

REDUCING RISK FOR INVESTORS



The RSB is the world's most trusted, valued and peer-reviewed sustainable biomaterials organisation that offers advisory, membership and certification services for the sector on a global scale.

The RSB, its members, partners and certified projects represent best practice in sustainability and drive the development of the bioeconomy for a better world.

Our advisory services help investors and lenders identify and mitigate social and environmental sustainability risks before making investment decisions.

TYPE OF ADVISORY SERVICES

Risk assessment, management and mitigation

Strategic advice and policy development

GHG calculations

Stakeholder consultation

Second-party verification*

Investors and lenders can further reduce risk by including a preference or requirement for RSB certification in their investment policies.

* RSB can verify that sustainability aspects are integrated into the project through second-party verification. If needed, we can also assist you in taking a step further and achieving an independent, third-party verification

THE BENEFITS INCLUDE

Reduce development and operational costs as well as risk of non-compliance throughout the value chain.

Help financing institutions achieve their sustainability policies.

Avoid adverse impacts such as risk of being barred from certain markets.

Moreover, all bio-based projects seeking project finance can use the RSB scheme and products to demonstrate to lenders that they are truly environmentally and socially sustainable.

HOW IT WORKS

1. De-risking at the project design stage

Project developers can integrate the RSB requirements directly into project development. We offer a specialised tool that has adapted the RSB principles to a project design phase.

2. De-risking before financial closure

We can help investors and lenders review their due diligence systems to ensure they effectively address social and environmental sustainability, and we provide advice on how such systems can be improved if necessary.

3. Ongoing risk management through certification

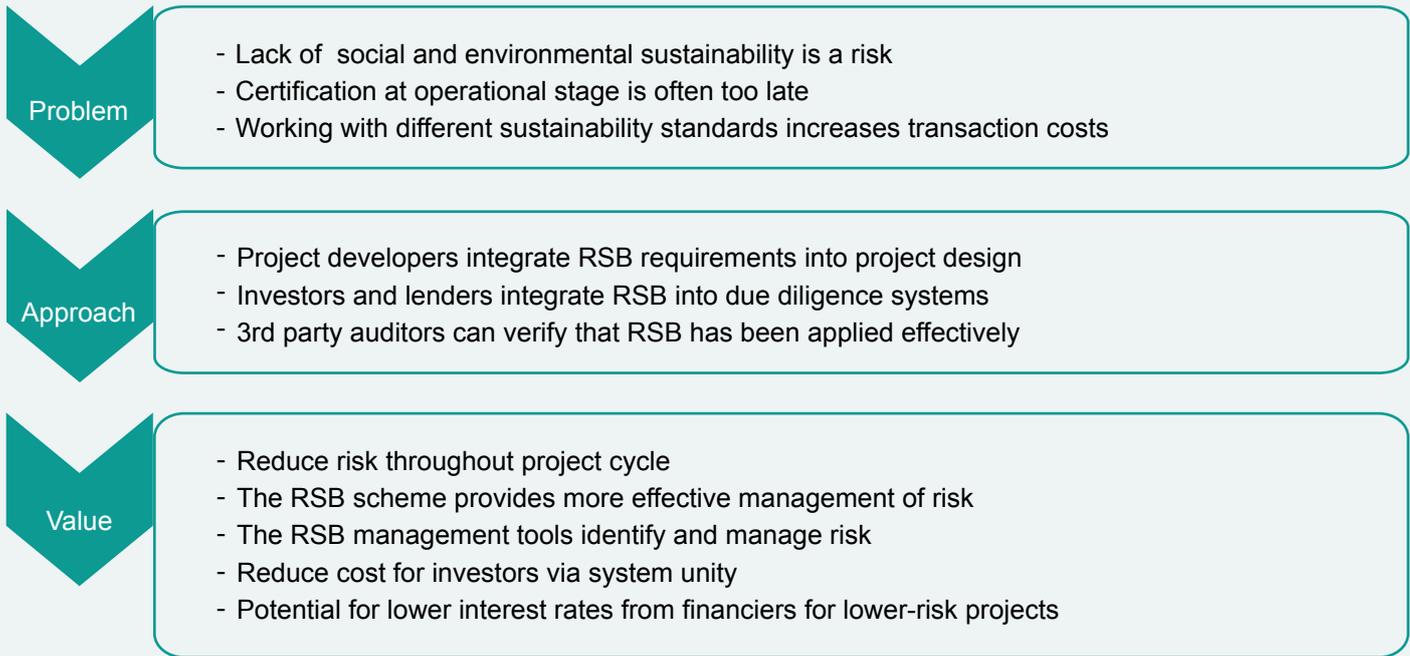
RSB certification can be chosen if the project wants to demonstrate that risks are continually identified and managed throughout the life of the operation, and that this is independently audited by a third party. We can assist investors and projects in transferring sustainability policies into operations and in facilitating the RSB certification process.

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RSB Implementation Throughout Project Development Cycle

SUMMARY



THE 12 RSB PRINCIPLES

The underlying foundation of the RSB standard are the 12 Principles & Criteria based on a management and risk-oriented approach. Together with the RSB's online tools and related guidance documents, they help operators to identify and manage sustainability issues in a specific context and therefore reduce risks for operators, brand owners and investors.

