



SCB^x **SCBX GROUP**
SUSTAINABLE FINANCE
FRAMEWORK
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1. About this Framework

1.1 Purpose

SCBX¹ is committed to playing a leading role in advancing climate action and sustainable development in Thailand and the region by aligning our financial activities to support the transition to a low-carbon, more resilient and more inclusive economy.

We recognize that as a diversified financial group, our most significant contribution lies in how we channel capital—through lending, underwriting, and investment—towards activities that generate positive environmental and social impact while supporting long-term economic value. Sustainable finance is therefore central SCBX sustainability strategy; it is an important means through which SCBX, and its subsidiaries enable the fulfilment of global goals and national priorities in climate mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development.

The **Sustainable Finance Framework** (the Framework¹) sets out our definitions and scope for what constitutes sustainable finance across the Group. By anchoring our sustainable finance activities in credible principles and standards (“eligibility criteria”), the Framework provides clarity and consistency for our businesses, customers, investors, and stakeholders on how SCBX mobilizes, allocates, and tracks capital in support of climate and other sustainability objectives.

SCBX is committed to ensuring the integrity and credibility of sustainable finance activities under the Framework. We apply transparent eligibility criteria, rigorous governance, and regular reporting to safeguard against greenwashing risk and to provide stakeholders with confidence in the activities we finance or invest in.

Sustainable finance is an evolving field with new and emerging scientific evidence, advances in technology, as well as policy and regulatory changes. The Framework is therefore subject to periodic reviews to take into consideration the latest market, regulatory and standard developments both in Thailand and internationally.

¹ SCBX refers to SCBX as a holding company and all its subsidiaries, associated companies and joint ventures.

1.2 Scope

The Framework covers two main areas of sustainable finance:

1) Sustainable Financing & Underwriting

This includes a range of financing activities—including debt and equity capital markets, corporate lending, trade finance and consumer lending provided by SCBX's portfolio companies under banking business (SCB), consumer and digital finance business, and platform and technology business—that direct funding towards activities with environmental or social benefits, and towards companies with strong sustainability commitments and performance, in line with internationally recognized principles, standards and taxonomies.

The above financing activities recognizes solely the ultimate use of funds in order to prevent double counting of intragroup transactions and/or sustainable fund-raising activities, which are established under the SCBX GBSF.

2) Sustainable Investing

This encompasses the deployment of SCBX's own balance sheet, treasury funds, and client assets under management into sustainable or ESG funds, instruments, and projects. Sustainable investing is one of the important ways in which we integrate ESG factors and responsible practices into investment decision-making processes to promote long-term resilience of investment portfolios and capital allocation toward companies, funds, and assets that demonstrate strong sustainability performance or contribute directly to environmental and social outcomes.

The Framework is developed based on relevant international frameworks, such as UNDP and ICMA, and global market practices.

The Framework is applicable to SCBX and all of its subsidiaries, associated companies and joint ventures that engage in any sustainable finance activities covered in the Framework.

Figure 1: Overview of SCBX Sustainable Finance Framework

Sustainable Finance									
Sustainable Financing & Underwriting <small>(includes lending & bonds underwriting)</small>						Sustainable Investing			
Green (Environmental) Financing						Social Financing	Sustainability-linked Financing	Non-proprietary Investment	Proprietary & Treasury Investment
Mitigation	Transition	Adaptation	Other Environmental						
			Blue	Others					
Eligibility Criteria	• Thailand Taxonomy (Green)	• Thailand Taxonomy (Amber)	• Thailand Taxonomy	• SCBX GBSF	• SCBX GBSF	• SCBX GBSF	• LMA Sustainability-Linked Loan Principles • ICMA Sustainability-Linked Bond Principles	• UN PRI & Thai SEC SRI Fund	• SCBX GBSF • Thailand Taxonomy • EU Taxonomy • Impact Investing (e.g. GIIN, Impact Principles)
	For sectors not covered in Thailand Taxonomy:	For sectors not covered in Thailand Taxonomy:	• Thailand's National Adaptation Plan	• Thailand Taxonomy	• Thailand Taxonomy				
	• SCBX GBSF ¹	• ASEAN Taxonomy	• EU Taxonomy						
	• EU Taxonomy		• ASEAN Taxonomy						
	• CBI Taxonomy		• UNDRR Guide for Adaptation & Resilience Finance						

Notes: ¹ SCBX GBSF = SCBX Green, Blue & Social Finance Framework (developed with SMBC Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation) *The Framework is developed based on UNEP, ICMA, DJSI frameworks.

2. Sustainable Financing & Underwriting

2.1 Green (Environmental) Financing

2.1.1 Mitigation Financing

SCBX is committed to achieving net zero financed emissions by 2050 and our near-term science-based greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets have been officially validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). This commitment reflects our recognition of the urgent need to accelerate climate mitigation as part of the collective global effort to limit the temperature rise in line with the Paris Agreement, and in support of Thailand’s climate goal and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

SCBX has thus embedded climate mitigation into its financing strategies through targeted sustainable finance solutions, which enable our customers to accelerate the shift towards renewable energy and other decarbonization efforts.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Thailand Taxonomy²** – Green activities

For any financed activities belonging to sectors that are not covered under Thailand Taxonomy, the activities must meet one of the following criteria to be categorized as “mitigation financing”:

² [Thailand Taxonomy: A Reference Tool for Sustainable Economy](#)

- **SCBX Green, Blue and Social Sustainable Finance Framework (SCBX GBSF)³** – Eligible green categories in which the activities contribute to climate mitigation
- **EU Taxonomy⁴** – Environmentally sustainable activities with the objective of climate change mitigation
- **Climate Bonds Initiative Taxonomy⁵** - Green Light or Orange Light activities, but only for sectors not yet covered under Thailand Taxonomy

2.1.2 Transition Financing

Transition financing is critical for enabling the shift of carbon-intensive, hard-to-abate sectors toward a low-carbon future, complementing green finance by addressing the broader economy that cannot yet transition immediately. Globally, it ensures that industries central to economic growth but high in emissions can progressively align with net-zero pathways, supporting the Paris Agreement and reinforcing financial stability.

For Thailand, transition finance is particularly important to balance economic competitiveness, energy security, and social inclusion while moving toward its carbon neutrality and net zero goals. By mobilizing capital and incentivizing credible decarbonization pathways, transition financing allows businesses to adapt themselves to support the realization of Thailand’s Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) while ensuring a just and inclusive transition.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Thailand Taxonomy** – Amber activities

For any financed activities belonging to sectors that are not yet covered under Thailand Taxonomy, the activities must meet the following criteria to be categorized as “transition financing”:

- **EU Taxonomy** – Transitional activities

2.1.3 Adaptation Financing

Adaptation financing is emerging as a new imperative for financial institutions, including SCBX. Globally and in Thailand, the physical impact of climate change is intensifying, resulting in higher costs to businesses and communities. In this context, mobilizing capital for adaptation and resilience measures need to be at the center of sustainable finance, alongside mitigation financing. While mitigation measures reduce GHG emissions, adaptation strengthens the resilience of societies, economies, and ecosystems against rising climate physical risks.

Adaptation finance remains underfunded. For Thailand, one of the most climate-vulnerable countries in Southeast Asia, adaptation financing is a new area that

³ [SCBX GBSF](#)

⁴ [EU Taxonomy](#)

⁵ [Climate Bonds | Climate Bonds Taxonomy](#)

needs to be scaled to mitigate the risks of flooding, drought, sea-level rise, temperature rise and other physical risks that threaten agriculture, industries and communities in high-risk areas. Thailand's National Adaptation Plan sets out sectoral goals for six sectors where adaptation and resilience measures are most needed, such as water and tourism.

SCBX's current focus is to build a foundation and internal capability for adaptation financing, which will enable us to support our customers in strengthening their climate resilience against climate risks.

To this end, we acknowledge that international and domestic frameworks on adaptation finance are still developing. While we have chosen to apply some existing international and regional guidance to provide a basis for adaptation financing, we expect to update the eligibility criteria as more credible and recognized principles and standards become available.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Thailand Taxonomy** – Climate change adaptation activities
- **Thailand's National Adaptation Plan**⁶ – Activities that support any of the specific sectoral goals or sector-specific guidelines/measures
- **EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities**⁷ – Climate change adaptation
- **ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance**⁸ – Adaptation activities
- **UNDRR Guide for Adaptation and Resilience Finance**⁹ – Investible activities (adaptation & resilience type)

2.1.4 Blue Financing

Blue financing is an integral part of SCBX's Sustainable Finance Framework, reflecting our commitment to protecting and restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems while supporting sustainable economic growth. As Thailand and the wider ASEAN region rely heavily on coastal resources, fisheries, and maritime trade, the health of oceans and waterways is directly linked to food security, community livelihoods, climate resilience, and biodiversity conservation.

Blue financing channels capital toward initiatives that promote sustainable fisheries, prevent marine pollution, enhance coastal resilience, and accelerate the transition to a sustainable ocean economy. By embedding blue finance within our broader sustainable finance strategy, SCBX not only contributes to Thailand's national climate and biodiversity goals but also supports global frameworks such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals (particularly SDG 14: Life Below Water).

⁶ [Thailand's National Adaptation Plan](#)

⁷ [EU taxonomy for sustainable activities - European Commission](#)

⁸ [ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance](#)

⁹ [Guide for adaptation and resilience finance | UNDRR](#)

Eligibility Criteria

- **SCBX Green, Blue and Social Sustainable Finance Framework (SCBX GBSF)** – Eligible Blue Categories
- **Thailand Taxonomy** – Sustainable use and protection of marine and water resources
- **EU Taxonomy** – Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources

2.1.5 Other Environmental Financing

Other environmental financing complements SCBX's broader sustainable finance strategy by addressing environmental priorities beyond climate mitigation, adaptation, and blue finance. This includes financing activities that promote biodiversity conservation, sustainable land use, circular economy solutions, pollution prevention, and natural resource efficiency.

For Thailand, where ecosystems such as forests, wetlands, and agricultural lands play a critical role in supporting livelihoods, food security, and climate resilience, mobilizing capital for environmental protection is essential. Integrating other environmental financing into our framework reinforces SCBX's role in safeguarding natural capital while creating long-term value for stakeholders and society.

Eligibility Criteria

- **SCBX Green, Blue and Social Sustainable Finance Framework (SCBX GBSF)** – Eligible Green Criteria activities that are not related to climate mitigation
- **Thailand Taxonomy** – Promotion of resource resilience and transition to a circular economy; Pollution prevention and control; Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems
- **EU Taxonomy** – Transition to a circular economy; Pollution prevention and control; Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems

2.2 Social Financing

Social financing is a core pillar of SCBX's Sustainable Finance Framework, reflecting our commitment to advancing inclusive and equitable development. It directs capital toward projects and initiatives that create positive social outcomes, particularly in areas such as healthcare, education, affordable housing, financial inclusion and literacy, gender equality, SME empowerment, and community development.

In Thailand, where bridging inequality and ensuring equal access to opportunity are critical to long-term prosperity, social financing enables vulnerable groups, underserved communities, and rural populations to benefit from sustainable growth. Integrating social financing within this Framework ensures that the transition to sustainability delivers not only environmental benefits but also meaningful social value for all stakeholders.

Eligibility Criteria

- SCBX Green, Blue and Social Sustainable Finance Framework (SCBX GBSF) – Eligible Social Categories

2.3 Sustainability-Linked Financing

Sustainability-linked financing, particularly in the forms of sustainability-linked loans and sustainability-linked bonds, is designed to incentivize borrowers and issuers to improve their sustainability performance over time. Unlike use-of-proceeds instruments, sustainability-linked financing ties the financial characteristics of a loan or bond—such as interest rates or coupon payments—to the achievement of predefined sustainability performance targets (SPTs).

These targets are aligned with material environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics, such as GHG emissions reduction, renewable energy adoption, energy efficiency improvements, or diversity and inclusion goals. By linking financing costs directly to sustainability outcomes, SCBX encourages clients to embed ESG considerations into their core strategies and operations.

Eligibility Criteria

- LMA Sustainability-Linked Loan Principles¹⁰
- ICMA Sustainability-Linked Bond Principles¹¹

3. Sustainable Investing

Through sustainable investing, SCBX channels capital into assets and companies that demonstrate strong sustainability performance or directly contribute to positive environmental and social outcomes, while maintaining financial returns.

Sustainable investing encompasses investments made with our own balance sheet as well as those mobilized on behalf of our clients, specifically:

3.1 Non-proprietary Investments

Non-proprietary investments are those mobilized from our clients, both retail and institutional investors, through SCB Asset Management (SCBAM) or any asset management company within SCBX Group. Such investments include mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, and private funds where SCBAM acts as asset manager and investment advisor.

¹⁰ [LMA Sustainability-Linked Loan Principles](#)

¹¹ [ICMA Sustainability-Linked Bond Principles](#)

Eligibility Criteria

- Funds labelled as sustainable or ESG funds according to **UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)**¹² and the **Stock Exchange Commission of Thailand's SRI Fund criteria**

3.2 Proprietary & Treasury Investments

Proprietary investments are investments in assets (e.g. stocks, bonds, funds, impact funds) made by SCBX or its subsidiaries using their own balance sheet (i.e. own capital) with clear sustainability objectives. These investments are long-term, illiquid and return seeking in nature.

Treasury investments refer to investments made using central treasury funds of SCBX or its subsidiaries in fixed income, equities or structured products, for liquidity and capital management purposes. These investments are typically short-term investments of surplus corporate cash in highly liquid instruments, including high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) required by the Bank of Thailand's regulation.

Eligibility Criteria

The investments must be made in assets that are aligned with any of the following criteria:

- **SCBX Green, Blue and Social Sustainable Finance Framework (SCBX GBSF)** – Any eligible category
- **Thailand Taxonomy** – Green or Amber activities
- **EU Taxonomy** – Environmentally Sustainable or Transitional activities
- **An internationally recognized impact investing principles or standards**, such as Operating Principles for Impact Management (Impact Principles) and Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)

¹² [Principles for Responsible Investment](#)

4. Governance

- This Framework was approved by SCBX Sustainability Committee (SUSTCOM) on 9 October 2025.
- SUSTCOM delegates SCBX Sustainability Office to monitor and ensure the implementation of the Framework in coordination with relevant subsidiaries, including through the relevant Sustainability Working Group, and to report progress in sustainable finance to SUSTCOM on a regular basis.
- The Framework shall be reviewed at least every two years (or sooner if needed) by SCBX Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) to reflect the latest developments in sustainable finance, technology and industry guidance. Any revisions to the Framework shall be reviewed and approved by SUSTCOM.

5. Reporting

SCBX's progress on sustainable finance as defined in the Framework is published at least annually in Sustainability Report and/or other reports and channels as appropriate.

Annex A

SCBX Framework	Version / Date
SCBX Green, Blue and Social Sustainable Finance Framework (SCBX GBSF)	Version 1.0 / Approved on 9 October 2025