 Edition)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Monetary Authority of Singapore. (2023). <u>Singapore-Asia Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance</u>



#### Figure 2 Countries covered by Taxonomy and green/sustainable frameworks

Source: Finance & Prosperity (World Bank 2024)

As the taxonomies around the world multiple, there are concerns of market fragmentation. Capital from all over the world is critical to achieving climate goals, but discrepancies between taxonomies may confuse investors and disincentivise cross-border capital flows. To avoid this, efforts are being made to harmonise compliant assets and metrics covered by the different taxonomies across jurisdictions. The most prominent attempt in this sphere has been the development of a Common Ground Taxonomy between (1) the EU and China and (2) the EU, China, and Singapore by the International Platform on Sustainable Finance (IPSF).

A key feature of taxonomies is the criteria used to identify green activities and separate them from non-green activities. Globally, there are three different methods used to define green:

• Whitelist-based taxonomies, which identify compliant projects or economic activities under each sector or sub-sector such as China, Russia, and Mongolia

- Technical screening criteria-based taxonomies, which define quantitative thresholds and screening criteria for economic activities and their compliance with the specific objectives such as EU, Colombia, South Africa, ASEAN, and Singapore
- Principle-based taxonomies, which define a set of core principles for the market without specifying compliant activities or thresholds such as Malaysia, ICMA, and ASEAN

In this context, the ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance (ASEAN Taxonomy), with which the Thailand Taxonomy is closely aligned, is being developed as a two-tier set of principles of sustainable development and a reference point for sustainable projects and activities in ASEAN. Its goal is to help issuers and investors understand the sustainability impact of a project or economic activity. The ASEAN Taxonomy is meant to serve as an overarching guide to introduce a common language across the different jurisdictions to communicate and coordinate the labelling for economic activities and financial instruments.

# 3.3 Key reference taxonomies

There are four key reference taxonomies that serve as the foundation for developing the Thailand Taxonomy.

## 1. EU Taxonomy

The EU Taxonomy has emerged as the global benchmark for taxonomies worldwide, given the large number of investors in the EU as well as its leadership in sustainable finance. Its comprehensive and technically advanced screening criteria, despite being rooted in EU-specific regulations, are widely referenced by other jurisdictions including Singapore, South Africa, Russia, and Colombia. The EU Taxonomy also plays a central role in the International Platform on Sustainable Finance's (IPSF) efforts to develop a Common Ground Taxonomy.

## 2. China Taxonomy

In Asia, the Chinese Green Bond Endorsed Project Catalogue and the ASEAN Taxonomy are key regional frameworks guiding sustainable investment. China's green bond market, previously fragmented across multiple regulators, took a major step toward harmonization with the release of the unified Green Bond Endorsed Project Catalogue in May 2020—referred to here as the Chinese Taxonomy. Unlike the EU's threshold-based approach, the Chinese Taxonomy uses a whitelist model, broadly defining eligible green activities without strict

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performance criteria. While its definitions are generally more flexible than those of the EU or Climate Bonds Taxonomy, alignment with the EU framework typically ensures compliance with the Chinese one. However, its reliance on domestic legal references limits its applicability outside China.

## 3. ASEAN Taxonomy

The ASEAN Taxonomy serves as a foundational reference for the development of the Thailand Taxonomy, offering both guiding principles and sectoral screening criteria to support decarbonisation and environmental objectives. Its two-tiered structure—comprising the Fundamental Framework Tier<sup>16</sup> and the Plus Standard Tier<sup>17</sup>—accommodates the diverse economic contexts of ASEAN member states, enabling differentiated pathways toward sustainability. A key feature is its "traffic light" classification system, which categorizes activities as green, amber (transitional), or red based on their climate mitigation potential. The ASEAN Taxonomy acknowledges the existence of unique differences among the member-states of the regional community and allows them to achieve their adopted environmental and climate goals at their own individual pace.

#### 4. Climate Bonds Taxonomy

The Climate Bonds Taxonomy, first published in 2013, is widely integrated into global sustainable finance frameworks due to its science-based, politically neutral, and internationally applicable criteria. As the first international taxonomy, it offers a foundational structure for developing national taxonomies. Key strengths include its focus on transitional activities, regular updates aligned with the latest climate science from bodies like the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA), and its independence from national legislation, making it suitable for global adoption.

Therefore, the current taxonomy is broadly compatible with all above-mentioned taxonomies although there are some differences as the granular level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The Foundation Framework tier of the ASEAN Taxonomy is a single sector-agnostic decision tree to classify activities into three categories: green, amber (transitional), or red. It is intended to be a simple one-dimensional tool for countries that consider it sufficient to only have an overarching guiding framework from the point of view of their capabilities and level of economic development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The Plus Standard tier enables users to evaluate economic activities against specific threshold criteria, aligning more closely with international best practices.

# 3.4 Thailand Taxonomy development principles

Based on G20 principles and in order to be credible, interoperable and usable. Therefore, Thailand taxonomy should be built up on the following premises:

# Figure 3 Thailand Taxonomy development principles



#### 5. Comprehensive

Covers a maximum of climate-material activities, preferably those responsible for at least 75% of the country's total emissions

#### 6. Multipurpose

The fight against climate change is a complex multi-level process, the taxonomy strives to contribute to it in every possible way

#### 7. Transition-friendly

Provides paths to decarbonization for hard-toabate sectors of the economy

#### 8. Locally applicable

Is relevant in the place for which it is developed

#### Source: Climate Bonds Initiative

#### Figure 4 Thailand Taxonomy development pyramid

Strategy and Polic	Defines the outlook of the taxonomy, its tenets and principles
Objectives	The set of goals which should direct the economy on the road to Net Zero
Sectors	Sectors of the economy most material to the issue of climate change
Activities	Activities that can either support or harm taxonomy objectives
Criteria	Criteria for assigning an activity to a particular category relative to the taxonomy's objectives

Source: Climate Bonds Initiative, 2023

# 4. Thailand Taxonomy structure

# 4.1 Taxonomy structure overview

The structure of most taxonomies follows a pattern similar to a tapering funnel: objectives, sectors, activities, screening criteria. This pattern is not universal (the Chinese Green Bond Endorsed Projects Catalogue and Malaysia Principles-based taxonomy are structured differently) but it is the most common and usable one for financial markets. It also provides a necessary degree of compatibility with other taxonomies and makes it easier for the taxonomy development committee to update it.





Source: Climate Bonds Initiative, 2022

The following sections discuss the processes and analyses that have informed the definition of the Thailand Taxonomy objectives, the section of key economic sectors and activities, and the design of screening criteria and thresholds for the sectors and activities.

# 4.2 Defining the objectives of the Thailand Taxonomy

Objectives of the Thailand Taxonomy are the top-level criteria with which all green activities need to be aligned. The principles of the Paris Agreement and SDGs lie at the core of any set of objectives. In the case of national taxonomies like the Thailand Taxonomy, they are defined by a country's policy, priorities, and environmental situation. The objectives one chooses may affect the sectoral composition of the taxonomy as every single activity must lead to accomplishing at least one objective.

The following are the fundamental guiding principles for defining the objectives of the Thailand Taxonomy:

- Science-based. The taxonomy is based on scientific findings and recommendations.
- Aimed at achieving Paris Agreement targets. The goal of the Paris Agreement, to which Thailand is a signatory, is to limit global warming by 2°C and ideally by 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial levels.
- Technologically neutral. The taxonomy does not rule out the use of any kind of technology as long as it brings the country/activity closer to its mitigation target and meets established green or amber criteria.
- **Regularly revised**. The Thailand Taxonomy is considered a living document, meaning it must be regularly updated to remain current and relevant. This ensures alignment with the evolving landscape of climate science and climate-related technologies.

In addition, two significant aspects must be considered when outlining the Thailand Taxonomy objectives. First, these objectives must reflect international obligations and national strategic documents. Second, they must be compatible with existing taxonomies to avoid market fragmentation.

# 4.2.1 National Climate Strategies and Action Plans

**Thailand's NDC Action Plan** on Mitigation 2021–2030<sup>18</sup> outlines the country's strategy to achieve its climate goals under the Paris Agreement, focusing on reducing GHG emissions while balancing economic growth. It focuses on the following:

• Emission reduction: Thailand aims to reduce GHG emissions by 30–40% below the Business-as-Usual scenario by 2030, up from the initial target of 20–25%. This aligns with its long-term goals of carbon neutrality by 2050 and net-zero emissions by 2065.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> กรมการเปลี่ยนแปลงสภาพภูมิอากาศและสิ่งแวดล้อม. แผนปฏิบัติการด้านการลดก๊าซเรือนกระจกของประเทศ ปี พ.ศ. 2564 – 2573 (NDC Action Plan on Mitigation 2021 - 2030). กรุงเทพมหานคร: กระทรวงทรัพยากรธรรมชาติและสิ่งแวดล้อม, พฤศจิกายน 2566. <u>https://www.thai-german-cooperation.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/TH-The-drafted-NDC2035-Action-Plan\_Public-</u> <u>Hearing-version.pdf</u>.

• Sectoral Contributions: The plan targets a total reduction of 184.8 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq) through domestic efforts, with an additional 37.5 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq contingent on international support

The action plan prioritizes five key sectors:

- 1. Energy: Promoting renewable energy (e.g., solar, wind) and energy efficiency measures.
- 2. Transport: Increasing rail and public transport usage, adopting electric vehicles (EVs), and targeting a 30–40% reduction in transport-related emissions compared to BAU.
- **3.** Agriculture: Integrating sustainable practices, such as methane reduction in rice farming and promoting agroforestry.
- **4. Industry**: Improving energy efficiency in manufacturing and reducing emissions from industrial processes.
- 5. Waste Management: Enhancing waste-to-energy projects and landfill gas capture.

As of March 2025, Thailand is in the process of developing the next NDC, NDC 3.0, which will have more ambitious targets and a target year of 2035, with the base year adjusted to 2019.

In its **Climate Change Master Plan (2015-2050) (CCMP)**, Thailand indicates three key strategies that translate into climate objectives:

- Climate Change Adaptation, which aims to build climate resilience by integrating adaptation and resilience objectives into policies and measures in all sectors
- **Mitigation and Low Carbon Development**, which facilitates the development of mechanisms for GHG emissions reduction and leads to sustainable low carbon growth
- Enabling Environment for Climate Change Management, which seeks to build capacity around climate change by raising the awareness of relevant stakeholders as well as developing information-based tools and technologies to support climate change adaptation and mitigation

In the Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategy (LT-LEDS)<sup>19</sup>, **mitigation** is a key priority. It is noted, however, that "*Thailand places high priority on addressing impacts and vulnerabilities of the sector* such as the agricultural sector, *through* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> UNFCCC, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. (2022). Mid-century, Long-term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategy: Thailand

**adaptation** measures, as climate impacts, including shifting temperatures, more unpredictable rainfalls and extreme floods and drought have been widely experienced in the country, affecting the yields of major crops, such as rice, maize and sugarcane".

The country's Second Updated NDC (2022) also states that "*in addition to its mitigation efforts, Thailand has treated adaptation as equally important*".

In addition, **Thailand's National Strategy (2018-2037)**<sup>20</sup> puts forward the 33 environmentrelated goals (see *Thailand Background*). If these goals are grouped according to the general categories that are used in the international practice of taxonomy development, the following six main taxonomy objectives can be identified for Thailand.

Point number	Potential taxonomy objective
12, 27	Climate change mitigation
13, 15,	Climate change adaptation
3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 24, 25	Sustainable use and protection of marine and water resources
5, 26	Resource resilience and transition to a circular economy
19	Pollution prevention and control
2, 4, 20	Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems
1, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23,	Not targeting environmental objectives (out of scope)
28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33	

#### Table 1 Thailand decarbonisation objectives grouping

This categorization enables the mapping of all important priorities reflected in the Thai strategic documents as per Table 2 below.

## Table 2 Environmental objectives in Thailand's strategic plans

National Strategy (thematical grouping)	CCMP	LT-LEDS	NDC
Climate change	Mitigation and low	Mitigation	Mitigation
mitigation	carbon development		
Climate change	Climate change	Adaptation and	Adaptation
adaptation	adaptation	resilience	
Sustainable use and	Enabling environment		
protection of marine	for climate change		
and water resources	management		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council. <u>National Strategy</u>

National Strategy	CCMP	NDC	
(thematical grouping)	CCIVIF	NDC	
Resource resilience and			
transition to a circular			
economy			
Pollution prevention			
and control			
Protection and			
restoration of			
biodiversity and			
ecosystems			

Another consideration when developing the objectives for the Thailand Taxonomy would be to consider the objectives of EU Taxonomy and key ASEAN strategic documents apart from the ASEAN Taxonomy. According to the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025<sup>21</sup>, ASEAN member states need to identify individual as well as common climate and environment goals<sup>22</sup>. However, it must be recognised that the ASEAN Taxonomy does not have any specific objectives for pollution prevention and water/marine resources management. As a result, those can be partially aligned with the existing objectives of resource resilience and the protection of ecosystems.

In conclusion, as per Table 3 below, the identified six objectives of the Thailand Taxonomy give us 100% alignment with the EU taxonomy and 90-95% (depending on the final list of activities) alignment with the ASEAN Taxonomy on a broad level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> ASEAN. (2016). <u>ASEAN Socio-cultural Community Blueprint 2025</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Overall regional priorities include: (1) A resilient community with enhanced capacity and capability to adapt and respond to social and economic vulnerabilities, disasters, climate change as well as emerging threats and challenges, (2) To protect, restore, promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystem sources, halt biodiversity loss and reserve land degradation, (3) Sustainable forest management in the context of forest fire prevention and control, (4) Protection, restoration and sustainable use of the coastal and marine environment, respond and deal with the risk of pollution and threats to marine ecosystems and coastal environment, and (5) To conserve, develop and sustainably manage marine wetlands, peatlands, biodiversity and land, and water resources

Documents: Objectives:	Thailand's National Priorities	EU Taxonomy	ASEAN Taxonomy
Climate change mitigation	+	+	+
Climate change adaptation	+	+	+
Sustainable use and protection of marine and water resources	+	+	+\- <sup>23</sup>
Resource resilience and transition to a circular economy	+	+	+
Pollution prevention and control	+	+	+\-
Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems	+	+	+

# Table 3 Thailand Taxonomy objectives alignment

# 4.2.2 International Taxonomies comparison

Thailand Taxonomy is structured to support the nation's decarbonization agenda while aligning with the overarching objectives of established international and regional taxonomies. Table 4 presents a comparative analysis of the environmental objectives outlined in various taxonomy frameworks.

Table 4 The objectives from international and national taxonomies

EU	China	ASEAN	Singapore	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy	Taxonomy	Taxonomy	Taxonomy	Taxonomy
Climate change mitigation	Addressing climate	Climate change mitigation	Climate change mitigation (current version)	Climate change mitigation
Climate change	chunge	Climate change	Climate change	Climate change
adaptation		adaptation	adaptation*	adaptation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Means the objective is partially aligned

EU Taxonomy	China Taxonomy	ASEAN Taxonomy	Singapore Taxonomy	Climate Bonds Taxonomy
Sustainable use and protection of water resources				
Transition to a circular economy	More efficient resource utilisation	Promote resource resilience & transition to a	Promote resource resilience and circular economy*	
Pollution prevention and control		circular economy	Pollution prevention and control*	
Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems	Environmental improvement	Preservation of healthy ecosystem & biodiversity	Protect healthy ecosystems and biodiversity*	

\*Note: not covered in the current version

# 4.2.3 The list of the objectives for Thailand Taxonomy

Based on the analysis in the previous section, the Thailand Taxonomy is designed to cover the following six environmental objectives:

# 1. Climate change mitigation

This objective demands the reduction of GHGs emitted as the result of human activity in the country, which is necessary to avoid catastrophic consequences of climate change.

An activity can be considered to have met this objective if it makes a substantial contribution to:

- Avoidance of GHG emissions. These are 'green activities' already having very low or near-zero emissions. More capital is required to increase their development and broader deployment
- Reduction of GHG emissions. Some activities (the production of steel, cement, aluminium, etc.) are critical to the functioning of the modern economy but are carbon intensive. These activities are called transitional. The current level of technological development is insufficient to decarbonise them entirely in short term, but they must significantly improve their performance over time

• Enabling GHG-reducing activities. These activities do not reduce GHG emissions but facilitate other mitigation activities. Examples are renewable power transmission, carbon capture, utilisation and storage, data-driven solutions etc.

## 2. Climate change adaptation

This objective demands Thailand to substantially reduce the adverse impact of climate change on its people, nature, and assets as well as on economic activity itself. Climate change adaptation may also increase country's resilience to the adverse physical impacts of current and future climate changes and/or capture new economic opportunities from climate change.

## 3. Sustainable use and protection of marine and water resources

This objective deals with a broad range of issues important to Thailand, from sustainable development of coastal areas to retrofitting of water treatment facilities.

#### 4. Promote resource resilience and transition to a circular economy

This objective stems from the necessity to maximise resource productivity. With the growth of the Earth's population and aggravating climate change effects, Thailand (as well as all other countries) will have to deal with the ever-increasing scarcity of natural resources (primarily food and water) and rising prices. The introduction of lean manufacturing and circular economy practices will benefit Thailand from environmental and economic perspectives.

#### 5. Pollution prevention and control

This objective leads to implementing activities that help the country to prevent and control pollution on all levels, including industrial, agricultural, and household pollution. It helps to improve the quality of air, soil, and water, as well as decrease the waste of valuable resources.

#### 6. Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems

This objective implies preventing the loss of plants and living species whilst also sustainably managing, conserving, and restoring their habitats. This is important not only for protecting Thailand's unique landscapes and ecosystems but also for climate change mitigation because healthy habitats remove a substantial portion of carbon from the atmosphere.

# 4.3 Sectoral assessment

A matrix of all country-level economic activities in the country is built with respect to their GHG emission profile and economic parameters. The International Standard Industrial

Classification (ISIC) of economic activities was selected as a general framework for classifying all sector-specific activities. The ISIC framework was established by the United Nations and is largely compatible with other international frameworks, while providing a sufficient degree of granularity. There is currently no ASEAN-specific industrial standard that is commonly adopted, so the ISIC codes can provide a common reference framework across ASEAN countries.

Using ISIC-based sector and activity classification, the Thailand Taxonomy should sufficiently include all economic sectors and activities in the economy that could be considered green and transitional, as well as providing the basis for the exclusion of red activities. Sectors and activities covered by the taxonomy must be prioritised based on:

- The substantial contribution to the key objectives of the taxonomy, which comprises 6 environmental objectives.
- The evaluation of multiple parameters such as (among others) their GHG emission profile, their contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the share of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), and the technical viability for decarbonisation.

The first parameter that must be assessed is the share of GHG emissions produced by each different sector of the economy as demonstrated in Table 5. It is important to note that emissions in the LULUCF sector, which serves both as a carbon emitter and as a carbon sink, are excluded if the amount of the carbon absorbed by the sink exceeds the carbon emitted by the sector, thus resulting in net removals.

Economic Sector	Sector	GHG Emission, total	% of Total	
	(IPCC 2006 classification)	in ktCO2eq, 2022	GHG Emission	
	1 Energy	254,307.21	65.9%	
	1A Fuel combustion activities	245,812.43	63.7%	
Energy	1A1 Energy industries	92,222.65	23.9%	
	1A1a Electricity and Heat	82,615.97	21.4%	
	Production			
	1A1b Petroluem Refining	9,606.68	2.5%	
Manufacturing and	1A2 Manufacturing industries	62,578.28	16.2%	
Construction	and construction			
Transport	1A3 Transport	77,021.31	20.0%	
	1A3a civil aviation	1,738.51	0.5%	

Table	5 Thailand	s GHG	emissions	(exclude	sinks)	by	category in	2022
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Economic Sector	Sector	GHG Emission, total	% of Total
	(IPCC 2006 classification)	in ktCO2eq, 2022	GHG Emission
	1A3b Road transportation	74,435.79	19.3%
	1A3c Railways	228.24	0.1%
	1A3d Water-borne navigation	618.76	0.2%
All sectors	1A4 Other sectors	13,990.18	3.6%
	1A5 Non-specified	NO	NO
Mining	1B Fugitive emissions from fuels	8,494.78	2.2%
	1B1 Solid fuels	563.00	0.1%
	1B2 Oil and natural gas	7,931.78	2.1%
	1B3 Other emissions from energy	NO	NO
	production		
Manufacturing	1C Carbon dioxide transport and		0.0%
	storage		
	1C1 Transport of CO2	NO	NO
	1C2 Injection and storage	NO	NO
	1C3 Other	NO	NO
Manufacturing	2. Industrial Process and Product	40,527.22	10.5%
	Use		
	2A Mineral Industry	17,001.61	4.4%
	2A1 Cement Production	15,803.16	4.1%
	2A2 Lime Production	124.67	0.0%
	2A3 Glass Production	334.12	0.1%
	2A4b Other Uses of Soda Ash	298.86	0.1%
	2A4d Other	440.80	0.1%
	2B Chemical Industry	11,668.31	3.0%
	2B2 Nitric Acid Production	177.16	0.0%
	2B4 Caprolactam, Glyoxal	246.05	0.1%
	2B8b Ethylene	10,582.08	2.7%
	2B8c Ethylene Dichloride and Vinyl	528.38	0.1%
	2B8e Acrylonitrile	141.96	0.0%
	2B8f Carbon Black	7.87	0.0%
	2C Metal Production	425.32	0.1%
	2C1 Iron and Steel Production	425.32	0.1%
	2D Non-Energy Products from	292.74	0.1%
	Fuels and Solvent Use		
Economic Sector	Sector	GHG Emission, total	% of Total
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	(IPCC 2006 classification)	in ktCO2eq, 2022	GHG Emission
	2D1 Lubricant Use	292.74	0.1%
	2F Product Uses as Substitutes	10,383.15	2.7%
	for Ozone Depleting Substances		
	2F1 Refrigeration and Air	10,383.15	2.7%
	Conditioning		
	2G Other Product Manufacture	756.09	0.2%
	and Use-Industrial Processes		
	2G1 Electrical Equipment	756.09	0.2%
Agriculture	3. Agriculture	68,933.74	17.9%
	3A Enteric Fermentation	18,347.24	4.8%
	3B Manure Management	3,730.02	1.0%
	3C Field Burning of Agricultural	1,688.75	0.4%
	Residues		
	3D Liming	16.02	0.0%
	3E Urea Fertilization	1,110.89	0.3%
	3F Direct N2O Emission from	7,349.27	1.9%
	Managed Soils		
	3G Indirect N2O Emission from	2,711.33	0.7%
	Managed Soils		
	3H Indirect N2O Emission from	667.90	0.2%
	Manure Management		
	3I Rice Cultivation	33,886.79	8.8%
Waste	5. Waste	22,172.97	5.7%
	5A Solid Waste Disposal	9,988.82	2.6%
	5A1 Managed Waste Disposal Sites	6,386.24	1.7%
	5A2 Unmanaged Waste Disposal	3,602.58	0.9%
	Sites		
	5B Biological Treatment of Solid	202.29	0.1%
	Waste		
	5C Incineration and Open	179.69	0.0%
	Burning of Waste		
	5D Wastewater Treatment and	11,802.17	3.1%
	Discharge		

Economic Sector	Sector	GHG Emission, total	% of Total
	(IPCC 2006 classification)	in ktCO2eq, 2022	GHG Emission
	5D1 Domestic Wastewater	2,707.83	0.7%
	Treatment and Discharge		
	5D2 Industrial Wastewater	9,094.34	2.4%
	Treatment and Discharge		
Total in GHG Inventory of Thailand		385,941.14	100%
Total in GHG emissions covered in Thailand Taxonomy		363,456.17	94.2%
(approximation)			

Source: Thailand Biennial Transparency Report (DCCE, 2024)

In terms of contribution to the Thai GDP, the service sector makes the biggest contribution with more than 58% of GDP in 2021 followed by manufacturing (27.1%), which contains carbon-intensive industries representing between a quarter and a third of the country's economic activities. The Thailand Taxonomy should therefore be developed to cover these economically important sectors to facilitate their green transition. At the same time, the Thailand Taxonomy should also be developed to cover economic sectors where FDI plays an important role, or where there is potential to attract more FDI, particularly for sectors that are essential to accelerate the country's decarbonization pathway.

Year	Agriculture,	Manufacture	Manufacture	Manufacture	Transportation	Construction	Electricity,
	forestry and	of chemicals	of electronics	of automotives	and storage		gas, steam
	fishing	and chemical		and parts			and air
		products					conditioning
							supply
Vo	lume and share	e of FDIs for Ta>	onomy-relevar	nt sectors, millio	n USD (% of to	tal FDI for a giv	ven year)
2020	16.71	927.25	-266.75	-565.02	64.03	196.83	74.78
	(0.03%)	(1.87%)	(-0.54%)	(-1.14%)	(0.13%)	(0.40%)	(0.15%)
2024	-26.27	559.25	1,665.18	1,326.59	225.78	179.27	155.38
	(-0.036%)	(0.76%)	(2.27%)	(1.81%)	(0.31%)	(0.24%)	(0.21%)
Vol	ume and share	of GDP for Tax	onomy-relevan	t sectors, trillion	baht (% of tot	al GDP for a gi	ven year)
2020	1.32	0.63	4	.40	1.26	0.68	0.39
	(8.41%)	(4.01%)	(28.	03%)	(8.03%)	(4.33%)	(2.48%)
2024	1.57	0.74	5	.37	1.57	0.80	0.54
	(8.49%)	(4.00%)	(29.	03%)	(8.49%)	(4.32%)	(2.92%)

Fable 6 Major economic indicato	rs and trends in carbor	n-intensive industries,	USD billion
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Source: Bank of Thailand data; The Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council data Based on the data and information provided above, it is therefore possible to derive a long list of sectors to be initially covered by the Thailand Taxonomy: energy, water supply (sewerage, waste & remediation), transportation, agriculture, and industrial production. As shown in Table 5-6, these sectors combined encompass the majority of the country's GHG emissions around 95% of GHG emissions and more than 40% of its economic activities. In addition, these sectors consist of both sectors considered green as well as sectors that are in the process of transitioning towards low carbon. The ratio of emissions share to GDP reflects that the hard-to-abate industries should be decarbonized first to achieve maximum results in terms of climate change mitigation.

It should be noted that the sectors that are in the list above appear differently in the sector list of individual official documents because they use different sector classification systems. More specifically, Thailand's Second Updated NDC document reports sector-based emissions by using the IPCC's 2006 code for sector classification, while the Bank of Thailand and other Thai government agencies use the ISIC. To illustrate the comparability and discrepancy between the IPCC's 2006 code and the ISIC code, the following matrix shows how the IPCC's 2006 sectors can be mapped against the ISIC sectors, thus allowing users of the Thailand Taxonomy to relate the ISIC-based sectors in the Thailand Taxonomy and to those in the NDC. The matrix is indicative in nature and is intended to provide guidance for further actions rather than precisely equate one group with the others.

It is important to note that this prioritization exercise is based on both an expert assessment and quantitative measures, while taking into account technological viability of decarbonisation. Accordingly, the Thailand Taxonomy develops sectoral prioritization as outlined below:

Sector	Rationale
Energy	The energy sector is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in
	almost every country in the world. Existing technologies have reached a
	level at which replacing high-emission fuels with renewable energy
	sources is justified not only climatically, but also economically.
	Including this sector in the taxonomy would help direct capital flow in
	the right direction.

#### Table 7 Sector prioritisation rationale

Sector	Rationale
Transportation	The sector is the second biggest in terms of emissions and prioritized by the Government of Thailand decarbonisation policies, but it is underinvested, both generally and from the point of view of green transition. The sector is well-researched and provides numerous technological opportunities for GHG emissions abatement, from electric cars to sustainable fuels
Agriculture	Agriculture is one of the hardest sectors to decarbonize because of its diversity and complexity. In particular, the units where activities are carried out are generally small and are not always able to get access to the latest innovations. Nevertheless, thanks to low-carbon farming technologies, the science-based approach to decarbonizing the sector can help to strengthen its component as a carbon sink.
Construction and Real Estate	Although direct information about sector-related GHG data is not available, its proportion of GDP and importance for the Thai economy makes it a natural target for decarbonization through the construction of green buildings and incremental introduction of new materials that can reduce long-term carbon footprint.
Manufacturing	The sector attracts the bulk of all investments in the country but also concentrates "red" and hard-to abate activities such as fossil fuels, production of steel and cement. Technologies are lacking in many cases, but the application of carbon capture and new energy sources such as hydrogen may lead to positive mitigation outcomes
Water and Wastewater Supply, Processing and Remediation	Although small on a scale, this sector is very important for human well- being and quality of life. Its huge emissions-to-GDP share ratio makes it an important decarbonisation target, and in many cases the technologies applied for this decarbonisation have numerous positive side-effects on economy, ecology, and health

#### 4.4 Methodology for Activities Selection

Activities are the processes to which specific criteria and screening thresholds are applied within this taxonomy. All major international taxonomies work with activities as operational taxonomical units and not, for example, sectors or entities. This is convenient because an activity is, on the one hand, large enough to be the object of a bond or loan issuance and,

on the other hand, granular enough to be separated from similar activities. An entity comprises several activities, some of which can be decarbonised with significant emission reduction benefits (e.g., steelmaking, battery production, power generation etc.), while the effect of others on climate is negligible (e.g., management, accounting etc.).





Source: Climate Bonds Initiative

The proposed methodology for the inclusion of activities in the Taxonomy involves an assessment of activities against the following eligibility criteria:

- Substantial contribution to the environmental objectives of the Taxonomy specified for each sector. This criterion addressed the issue of the climate materiality of the activity. In the case of climate change mitigation, criteria are typically defined as the potential to emit or absorb large amounts of GHGs that can, in turn, affect the climate. Some of the activities, however, concurrently contribute to other objectives of the Taxonomy, such as climate change adaptation, sustainable use and protection of marine and water resources, resource resilience and promotion of circular economy, pollution prevention and control, and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.
- Availability of verified decarbonisation techniques and methodology. To date, decarbonisation pathways have been developed for a significant number of climate-material activities, but for some hard-to-abate activities, such as the manufacture of cement or aviation, it is not possible to wholly decarbonize using existing technologies.

Therefore, for those sectors where decarbonisation is not entirely possible, the Taxonomy will incorporate a methodological approach based on transition and measures that allow significant decarbonisation efforts.

• Existence in other taxonomies (especially reference taxonomies). Matching the list of activities with similar lists in other taxonomies is important in terms of interoperability, facilitating international trade and financial transactions and preventing fragmentation of global trade flows. Compatibility is usually provided through the matching codes in the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) of economic activities, which was selected as a general framework for classifying all sector-specific activities.

#### 4.4.1 Environmental materiality assessment

The first and most important parameter that must be considered is the climate materiality of the proposed activities. As shown in Table 5: GHG emissions and sinks by category in 2022, which covers the top 20 most climate-material categories in Thailand (both in terms of emissions or in terms of their ability to act as carbon sinks<sup>24</sup>), agriculture, buildings-related and manufacturing-related activities occupy the top positions by volume in Thailand's GHG emission inventory ranking. Regarding to Table 5: GHG emissions and sinks by category in 2022, the majority of climate-material activities in Thailand will be covered by the Taxonomy.

In addition to Climate Change Mitigation, it is crucial to underline that other environmental objectives can also be material in certain sectors, particularly in waste management and agriculture. In the context of waste management, while some activities can contribute to Climate Change Mitigation by mainly enabling other sectors of the economy to reduce GHG emissions through waste prevention, waste separation, reuse and recycling, the majority of waste management activities can also contribute significantly to other environmental objectives, especially Resource Resilience and transition to Circular Economy and Pollution Prevention and Control.

Similarly, in agricultural and forestry sectors, it is equally important to consider other environmental objectives such as climate adaptation and protection and restoration of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Carbon sink is any process, activity or mechanism which removes a greenhouse gas, an aerosol or a precursor of a greenhouse gas from the atmosphere (IPCC Glossary definition). Economic activities work as carbon sinks when they remove more GHGs from the atmosphere that they produce. They are marked in the table as negative values.

biodiversity and ecosystems, aspect. Given the sector's inherent vulnerability to the physical risks posed by climate change, addressing adaptation is crucial for ensuring the resilience of agricultural practices.

# 4.4.2 Technological feasibility <sup>25</sup> assessment and comparison with other taxonomies

International climate science has come quite far in finding technical options for decarbonisation. Decarbonisation trajectories and technical solution guides have been developed for most high-emitting sectors, such as energy, industry, and transportation. Organisations such as the Climate Bonds Initiative, Science-Based Targets Initiative, International Energy Agency, and many others are developing technical solutions in this area. The results of the work of these organisations have been transformed into criteria that are either already used in other taxonomies or described and operationalized in the sectoral studies of the Climate Bonds Initiative. This section compiles references to credible and scholarly sources of technical criteria and other taxonomies that are used in the development of Thailand Taxonomy.

This approach, which builds on the best practices of other taxonomies, also provides Thailand Taxonomy with the necessary level of credibility and interoperability with other national and international taxonomies. Ensuring the interoperability of Thailand Taxonomy with benchmark taxonomies is one of the critical design features to establish Thailand as a major destination of international green capital. Interoperability will facilitate the flow of cross-border capital by reducing the costs of climate due diligence and reporting for investors (see Annex: Thailand Taxonomy and other taxonomies mapping)

#### 4.4.3 Economic relevance of the proposed activities

Climate-material activities are among the most important to Thailand's economy. Many activities important to the Thai economy may not have any climate materiality and cannot, therefore, be included in the taxonomy. The table below is intended to give an indication of what proportion of each sector's output is accounted for by the activities covered by the taxonomy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> In the context of taxonomies, technological feasibility assessment means analyzing the technical feasibility of decarbonizing selected sectors and activities

Several important factors should be considered when examining the table:

- The economic categories that a government tracks in such statistics are often broader in scope than the activities included in the taxonomy. For example, the economic category "Manufacture of basic precious and other non-ferrous metals" is included in this table, but only aluminum production is actually included in the Taxonomy. Therefore, the table should be considered as an indicative reference tool rather than a precise description of the correspondence of the Taxonomy's activities to their share in the country's GDP.
- Many of the activities included in the Taxonomy (Manufacture of renewable energy technologies and products; Manufacture of energy efficiency equipment for buildings; Manufacture of other low-carbon technologies) essentially include production activities belonging to different economic codes. For this reason, the overlap between economic and taxonomic activities cannot be full and complete, but the main economic categories important to the taxonomy have been taken into account.

Economic activity title	Volume in current	Economic activity title	Volume in current
	market price, 2022,		market price, 2022,
	% from total relative		% from total relative
	to sectoral GDP		to sectoral GDP
	Agricultu	ral sector	
Growing cereals (except	0.31	Growing spices, aromatic,	0.68
rice), leguminous crops		drug, and pharmaceutical	
and oil seeds		crops	
Growing of rice	18.78	Growing other perennial	11.9
		crops	
Growing vegetables and	17.65	Raising of cattle and	4.42
melons, roots, and tubers		buffaloes	
Growing sugar cane	2.35	Raising of sheep and goats	0.14
Growing of tobacco	0.07	Raising of swine/pigs	5.04
Growing fibre crops	0	Raising of poultry	3.83
Growing of other non-	2.63	Raising of other animals	0.32
perennial crops			

#### Table 8 Economic materiality of selected activities

Economic activity title	Volume in current	Economic activity title	Volume in current
	market price, 2022,		market price, 2022,
	% from total relative		% from total relative
	to sectoral GDP		to sectoral GDP
Growing of tropical and	13.69	Support activities for crop	1.73
subtropical fruits		production	
Growing oleaginous fruits	6.28	Silviculture and other	0.11
		forestry activities	
Growing beverage crops	0.03	Logging	0.71
Share of sectoral GDP cov	ered by the taxonomy	90.67	%
	Building and re	al estate sector	
Construction of buildings	38.5		
Share of sectoral GDP cov	ered by the taxonomy	38.59	%
	Manufactu	uring sector	
Manufacture of basic	1.9	Manufacture of	1.01
chemicals		motorcycles	
Manufacture of plastics	5.05	Manufacture of bicycles	0.19
and synthetic rubber in		and invalid carriages	
primary forms			
Manufacture of cement,	0.95	Repair of transport	0.04
lime, and plaster		equipment, except motor	
		vehicles	
Manufacture of basic iron	0.91	Manufacture of bodies	0.24
and steel		(coachwork) for motor	
		vehicles; manufacture of	
		trailers and semi-trailers	
Manufacture of basic	0.74	Manufacture of parts and	1.26
precious and other non-		accessories for motor	
ferrous metals		vehicles	
Manufacture of batteries	0.28	Building of ships and	0.98
and accumulators		floating structures	
Manufacture of domestic	2.53	Manufacture of railway	0.01
appliances		locomotives and rolling	
		stock	
Manufacture of motor	6.12	Manufacture of electric	0.13
vehicles		lighting equipment	

Economic activity title	Volume in current	Economic activity title	Volume in current
	market price, 2022,		market price, 2022,
	% from total relative		% from total relative
	to sectoral GDP		to sectoral GDP
Manufacture of	0.71		
measuring, testing,			
navigating and control			
equipment			
Share of sectoral GDP cov	ered by the taxonomy	23.05	%
	Waste manag	gement sector	
Water supply, sewerage,	0.4		
waste management			
and remediation			
activities			
Share of sectoral GDP covered by the taxonomy		0.4%	6

**Source**: National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC)

#### 4.4.4 Out of scope

If the activity is not present in the taxonomy, it does not mean that this activity is harmful to its objectives. It is simply considered "out of the scope" due to its low climate materiality or lack of science-based criteria. The taxonomy does not make any decision about it, and it should be reported in disclosure documents as "out of scope".

#### 4.5 Model for criteria and thresholds assessment

Modelling allows the creation of thresholds for activities that must transition to a pathway to net-zero by 2050. In most cases, these are transitional (amber) activities that need to follow an ambitious pathway to decarbonize in a journey towards green, as green activities are the category used for those that are already near-zero or have a clear pathway alongside trajectory. Some activities will have two thresholds: a **green one**, representing the Parisaligned activities, and the **amber one**, representing activities, that are in transition towards a green/Paris-aligned pathway. Below is the general idea behind establishing pathways and thresholds that will be repeated for each single sector.



Figure 7 A practical meaning and graphic representation of green, transition and red spaces

#### Source: Climate Bonds Initiative

For modelling credible transition pathways for the activities of this taxonomy, the Sectoral Decarbonization Approach (SDA) is applied, which is a widely adopted methodology used by the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) and the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi).<sup>26</sup>. The SDA utilises data and scenarios developed by international organizations, such as IEA, IPCC, and International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA). The present model includes the following scenarios:

- Nationally Determined Contribution scenario (based on the Thailand's latest NDC and other national documents)
- Below 2 Degrees Scenario (based on SDA calculations and consistent with Paris Agreement targets)
- 1.5 Degree Scenario (based on SDA calculations and fully consistent with Paris Agreement targets)
- International Organisations Scenario, calculated by respected international organisations based on data by national participants. Pathways created this way often represent internationally agreed scenarios rather than the most ambitious.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Transition Pathway Initiative. (2021). Carbon Performance Assessment of Electricity Utilities: Note on Methodology

The Taxonomy's activity thresholds are calculated based on the 1.5-degree scenario, meaning that all sectors must move to net-zero by 2050. This is in line with the latest climate science. There are several objective reasons for utilizing 1.5-degree for this taxonomy:

- Alignment. International taxonomies (EU, Climate Bonds, ASEAN) either directly postulate the need to pursue 1.5-degree pathway or consider it strongly preferable.<sup>27</sup>.
- Attractiveness. International climate-aware investors want to see 1.5-degree compliant projects and this fact needs to be considered if an access to international financial market is a prerogative.
- Closing the gap. To stay within 1.5-degrees requires a 45 50% cut in global emissions by 2030. Right now, the world is on track to achieve 9% emission cut by 2030 way off that requirement for even a 2-degree warming scenario. Setting the ambition of 1.5 degrees keeps that sense of urgency at the forefront of policy and decision making.
- **Cost effectiveness**. The cost of aligning with 1.5 degrees is much lower than the cost of exceeding it.

#### 4.5.1 Scope of emissions

For all activities, emissions include only scope 1 and 2 emissions unless stated otherwise. For instance, activities such as bioenergy production and hydrogen manufacturing are recommended for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), particularly where emissions are most concentrated along the value chain.

#### 4.5.2 Relevant decarbonisation measures

The taxonomy aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by various economic agents in Thailand as well as the Thai economy as a whole. It is technology-neutral, i.e., it allows any means of achieving the mentioned thresholds for compliance with green and amber criteria. These techniques can include complete replacement of relevant units, devices and machines with less emitting application of energy efficiency measures, installation of additional carbon capture and sequestration units, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> ASEAN Taxonomy says that the goal is to "limit the global average temperature increase to well below 2°C, preferably 1.5°C, above preindustrial levels".

#### 4.5.3 NDC-based amber thresholds

Thailand's NDC-based pathways and thresholds are applied as amber criteria for certain activities in order to consider national conditions of Thailand. They are calculated based on the best available sectoral data, published in the Thailand's Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategy (Revised Version November 2022), which are generally more precise than those calculated on "best-in-class" principle.

However, like most countries, the NDC is not aligned with a 1.5-degree trajectory. According to Climate Tracker, the current Thailand's conditional NDC target aligns with less than 3 degrees of warming and, global climate breakdown, which is challenging for Thailand and 195 other countries to align with the Paris Agreement.<sup>28</sup>

Although many activities have a starting point that is yet to align with the green transition pathway (Paris-aligned), the NDC is used as the upper boundary for an amber transition zone that can be seen as a grace period to allow users to attract finance to reach a green pathway.

#### 4.5.4 Traffic light system for Thailand Taxonomy

**1. Green activities** are substantially contributing to the goal of climate change mitigation by operating at or close to the net-zero goal by 2050. In most cases, green thresholds are either EU Taxonomy or Climate Bonds Taxonomy-aligned because both taxonomies are based on extensive multiyear research by international technical expert groups and therefore serve as reference taxonomies for international taxonomies. Two types of activities are included into this category:

- Near zero activities: activities already at or near net-zero emissions that may require some further decarbonisation but not a significant transition (e.g., solar or wind power generation or operation of electric fleet-based transportation services).
- Pathway to zero activities: activities that are needed beyond 2050 and have a clear 1.5-degree decarbonisation pathway to 2050 (e.g., shipping).

2. Amber activities (transitional) are facilitating significant emissions reductions in the short term with reliable decarbonisation pathways and prescribed sunset dates. The activities have not yet reached net zero emissions but can still be improved with viable technologies. In most

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Climate Action Tracker, 2022, Thailand, https://climateactiontracker.org/countries/thailand/

cases, the amber category is generally relevant only for the existing infrastructure and activities that can be retrofitted and cannot be applied to new ones (which should directly adopt green technologies) to avoid locking-in unsustainable technologies in new projects. In some cases, enabling activities (those that serve as enabling other green activities but not green themselves, e.g., grid infrastructure) are also included in this category. For Thailand Taxonomy, the pathways are taking the national context, e.g. NDC, into account.

An activity is be considered transitional if it meets the following criteria:

- Significantly improves its performance over time, demonstrated by tracking, monitoring, and disclosing CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions. Alignment with a pathway to net-zero by 2050 must be the ending point of any transitional activity.
- Does not lock in carbon-intensive assets or processes for the future. If it is impossible to decarbonise, the activity must be phased out.
- Does not hamper the development and deployment of low-carbon alternatives.
- Demonstrates a pathway to approach the climate objectives

To create thresholds that meet these objectives, several measures can be utilised:

- Sunset dates. The taxonomy establishes a date after which transitional activities cease to be compliant. For example, new amendments to the EU Taxonomy deem low-emitting (270g CO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh) gas power plants suitable if their construction permit is issued before 31 December 2030.<sup>29</sup>
- Best in class. The threshold for the activity may be established as representing the top 10-15% of best installations in the country, region, or globally. This method is widely used in sectors with no clear way to calculate a 1.5-degree aligned path such the manufacturing sector (Cement, Steel, Chemicals).
- Percentage change. If retrofitting or modernisation of the facility is discussed, a fixed percentage change may be an excellent way to establish a threshold. For example, in buildings renovation, the point is based on reducing Primary Energy Demand (PED) by at least 30%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> European Commission. (2022). <u>European Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214 of 9 March 2022</u>

#### Transition as a concept

The concept of "transition" refers to **the time-bound shift toward a green economy, with the global goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050**, as recommended by the IPCC. While all sectors must contribute to this transition, **some sector face greater technological and economic challenges and are often referred to as "hard-to-abate" or** "**transitional" sectors**. These sectors are integral to modern economies like Thailand's and require tailored criteria within the Thailand Taxonomy. According to the white paper "Financing Credible Transitions" from CBI, transitional activities may include interim investments that significantly reduce emissions by 2030, even if they do not play a long-term role post-2050. As such, incorporating clear guidance for hard-to-abate sectors is essential for a credible and inclusive taxonomy framework.

Therefore, green activities are already aligned with the 1.5°C climate goal, though they may not yet achieve near-zero emissions. Amber activities, on the other hand, are on a defined trajectory toward alignment with this target. The amber category represents a transitional phase—an essential, time-bound pathway toward full decarbonisation. In addition, aligning with the Paris Agreement targets demands a fundamental shift in the global economy, requiring deep, and in some cases, transformative change across sectors and activities.

**3.** Red activities are the ones that are currently not compatible with net-zero trajectory and are not going to become compatible in the future. For the transition to net zero by 2050 to happen, they should be phased out completely (for example, electricity generation from coal). It is very important to note that not all activities are assessed yet by international climate science, so the absence of activity in the green and amber categories does not mean that it is red.

This Taxonomy lists economic activities and the relevant criteria to classify them as green, excluded (red), or transitional (amber). It does not intend to single out "good" or "bad" actions and it does not serve as a tool for assessing the possible financial performance of companies.

For practical application of the Taxonomy, color codes in the activity cards mean the following:

- Green activities: compliance with the criteria means substantial contribution to one or more of primary taxonomy objectives. These activities can be financed through green financial instruments.
- Amber activities: compliance with the criteria means that the activity is in transition from the current state to the future sustainable state (green activity). Transition finance may be solicited for such activities or projects. If the section features N/A, it means that no amber category is available as the activity can be decarbonised quickly using the existing technological solutions.
- **Red activities**: compliance with the criteria mean that in activity in its stated form is exceptionally harmful to the objective of climate change mitigation. No sustainable financing (green, transition, sustainability-linked or any other type) can be solicited to implement it (it can still solicit traditional financing). If this section features N/A, it means that this activity does not have a mode of operation that makes it exceptionally harmful to climate change mitigation.

#### 4.5.5 Practice-based approach

A practice-based framework is employed for the agricultural sector—specifically in crop cultivation, livestock, and aquaculture—where only taxonomy-aligned or "green" activities are identified, without explicitly designating non-aligned activities. This approach addresses the inherent challenges in accurately quantifying GHG emissions, which are highly variable depending on geographic conditions and the specific species of crops and livestock involved. Consequently, the taxonomy emphasizes internationally recognized best practices that are empirically associated with GHG emission reductions. These practices are categorized into three tiers, reflecting varying levels of technological complexity and capital investment requirements. This tiered structure is designed to ensure that the taxonomy remains inclusive and does not impose additional adaptation burdens on smallholder farmers.

### Annex 1: Thailand Taxonomy Activities, ISIC, ANDBI, and TSIC Mapping

It should be noted that the ASEAN Taxonomy (which is under development) uses the Activities Not Defined By ISIC (ANDBI) classification system, which is different from ISIC 4. ANDBI sectors are added to the table below to facilitate comparison between activities in the Section 4 of this Thailand Taxonomy with those in the ASEAN Taxonomy.

Table 9 List of Thailand Taxonomy activities and their corresponding ISIC, ANDBI, and TSIC

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC				
activities							
	Energy sector						
Solar energy	D351 - Electric power	D35104 Solar power	D351 - Electric power				
generation	generation, transmission,	gen generation	generation,				
Wind energy	and distribution	D35105 Wind power	transmission, and				
generation		generation	distribution				
Hydropower		D35106 Hydro power					
generation		generation (incl. pump					
		storage)					
Geothermal power		D35107 Geothermal					
generation		power generation					
Bioenergy generation		D35108 Bio power					
and production		generation					
Energy production		D35101 Gas power					
from natural gas		generation					
Marine energy		D35109 Marine power					
generation		generation					
Electricity generation		N/A					
from renewable non-							
fossil gaseous and							
liquid fuels							
Storage of electricity		D35111 Energy storage					
and thermal energy		(not incl. pump					
		storage)					
Transmission and		D35110 Transmission					
distribution of energy		and distribution (incl.					

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC
activities			
		ICT and smart	
		technology)	
Cogeneration of		N/A	
heating/cooling and			
power using			
renewable sources of			
energy			
Transmission and	D352 - Manufacture of	D35110 Transmission	D352 - Manufacture of
distribution networks	gas; distribution of	and distribution (incl.	gas; distribution of
for renewable and	gaseous fuels through	ICT and smart	gaseous fuels through
low-carbon gases	mains	technology)	mains
		D 35203 Gas	
		distribution	
Production of heating	D353 - Steam and air	D35302 Provision of	D353 - Steam and air
and cooling using	conditioning supply	steam / air	conditioning supply
waste heat		conditioning	
Installation and		(renewable	
operation of electric		production)	
heat pumps			
Heating and cooling			
distribution			
	Transportati	on sector	
Transport via railways	H491 - Transport via	H49101 Electrified rail	H491 - Transport via
	railways	and associated	railways
		infrastructure	
		H49102 Low emission	
		rolling stock	
		H49103 Improved	
		railway efficiency	
		measures	
Other passenger land	H492 - Other land	N/A	H492 - Transport via
transport	transport		buses

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC
activities			
Urban and suburban			H493 - Other land
passenger land			transport (including
transport			4931, 4932, 4933)
Freight transport by			
road			
Transmission and	H493 - Transport via	H49302 Gas transport	H 494 - Transport via
distribution networks	pipeline	(gas from renewable	pipeline
for renewable and		production)	
low-carbon gases			
Sea and coastal water	H501 - Sea and coastal	H50101 Low emission	H501 - Sea and coastal
transport	water transport	fossil powered vessels	water transport
		H50102 Electric	
		vessels	
		H50103 Other low-	
		emissions vessels	
Inland water transport	H502 - Inland water	H50201 Low emission	H502 - Inland water
	transport	fossil powered vessels	transport
		H50202 Electric	
		vessels	
		H50203 Other low-	
		emissions vessels	
Retrofitting of sea and	C3312 - Repair of	N/A	C3312 - Repair of
coastal freight and	machinery. <sup>30</sup>		machinery
passenger water			
transport			
Passenger and freight	H51 – Air Transport	N/A	H51 – Air Transport
air transport			
Enabling infrastructure	Non-ISIC Transport	N/A	Non-ISIC Transport
for low-emission	Activities. <sup>31</sup>		Activities.
transport			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> An activity outside of chosen sectors is added due to its paramount importance to all other activities in the sector

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> An activity outside of ISIC is added due to its paramount importance to all other activities in the sector

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC	
activities				
	Agricultura	l sector		
Growing of perennial	A011 - Growing of Non-	N/A	A011 - Growing of non-	
and non-perennial	Perennial Crops;		perennial crops;	
crops	A012 - Growing of		A012 - Growing of	
	Perennial Crops		perennial crops	
Sustainable sugarcane	A012 - Growing of		A0114- Growing of sugar	
production	Perennial Crops		cane	
Sustainable rice	A013 - Plant Propagation		A013 - Plant	
production	A011 - Growing of Non-		propagation	
	Perennial Crops		A0112 - Growing of rice	
Sustainable rubber	A012 - Growing of		A01291 - Growing of	
trees production	Perennial Crops		rubber trees	
Sustainable oil palm	C104 - Manufacture of	f A01261 - Growi		
production	Vegetable and Animal		palms	
	Oils and Fats			
Sustainable cassava				
production				
Livestock production	A014 - Animal Production		A014 - Animal	
			production	
Sustainable	A032 - Aquaculture		A032 - Aquaculture	
aquaculture				
production				
Sustainable forest	A021 - Silviculture and		A02 - Forestry and	
management	Other Forestry Activities		logging	
Forestry plantation	A020 - Forestry and		A021 - Silviculture and	
	logging		other forestry activities	
Conservation,	A024 - Support Services		A024 - Support Services	
restoration, and	to Forestry		to Forestry	
maintenance of				
natural forests				
	Construction and re	eal estate sector		
Construction of new	F410 - Construction of	410[001] Construction	F41 - Construction of	
buildings	Buildings;	of new buildings;	Buildings;	

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC
activities			
Renovation of the	F433 - Building	410[002] Renovation	F433 - Building
existing buildings	Completion and Finishing;	of existing buildings;	Completion and
	F439 - Other Specialised		Finishing;
	Construction Activities		F439 - Other
			Specialised
			Construction Activities
Acquisition or	L681 - Real Estate	681[001] Acquisition	L681 - Real Estate
ownership of buildings	Activities with Own or	and ownership of	Activities with Own or
	Leased Property;	buildings	Leased Property;
	L682 - Real Estate		L682 - Real Estate
	Activities on a Fee or		Activities on A Fee or
	Contract Basis		Contract Basis
Installation,	F432 - Electrical,	68[001] Electric	F432 - Electrical,
maintenance, and	Plumbing and Other	vehicle charging	Plumbing and Other
repair of special-	Construction Installation	stations	Construction
purpose building	Activities	68[002] Energy	Installation Activities
equipment		efficient equipment	
		68[003] Energy	
		performance	
		measurement,	
		regulation, control	
		68[004] Renewable	
		Technologies	
Early warning systems	F432 - Electrical,	68[005] Early Warning	F432 - Electrical,
	Plumbing and Other	Systems	Plumbing and Other
	Construction Installation		Construction
	Activities		Installation Activities
Demolition and site	F431 – Demolition and	431[001] Demolition	F431 – Demolition and
preparation	Site Preparation	and site preparation	Site Preparation
	Manufacturi	ng sector	
Manufacture of	C239 - Manufacture of	N/A	C2394 - Manufacture of
cement	Non-Metallic Mineral		Cement, Lime, and
	Products Not Elsewhere		Plaster
	Classified		

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC
activities			
Manufacture of	C242 - Manufacture of		C24202 - Manufacture
aluminum	Basic Precious and Other		of basic aluminium and
	Non-Ferrous Metals;		aluminium products
	C243 - Casting Of Metals		C2432 - Casting of Non-
			Ferrous Metals
Manufacture of iron	C241 - Manufacture of	-	C241 - Manufacture of
and steel	Basic Iron and Steel;		Basic Iron and Steel;
	C243 - Casting Of Metals		C2431 - Casting of Iron
			and Steel
Manufacture of basic	C201 - Manufacture of	-	C201 - Manufacture of
chemicals, e.g., carbon	Basic Chemicals, fertilisers		basic chemicals,
black, soda ash,	and Nitrogen		fertilisers and nitrogen
chlorine, ethylene,	Compounds, Plastics, and		compounds, plastics,
propylene, butadiene,	Synthetic Rubber in		and synthetic rubber in
aromatics (acetylene,	Primary Forms		primary forms
benzene, xylene, and			
toluene), nitric acid,			
methanol, anhydrous			
ammonia			
Manufacture of			
hydrogen			
Manufacture of			
plastics in primary			
form			
Manufacture of	C272 - Manufacture of		C272 - Manufacture of
batteries	batteries and		batteries and
	accumulators		accumulators
Manufacture of	Various codes		Various codes
renewable energy			
technologies and			
products			
Manufacture of low-	Various codes		Various codes
carbon technologies			
for transport			

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC
activities			
Manufacture of	Various codes		Various codes
energy efficiency			
equipment for			
buildings			
Manufacture of other	Various codes		Various codes
low-carbon			
technologies			
CCS/CCUS: Point-	No code	X01 Carbon Capture,	No code
source capture of CO2		Utilisation and Storage	
Transportation of	No code	(CCUS)	No code
captured CO2			
Permanent	No code		No code
sequestration of			
captured CO2			
Utilisation of captured	No code	N/A	No code
CO2			
Auxiliary transitional	No code	N/A	No code
activity			
	Waste manage	ment sector	
Anaerobic digestion of	E370 - Sewerage	N/A	E370 - Sewerage
sewage sludge			
Anaerobic digestion or	E3821 - Treatment and		E3821 - Treatment and
composting of bio-	disposal of non-		disposal of non-
waste	hazardous waste		hazardous waste
Collection and	E381 - Waste collection		E381 - Waste collection
transport of waste			
Depollution and	E383 - Materials recovery		E383 - Materials
dismantling of end-of-			recovery
life products			
Waste to Energy	E382 - Waste treatment		E382 - Waste treatment
	and disposal		and disposal
Landfill gas capture	E3821 - Treatment and		E3821 - Treatment and
and utilisation	disposal of non-		disposal of non-
	hazardous waste		hazardous waste

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC
activities			
Remediation of	E390 - Remediation		E390 - Remediation
contaminated sites	activities and other waste		activities and other
and areas	management services,		waste management
	C332 - Installation of		services, C332 -
	industrial machinery and		Installation of industrial
	equipment, F431 -		machinery and
	Demolition and site		equipment, F431 -
	preparation, M711 -		Demolition and site
	Architectural and		preparation, M711 -
	engineering activities and		Architectural and
	related technical		engineering activities
	consultancy		and related technical
			consultancy
Remediation of legally	E390 - Remediation		E390 - Remediation
non-conforming	activities and other waste		activities and other
landfills and	management services,		waste management
abandoned or illegal	E382 - Waste treatment		services, E382 - Waste
waste dumps	and disposal, E3822 -		treatment and disposal,
	Treatment and disposal		E3822 - Treatment and
	of hazardous waste		disposal of hazardous
			waste
Sorting and material	E383 - Materials recovery		E383 - Materials
recovery from non-			recovery
hazardous waste			
Treatment of	E3822 - Treatment and		E3822 - Treatment and
hazardous waste	disposal of hazardous		disposal of hazardous
	waste		waste
Construction,	E370 - Sewerage		E370 - Sewerage
extension, upgrade,			
operation and renewal			
of urban wastewater			
collection and			
treatment			
Construction,	E370 - Sewerage		E370 - Sewerage
extension, upgrade			

Thailand Taxonomy	ISIC Code	ANDBI	TSIC
activities			
and operation of			
centralised wastewater			
collection and			
treatment			
Renewal of centralised	E370 - Sewerage	-	E370 - Sewerage
wastewater collection			
and treatment			
Phosphorus recovery	E383 - Materials recovery,	-	E383 - Materials
from wastewater	E370 - Sewerage		recovery, E370 -
			Sewerage

#### Annex 2: Thailand Taxonomy and other taxonomies mapping

Table below provides a list of activities in the Taxonomy compared with activities from other benchmark taxonomies. (ASEAN, Singapore, and the European Union), as well as with the decarbonisation criteria of the Climate Bonds Initiative. The latter is used as a scientific benchmark for the Thailand Taxonomy Technical Screening Criteria (TSC) as Climate Bonds criteria are developed using the latest climate science, are regularly updated, and are not subject to distortions due to political or private sector influence. Please refer to the Climate Bonds Initiative's website<sup>32</sup> to learn more about how the criteria have been designed and developed.

## Table 10 The correspondence of the Thailand Taxonomy activities to the activities in other national and international taxonomies

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
		Energy sector		
Solar energy	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	Solar Energy <sup>37</sup>
generation	generation using	generation using	generation using	
	concentrated	solar PV and CSP	CSP technology	
	solar power (CSP)	(including	and solar	
	technology and	electricity, heat,	photovoltaic	
	solar photovoltaic	cool)	technology	
	technology			
Wind energy	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	
generation	generation from	generation from	generation from	
	wind power	wind power	wind power	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Governance," July 31, 2018, https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/governance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> European Commission. "EU Taxonomy Navigator.", n.d., https://ec.europa.eu/sustainable-finance-taxonomy/home

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Monetary Authority of Singapore, "Singapore-Asia Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance," 2023, https://www.mas.gov.sg/-/media/mas-media-library/development/sustainable-finance/singaporeasia-taxonomy-updated.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> ASEAN, "Asean Taxonomy Version 3," December, 2024, https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/ASEAN-Taxonomy-Version-3.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. "Climate Bonds Taxonomy," May 3, 2023, https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/taxonomy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. "Solar power". https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/solar

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
Hydropower	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	Hydropower <sup>38</sup>
generation	generation from	generation from	generation from	
	hydropower	hydropower	hydropower	
Geothermal	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	Geothermal
power generation	generation from	generation from	generation from	Energy <sup>39</sup>
	geothermal power	geothermal energy	geothermal energy	
Bioenergy	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	
generation and	generation from	generation from	generation from	
production	bioenergy	bioenergy power	bioenergy,	
			including co-firing	
			with fossil fuels	
Energy production	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	
from natural gas	generation from	generation from	generation from	
	fossil gaseous	fossil gaseous	fossil gas	
	fuels	fuels		
Marine energy	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	Marine Renewable
generation	generation from	generation from	generation from	Energy <sup>40</sup>
	ocean energy	ocean energy	ocean energy	
	technologies			
Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	Electricity	
generation from	generation from	generation from	generation from	
renewable non	renewable non-	hydrogen or its	renewable non-	
fossil gaseous and	fossil gaseous and	derivatives (e.g.	fossil gaseous and	
liquid fuels,	liquid fuels	ammonia)	liquid fuels,	
including low			including co-firing	
carbon hydrogen			with fossil fuels	
Cogeneration of	Cogeneration of			
heating/cooling	heat/cool and			
and power using	power from			
renewable sources	renewable non-			
of energy				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. "Hydropower". https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/hydropower

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. "Geothermal Energy". https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/geothermal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. "Marine Renewable Energy". https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/marine

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds	
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>	
	fossil gaseous and				
	liquid fuels				
Production of	Production of	Production of heat	Production of		
heating and	heating and	or cool from	heating/cooling		
cooling using	cooling using	waste heat	using waste heat)		
waste heat	waste heat				
Installation and	Installation and		Production of		
operation of	operation of		heating / cooling		
electric heat	electric heat		using electric heat		
pumps	pumps		pump		
Heating and	District	District heating	District		
cooling	heating/cooling	and cooling	heating/cooling		
distribution	distribution	systems	distribution		
Transmission and	Transmission and	Transmission and	- Transmission and		
distribution	distribution	distribution	distribution (incl.		
networks for	networks for	networks for	ICT and smart		
renewable and	renewable and	renewable and	technology)		
low-carbon	low-carbon gases	low-carbon gases	- Gas distribution		
hydrogen					
Storage of	Storage of	Storage of	- Storage of	Electrical Grids	
electricity, thermal	electricity, thermal	electricity,	electricity,	and Storage <sup>41</sup>	
energy and low-	energy and	hydrogen or its	including pumped		
carbon hydrogen	hydrogen	derivatives	storage		
			- Storage of		
			renewable and		
			low-carbon gases		
Transmission and	Transmission and	Transmission and	Transmission and		
distribution of	distribution of	distribution of	distribution (incl.		
electricity	electricity	electricity	ICT and smart		
			technology)		
Transportation sector					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/electrical-grids-and-storage

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
Transport via	Freight rail	Transport via	- Passenger	Low Carbon
railways	transport	railways	interurban rail	Transport <sup>42</sup>
			transport	
			- Freight rail	
			transport	
Other passenger	Freight transport	Other passenger	Transport by	
land transport	services by road	land transport	motorbikes,	
			passenger cars	
			and light	
			commercial	
			vehicles	
Urban and	Urban and	Urban and	Urban and	
suburban	suburban	suburban	suburban	
passenger land	transport, road	passenger land	transport, road	
transport	passenger	transport	passenger	
	transport		transport	
Freight transport	Freight transport	Freight transport	Freight transport	
by road	services by road	by road	services by road	
Sea and coastal	- Sea and coastal	Sea and coastal	- Sea and coastal	
water transport	freight water	water transport	freight water	
	transport, vessels		transport, vessels	
	for port		for port	
	operations and		operations and	
	auxiliary activities,		auxiliary activities	
	- Sea and coastal		- Sea and coastal	
	passenger water		passenger water	
	transport		transport	
Inland water	Inland freight	Inland water	Inland passenger	
transport	water transport,	transport	water transport	
	Inland passenger			
	water transport			
Retrofitting of sea	Retrofitting of sea		Retrofitting of sea	
and coastal freight	and coastal freight		and coastal freight	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative. https://www.climatebonds.net/standard/transport

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
and passenger	and passenger		and passenger	
water transport	water transpor		water transport	
Passenger and	Passenger and	Air transport		
freight air	freight air			
transport	transport,			
	Leasing of aircraft			
	Air transport			
	ground handling			
	operations			
	Airport		Airport	
	infrastructure		infrastructure,	
			including low-	
			carbon assets and	
			facilities	
Enabling	Low carbon	Low-carbon	Infrastructure for	
infrastructure for	airport	transport	road and public	
low-emission	infrastructure	infrastructure	transportation,	
transport	Infrastructure		including	
	enabling low		infrastructure to	
	carbon water		enable low-	
	transport, road		carbon land	
	transport and		transport	
	public transport			
		Agricultural sector		
Growing of		Perennial and		Climate Bonds
perennial and		non-perennial		Agricultural
non-perennial		crops		Criteria <sup>43</sup>
crops				
Sustainable				
sugarcane				
production				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Agriculture Criteria – Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme," June, 2021, https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/standards/agriculture/Agriculture%20Criteria%2020210622v3.pdf

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
Sustainable rice				
production				
Sustainable				
rubber trees				
production				
Sustainable oil				
palm production				
Sustainable				
cassava				
production				
Livestock		Animal production		
production				
Sustainable			-	
aquaculture				
production				
Sustainable forest	Forest	Sustainable forest		Climate Bonds
management	management	management		Forestry Criteria <sup>44</sup>
Forestry	Afforestation	Forestry	-	
plantation		plantation		
Conservation,	Rehabilitation and	Conservation,	-	
restoration, and	restoration of	restoration, and		
maintenance of	forests, including	maintenance of		
natural forests	reforestation and	natural/pristine		
	natural forest	forests		
	regeneration after			
	an extreme			
	event			
	Forest			
	management			
	Conservation			
	forestry			
	Constru	iction and real estat	e sector	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Forestry Criteria – Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme," November, 2018,

https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/standards/Forestry/Crit%20Forestry%20Criteria%20document\_July%202020.pdf

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
Construction of	Construction of	Construction of	Construction of	Climate Bonds
new buildings	new buildings	new buildings	new buildings	Buildings Criteria <sup>45</sup>
Renovation of the	Renovation of	Renovation of	Renovation of	
existing buildings	existing buildings	existing buildings	existing buildings	
Acquisition or	Acquisition and	Acquisition or	Acquisition and	
ownership of	ownership of	ownership of	ownership of	
buildings	buildings	buildings	buildings	
Installation,	- Installation,	Installation,	- Energy efficient	
maintenance, and	maintenance, and	maintenance, and	equipment;	
repair of special-	repair of energy	repair of	- Energy	
purpose building	efficiency	equipment	performance	
equipment	equipment		measurement,	
	- Installation,		regulation,	
	maintenance, and		control;	
	repair of charging		- Renewable	
	stations for		Technologies;	
	electric vehicles in		- Early Warning	
	buildings (and		Systems	
	parking spaces			
	attached to			
	buildings)			
	- Installation,			
	maintenance and			
	repair of			
	instruments and			
	devices for			
	measuring,			
	regulating, and			
	controlling energy			
	performance of			
	buildings			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Buildings Criteria – Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme," December 2023,

https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/sector-criteria-buildings-criteria-v2-1-dec2023.pdf

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds	
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>	
Demolition and	Demolition and		Demolition and	Asean Taxonomy <sup>46</sup>	
site preparation	wrecking of		site preparation		
	buildings and				
	other structures				
Early Warning			Early Warning		
Systems			Systems		
Manufacturing sector					
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of		Climate Bonds	
cement	cement	cement		Cement Criteria <sup>47</sup>	
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of			
aluminum	aluminum	aluminum			
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of		Climate Bonds	
iron and steel	iron and steel	basic iron and		Steel Criteria <sup>48</sup>	
		steel			
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of		Climate Bonds	
hydrogen	hydrogen	hydrogen		Hydrogen Criteria <sup>49</sup>	
Manufacture of		Manufacture of		Climate Bonds	
basic chemicals		basic chemicals		Basic Chemicals	
- Carbon black	Manufacture of			Criteria <sup>50</sup>	
	carbon black				

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> ASEAN Taxonomy Board (ATB), "ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance Version 3," April 25, 2024, https://www.theacmf.org/images/downloads/pdf/ASEAN-Taxonomy-Version-3.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Cement Criteria – Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme," April 2023, https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/standards/Cement/Sector%20Criteria%20-

<sup>%20</sup>Cement%20Production%20v1\_2%20%28April%202023%29%281%29.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Steel Criteria – Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme," May 2023,

https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/Climate%20Bonds%20Steel%20Criteria.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Hydrogen Criteria – Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme," November 2023, https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/criteria-document-hydrogen-production-and-delivery-criteria-final-for-

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Basic Chemicals Criteria – Climate Bonds Standard & Certification Scheme," April 2023, https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/standards/Chemicals%20-%20Basic/Sector%20Criteria%20 %20Basic%20Chemicals%20%28April%202023%29.pdf

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
- Soda ash	Manufacture of			
	soda ash			
- Chlorine	Manufacture of			
	chlorine			
- Ethylene,	Manufacture of			
propylene,	organic basic			
butadiene	chemicals			
- Aromatics				
(acetylene,				
benzene, xylene,				
and toluene)				
- Anhydrous	Manufacture of	-		
ammonia	anhydrous			
	ammonia			
- Nitric acid	Manufacture of			
	nitric acid			
- Ethanol				
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of		
plastics in primary	plastics in primary	plastics in primary		
form	form	form		
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of		
batteries	batteries	batteries		
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of		
renewable energy	renewable energy	renewable energy		
technologies and	technologies	technologies		
products		4.9. Manufacture		
		of equipment for		
		the production of		
		hydrogen through		
		electrolysis		
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of		
low-carbon	low-carbon	low-carbon		
technologies for	technologies for	technologies for		
transport	transport	transport		

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds	
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>	
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of			
energy efficiency	energy efficiency	energy efficiency			
equipment for	equipment for	equipment for			
buildings	buildings	buildings			
Manufacture of	Manufacture of	Manufacture of			
other low-carbon	other low-carbon	other low-carbon			
technologies	technologies	technologies for			
		the household			
		sector			
CCS/CCUS: Point-		Point-source			
source capture of		capture of CO2			
CO2					
Transportation of	Transport of CO2	Transportation of	000[010] Transport		
captured CO2		captured CO2	of CO2		
Permanent	Underground	Permanent	000[020]		
sequestration of	permanent	sequestration of	Underground		
captured CO2	geological storage	captured CO2	permanent		
	of CO2		geological storage		
			of CO2		
Utilisation of					
captured CO2					
Auxiliary					
transitional activity					
Waste management sector					
Anaerobic	Anaerobic	Biowaste		Climate Bonds	
digestion of	digestion of	treatment:		Waste	
sewage sludge	sewage sludge	anaerobic		management <sup>51</sup>	
		digestion		_	
Anaerobic	Anaerobic	Biowaste			
digestion or	digestion or	treatment:			
composting of	composting of	composting of			
bio-waste	bio-waste	biowaste			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Climate Bonds Initiative, "Waste Management Criteria", August 2022,

https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/Waste%20Management%20Criteria\_August2022.pdf

Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
Collection and	Collection and	Collection and		
transport of waste	transport of	transport of		
	non-hazardous	non-hazardous		
	waste	waste		
Depollution and	Material recovery	Material recovery		
dismantling of	from non-	facilities		
end-of-life	hazardous waste			
products				
Waste to Energy	N/A	Waste to Energy		Climate Bonds
		(Incineration)		Waste
Landfill gas	Landfill gas	Landfill gas	-	management <sup>52</sup>
capture and	capture and	capture and		
utilisation	utilisation	utilisation		
Remediation of	Remediation of	N/A	-	
contaminated	contaminated			
sites and areas	sites and areas			
Remediation of	Remediation of	N/A	-	
legally non-	legally non-			
conforming	conforming			
landfills and	landfills and			
abandoned or	abandoned or			
illegal waste	illegal waste			
dumps	dumps			
Sorting and	Sorting and	N/A		
material recovery	material recovery			
from non-	of non-hazardous			
hazardous waste	waste			
Treatment of	E3822 - Treatment	N/A		
hazardous waste	and disposal of			
	hazardous waste			
Construction,	Construction,	N/A		
extension,	extension and			

<sup>52</sup> Ibid.
Thailand	EU Taxonomy <sup>33</sup>	Singapore	ASEAN	Climate Bonds
Taxonomy		Taxonomy <sup>34</sup>	Taxonomy <sup>35</sup>	Criteria <sup>36</sup>
upgrade,	operation of			
operation and	wastewater			
renewal of urban	collection and			
wastewater	treatment			
collection and				
treatment				
Construction,	Construction,	N/A		
extension,	extension and			
upgrade and	operation of			
operation of	wastewater			
centralised	collection and			
wastewater	treatment			
collection and				
treatment				
Renewal of	Renewal of	N/A		
centralised	wastewater			
wastewater	collection and			
collection and	treatment			
treatment				
Phosphorus	Phosphorus	N/A		
recovery from	recovery from			
wastewater	wastewater			