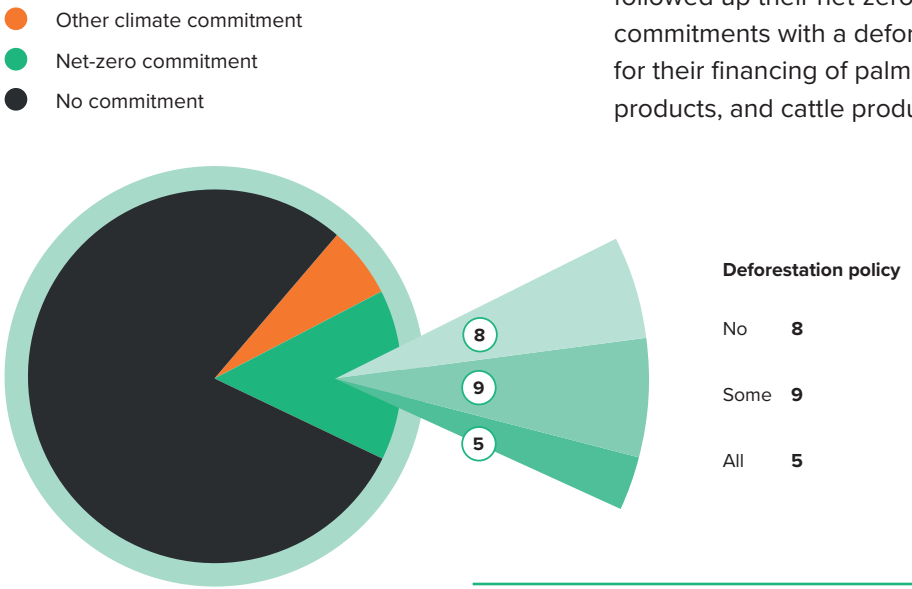


Climate commitments and deforestation

At COP26, the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ) announced that 450 financial institutions had made net-zero emissions commitments to transform the global economy away from carbon. We cannot transform to a net-zero economy without addressing deforestation, yet many of the financial institutions with climate commitments do not appear to be addressing deforestation risks.

Our latest Forest 500 assessment found that:

- 132 of the 350 companies with the greatest exposure to tropical deforestation risk had made a climate commitment
- Just 31 of the 150 financial institutions had a climate commitment that applied to their financing activities
- 22 had a net-zero commitment, including Blackrock, HSBC, and Santander
- Five (BNP Paribas, Credit Suisse, HSBC, Nordea and Westpac) of the 22 had followed up their net-zero climate commitments with a deforestation policy for their financing of palm oil, soy, timber products, and cattle products.



Graph 8: *Climate commitment of 150 Financial Institutions*