

PRB Initiatives

We became a founding signatory to the Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB) advocated by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) and launched on September 22, 2019. We are committed to collaborating with other signatory banks worldwide to strategically align our business operations with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on climate change. The signing of the PRB means we promise to be transparent about the positive and negative impacts our banking business has on people and the planet. By focusing on the areas in which our core business has the greatest impact, setting goals for specific initiatives, and taking action, we hope to make significant contributions towards achieving the targets of the SDGs on both the global and local level.

Having signed on to the PRB, we are obligated to disclose information about our PRB initiatives in our existing reports. More specifically, within 18 months after signing (i.e., by March 2021 for the Company) and then every year thereafter, we must report on progress and self-assessments, and then within four years fully implement the following necessary steps as a signatory bank: (1) impact analysis; (2) target setting and implementation; and (3) accountability. Our first initiative is shown below.

As we have reported twice before, we have made updates primarily based on the details of the previous report, with a focus on the current status of our responses. Our next report is planned for around September 2023, following receipt of third-party certification.

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Principle 1: Alignment		
We will align our business strategy to be consistent with and contribute to individuals' needs and society's goals, as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement and relevant national and regional frameworks.		

1.1 Describe (high-level) your bank's business model, including the main customer segments served, types of products and services provided, the main sectors and types of activities, and where relevant, the technologies financed across the main geographies in which your bank has operations or provides products and services.

The Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group is a unique ensemble that generates new value by leveraging significant expertise and comprehensive capabilities to create a new business model that integrates banking, asset management and administration, and real estate operations.

2022 disclosure materials

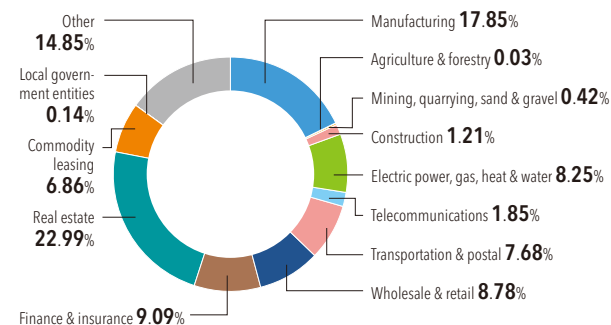
Group's Gross Business Profit by Segment in Fiscal 2021 (Unit: billion yen)

Retail Total Solution Services Business	190.8
Companies	212.5
Stock Transfer Agency Services Business	40.8
Real Estate Business	62.7
Fiduciary Services Business	96.5
Asset Management Business	101.9
Global Markets Business	52.3

Breakdown of loan balance

Domestic loans	86%
Overseas loans	14%

Industry Ratio of Loans to Domestic Corporate Clients



(Note) Share ratio calculated based on the assumption that the balance of loans for corporations at domestic branches is 100%.

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<p>1.2 Describe how your bank has aligned and/or is planning to align its strategy to be consistent with and contribute to society's goals, as expressed in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement, and relevant national and regional frameworks.</p>	<p>The SuMi TRUST Group defines its reason for existence ("Purpose") as "to create new value with the power of trusts and let prosperous future for our clients and society bloom," and seeks to achieve the balanced creation of both social value and economic value.</p> <p>In order to realize its Purpose, the Group must organically combine the process of creating positive impacts while maximizing stakeholder value with the process of sustainably strengthening its own financial and non-financial management foundations (the six types of capital); and it must establish a system to appropriately manage these processes at the management level. The Group calls this system the "value creation process."</p> <p>The Group defines the "events that have a significant impact on the process of improving the ability to generate value sustainably through the accumulation of financial and non-financial capital" as "Materiality"—or priority issues—and has drawn up a list of 11 Materiality issues.</p> <p>Of these issues, the Group recognizes that climate change has a particularly large impact. For this reason, in October 2021 the Group announced its Carbon Neutral Commitment and joined the Net-Zero Banking Alliance, while its two core management subsidiaries—Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management and Nikko Asset Management—signed up to the Net-Zero Asset Managers initiative. The Group has chosen to accelerate initiatives aimed at reducing its own GHG emissions, as well as those generated by its trusts, and investments and loans in order to realize a carbon-free society.</p>	<p>Sustainability Report 2022/2023 Page 10-11</p> <p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 9-10</p>

Principle 2: Impact and Target Setting
 We will continuously increase our positive impacts while reducing the negative impacts on, and managing the risks to, people and environment resulting from our activities, products and services. To this end, we will set and publish targets where we can have the most significant impacts.

<p>2.1 Impact Analysis:</p> <p>Show that your bank has identified the areas in which it has its most significant (potential) positive and negative impact through an impact analysis that fulfills the following elements:</p> <p>a) Scope: The bank's core business areas and products/services across the main geographies in which the bank operates have been included in the scope of analysis, as outlined in section 1.1.</p> <p>b) Scale of Exposure: In identifying its areas of most significant impact the bank has considered where its core business/its major activities lie in terms of industries, technologies and geographies.</p> <p>c) Context & Relevance: Your bank has taken into account the most relevant challenges and priorities related to sustainable development in the countries/regions in which it operates.</p> <p>d) Scale and intensity/salience of impact: In identifying its areas of most significant impact, the bank has considered the scale and intensity/salience of the (potential) social, economic and environmental impacts resulting from the bank's activities and provision of products and services.</p> <p>(your bank should have engaged with relevant stakeholders to help inform your analysis under elements c) and d))</p> <p>Show that building on this analysis, the bank has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified and disclosed its areas of most significant (potential) positive and negative impact • Identified strategic business opportunities in relation to the increase of positive impacts/reduction of negative impacts 	<p>For the Group, to pinpoint the sectors that have the greatest impact within our domestic loans, we have scrutinized industries with substantial amounts of loans from us and gauged the influence in each sector.</p> <p>Given that in Japan, frequent natural disasters caused by global warming have made reducing greenhouse gases to curb global warming an urgent priority, and by looking at these characteristics through the lens of our impact radar, we have identified climate change as our most crucial focus.</p> <p>To tackle this critical issue of climate change, we issued the Carbon Neutral Commitment in October 2021.</p>	<p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 45-48</p>
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Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Impact Analysis.

The SuMi TRUST Group defines its Purpose—or reason for existence—as "to create new value with the power of trusts and let prosperous future for our clients and society bloom," and seeks to achieve the balanced creation of both social value and economic value.

In order to achieve its Purpose, the Group has drawn up a list of 17 Materiality issues, defined as "events that have a significant impact on the process of improving the ability to generate value sustainably through the accumulation of financial and non-financial capital."

Of these issues, the Group recognizes that climate change has a particularly large impact. For this reason, in October 2021 the Group announced its Carbon Neutral Commitment, and has sought to accelerate initiatives aimed at reducing its own GHG emissions, as well as emissions generated by its trusts, and investments and loans in order to realize a carbon-free society.

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<p>2.2 Target Setting</p> <p>Show that the bank has set and published a minimum of two Specific, Measurable (can be qualitative or quantitative), Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound (SMART) targets, which address at least two of the identified "areas of most significant impact," resulting from the bank's activities and provision of products and services.</p> <p>Show that these targets are linked to and drive alignment with and greater contribution to appropriate Sustainable Development Goals, the goals of the Paris Agreement, and other relevant international, national or regional frameworks. The bank should have identified a baseline (assessed against a particular year) and have set targets against this baseline.</p> <p>Show that the bank has analysed and acknowledged significant (potential) negative impacts of the set targets on other dimensions of the SDG/climate change/society's goals and that it has set out relevant actions to mitigate those as far as feasible to maximize the net positive impact of the set targets.</p>	<p>■ SuMi TRUST Group Carbon Neutral Commitment</p> <p>The Group's reason for existing (its Purpose) is defined as "creating new value using the power of trusts and let prosperous future for our clients and society bloom." To support decarbonization throughout society, we aim for the balanced creation of both social value and economic value and aid the creation of a sustainable society not only through investments and loans, but by advocating a trust-type financial intermediary model that fosters new markets and investment opportunities through the asset management and administration business distinctive of a trust banking group. We will do this by engaging in the following initiatives.</p> <p>(1) Two investment companies within the Group that aim to leverage the characteristics of a trust bank group to achieve net zero GHG emissions, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management and Nikko Asset Management, are members of the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative (NZAMI), which aims to achieve net zero GHG emissions from investee companies.</p> <p>In the realm of real estate, we have been diligently working on energy-saving consulting for facility construction and getting involved in a number of businesses to help expand environmentally friendly properties. Going forward, we will also begin to offer support plans aimed at net zero GHG emissions for entrusted real estate properties.</p> <p>(2) Net zero GHG emissions in the investments and loans sector</p> <p>We are striving to reach net zero GHG emissions (Scope 3) within our investment and loan portfolios by 2050. To bolster this commitment, we have joined the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA), founded by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI). For our medium-term goals set for 2030, we will follow the NZBA framework.</p> <p>■ Sustainable Finance Target</p> <p>SuMi TRUST Bank, a key subsidiary, has established a long-term target for sustainable finance in the banking sector (loans to corporate clients). This plan aims to commit a cumulative total of 10 trillion yen over ten years, from fiscal 2021 to 2030.</p>	<p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 41</p> <p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 42</p>
<p>Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Target Setting.</p>		
<p>The SuMi TRUST Group is a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB), and announced its Carbon Neutral Commitment as part of its efforts to respond to climate change and achieve a carbon-free society.</p> <p>The Group will contribute to the realization of a carbon-free society by reducing its own GHG emissions, as well as emissions generated by its trusts, and investments and loans.</p>		
<p>2.3 Plans for Target Implementation and Monitoring</p> <p>Show that your bank has defined actions and milestones to meet the set targets.</p> <p>Show that your bank has put in place the means to measure and monitor progress against the set targets. Definitions of key performance indicators, any changes in these definitions, and any rebasing of baselines should be transparent.</p>	<p>Sustainability forms the cornerstone of the Group's management strategy. To tackle critical sustainability issues, including climate change, domestically and globally, we have instituted a mechanism whereby an Executive Committee is formed and the Board of Directors supervises its deliberations.</p> <p>In particular, with regard to climate change responses, we commit to achieving net-zero GHG emissions (Scope 3) in the investments and loans sector by 2050, which is a part of our Carbon Neutral Commitment. We also aim to set a medium-term target for 2030 under the NZBA framework. To further these climate change initiatives, we have established a project team that regularly reports to the Executive Committee and operates under Board of Directors supervision.</p>	<p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 6</p>
<p>Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Plans for Target Implementation and Monitoring.</p>		
<p>For our sustainable finance target in banking, we plan to determine numerical targets and disclose our progress on a fiscal year basis. We also aim to further enhance SuMi TRUST Bank's policy on investments and loans through dialogue with stakeholders.</p>		
<p>2.4 Progress on Implementing Targets</p> <p>For each target separately:</p> <p>Show that your bank has implemented the actions it had previously defined to meet the set target.</p> <p>Or explain why actions could not be implemented/needed to be changed and how your bank is adapting its plan to meet its set target.</p> <p>Report on your bank's progress over the last 12 months (up to 18 months in your first reporting after becoming a signatory) towards achieving each of the set targets and the impact your progress resulted in. (where feasible and appropriate, banks should include quantitative disclosures)</p>	<p>1. GHG Emissions Reduction Goals</p> <p>Net-zero GHG emissions in the investments and loans sector</p> <p>As per our Carbon Neutral Commitment, we aim to achieve net-zero GHG emissions in the investments and loans sector by 2050, and we will set a medium-term target for 2030 under the NZBA framework.</p> <p>We have set targets for the electric power sector in October 2022 and for the oil and gas sector in February 2023.</p> <p>2. Sustainable Finance Target</p> <p>SuMi TRUST Bank, a key subsidiary, has established a long-term target for sustainable finance in the banking sector (loans to corporate clients). This plan aims to commit a cumulative total of 15 trillion yen over ten years, from fiscal 2021 to 2030.</p> <p>The cumulative lending amount, as of March 2022, is 0.83 trillion yen.</p>	<p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 45-48</p> <p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 42</p>
<p>Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Progress on Implementing Targets.</p>		
<p>The Group intends to steadily carry out all manner of measures to achieve its goals, and will continue to provide reports on its progress.</p>		

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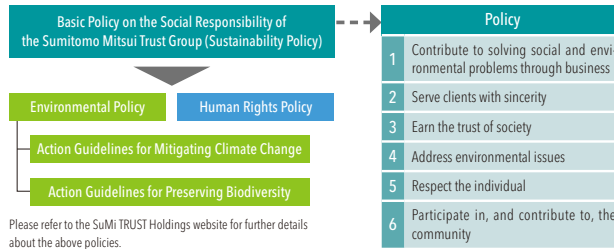
Principle 3: Clients and Customers
We will work responsibly with our clients and our customers to encourage sustainable practices and enable economic activities that create shared prosperity for current and future generations.

3.1 Provide an overview of the policies and practices your bank has in place and/or is planning to put in place to promote responsible relationships with its customers. This should include high-level information on any programmes and actions implemented (and/or planned), their scale and, where possible, the results thereof.

As a Group, we have established various sustainability policies, as outlined below, and are diligently acting upon them.

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Policies Related to Sustainability



Please refer to the SuMi TRUST Holdings website for further details about the above policies.

We also confirm our commitment to environmental and societal considerations in projects based on the Equator Principles, and support decarbonization of the maritime sector through the Poseidon Principles.

3.2 Describe how your bank has worked with and/or is planning to work with its clients and customers to encourage sustainable practices and enable sustainable economic activities. This should include information on actions planned/implemented, products and services developed, and, where possible, the impacts achieved.

Positive impact finance (PIF)

In March 2019, SuMi TRUST Bank launched engagement in positive impact finance (PIF) for ordinary corporate credit (in which the use of loaned funds is unspecified) in line with the Principles for Positive Impact Finance of the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI). PIF is a loan agreement in which the Bank comprehensively analyzes and assesses the impacts of a company's supply chain on the environment, society, and the economy; it draws up specific KPIs for increasing positive impacts and limiting negative impacts, and requires the client commit to them. The Bank then encourages the client in its efforts to contribute to SDGs by monitoring and disclosing the results of these impacts, and supports client efforts to boost the competitiveness of its business, products, and services from a global perspective.

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Impact evaluations on funds (expanding impact evaluations)

SuMi TRUST Bank provides support for conducting impact evaluations on the impact investments funds created by Anchor Ship Partners Co., Ltd. ("ASP") and Real Tech Holdings Co., Ltd. ("Real Tech"). ASP carries out investments in the shipping industry—one of the 14 promising fields outlined by the Japanese government in its Green Growth Strategy—in line with global trends toward decarbonization; it also measures the impacts that investee companies have on the environment, society, and the economy, and carries out appropriate management. Through its impact evaluations and monitoring, SuMi TRUST Bank will provide support for ASP's fund, which encourages initiatives aimed at decarbonization in the shipping industry. Real Tech invests in and nurtures "deep tech" startups—startups that seek to use cutting-edge scientific techniques and R&D to provide technological solutions for the earth and society—and is set to become the first deep tech startup fund to implement impact evaluations; to this end, it has signed an agreement with SuMi TRUST Bank to provide advisory services for impact evaluations and for the fund itself. Going forward, SuMi TRUST Bank will promote initiatives aimed at visualizing the impacts of deep tech, and at applying deep tech technologies in society.

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Support for the social implementation of technologies

The implementation of innovative technologies, the combination of various different technologies, and vast funds are required for the realization of a carbon-free society; more than ever before, financial institutions are being required to increase their knowledge of technologies, and to actively identify the present risks and opportunities. For these reasons, the SuMi TRUST Group has established a technology based finance team within the Sustainability Management Department, comprised of researchers and experts with doctorates in science and engineering. Its goal is to provide financial support both for R&D of technologies that can contribute to the realization of a carbon-free society, and for their social implementation.

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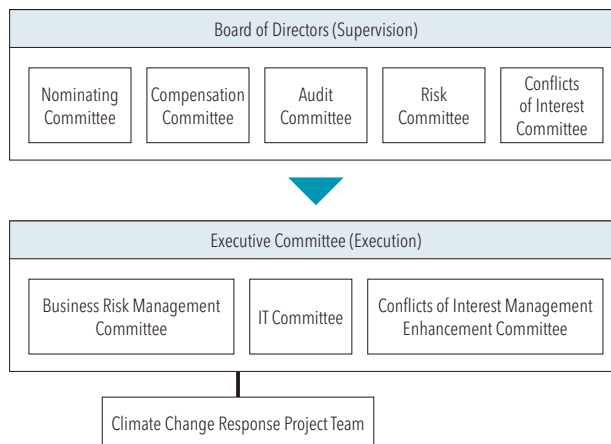
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Principle 4: Stakeholders
We will proactively and responsibly consult, engage and partner with relevant stakeholders to achieve society's goals.

<p>4.1 Describe which stakeholders (or groups/types of stakeholders) your bank has consulted, engaged, collaborated or partnered with for the purpose of implementing these Principles and improving your bank's impacts. This should include a high-level overview of how your bank has identified relevant stakeholders and what issues were addressed/results achieved.</p>	<p>Our Management Principles ("Mission") declare our dedication to playing an active role in shaping a sustainable society. This mission identifies our stakeholders as our clients, shareholders, employees, and society at large, underscoring the importance of dialogue. The Group's stakeholder engagement is three-pronged: direct action by related companies and relevant departments (in the case of SuMi TRUST Bank), direct participation in national and international initiatives by related companies and relevant departments, and internal engagement with related companies and relevant departments undertaken by the Sustainability Management Department based on dialogue with its stakeholders and information gathered from ESG assessment organizations. Our dialogue channels have been diversified, which has increased both the quality and quantity of input.</p> <p>In October 2021, we announced the Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group Carbon Neutral Commitment, and in addition to joining the Net-Zero Banking Alliance, our core asset management subsidiaries (Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management and Nikko Asset Management) became part of the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative.</p>	<p>Sustainability Report 2022/2023 Page 28-29</p> <p>Sustainability Report 2022/2023 Page 66</p>
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Principle 5: Governance & Culture
We will implement our commitment to these Principles through effective governance and a culture of responsible banking.

<p>5.1 Describe the relevant governance structures, policies and procedures your bank has in place/ is planning to put in place to manage significant positive and negative (potential) impacts and support effective implementation of the Principles.</p>	<p>The Group identifies those factors that significantly impact the Group's value creation process as its materiality. With regard to materiality-related issues, both the Risk Committee and the Business Risk Management Committee serve as advisory bodies to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, respectively. For fiscal 2022, deliberations were held by the Board of Directors, and the materiality underwent a review.</p>	<p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 6</p>
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■ Supervision

(1) Board of Directors

The principal role of the Board of Directors is to set the Group's basic management policy and ensure fairness and transparency in its operations through comprehensive management supervision. With the exception of decisions mandated by law, it delegates the execution of operations to executive officers and maintains supervision over their performance. Furthermore, it cultivates an environment where external directors can supervise potential conflicts of interest between our company and management, as well as the execution of duties by the Board of Directors and managers, from the perspective of both the stakeholders and the sustainable growth and medium- to long-term enhancement of the corporate value of the Group.

Taking into consideration the importance of environmental and social issues related to sustainability, it establishes a Basic Policy on Social Responsibility (Sustainability Policy) that Group companies are to carry out, raises awareness among executives and employees, promotes proactive initiatives to solve issues with due regard to stakeholders, and strives to achieve both the sustainable development of society and the enhancement of the Group's corporate value. As for initiatives on climate change, it leverages advisory bodies to the Board of Directors, such as the Risk Committee, for proper supervision and receives reports from the executives.

(2) Risk Committee

The Risk Committee considers and advises the Board on the appropriateness of matters about which it receives inquiries from the Board of Directors, such as the environment the Group's management finds itself in, top risks, matters related to materiality, operation of the Group's risk appetite framework, and supervision of the effectiveness of the internal control system for risk management and compliance.

In response to climate change risks, external experts have provided insights and advice to the Board of Directors based on their specialized knowledge for the Carbon Neutral Commitment and the launch of the Climate Change Response Project Team.

■ Execution

(1) Executive Committee

Chaired by the President and Executive Officer, the Executive Committee deliberates on significant matters concerning business execution. Specifically, it holds discussions and issues reports on management policy and strategy, the Medium-Term Management Plan, annual plans, and risk management issues, and presents these to the Board of Directors. With regard to initiatives related to critical sustainability issues, it establishes medium-term policies and annual plans aligned with the Medium-Term Management Plan, and it manages its operations based on the PDCA cycle. It considers climate change issues from the perspectives of both risk and opportunity. In fiscal 2021, it held intense deliberations on the review of the climate change response system, the public announcement of the 2050 Carbon Neutral Commitment, and membership in NZBA. After establishing the Climate Change Response Project Team, it has provided monthly progress reports and regularly deliberates on business matters related to climate change and decarbonization as a cross-divisional theme.

(2) Business Risk Management Committee

As an advisory body to the Executive Committee, it discusses aspects related to the Group's business management, financial stability, operational appropriateness, and risk and compliance management. Climate change risk, being directly linked to our finances, is examined and monitored from a risk management viewpoint.

■ Establishment of the Climate Change Response Project Team

In 2019, we set up the TCFD Project Team to enhance risk management and disclosure regarding climate change, but in October 2021, we launched the Climate Change Response Project Team to reorganize and develop it to specifically promote the Carbon Neutral Commitment. The Group encompasses not only the corporate management department of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, but also various business sectors of SuMi TRUST Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Asset Management, and Nikko Asset Management. Furthermore, it includes the Europe, Middle East and Africa Division, and the Americas Division, ensuring Group-wide coverage.

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<p>5.2 Describe the initiatives and measures your bank has implemented or is planning to implement to foster a culture of responsible banking among its employees.</p> <p>This should include a high-level overview of capacity building, while including remuneration structures, performance management, and leadership communication, amongst others.</p>	<p>In order to foster a culture of responsible banking, the SuMi TRUST Group promotes understanding of Group strategies among all its directors, officers, and employees via the initiatives listed below.</p> <p>Employee education activities The SuMi TRUST Group defines its reason for existence ("Purpose") as "to create new value with the power of trusts and let prosperous future for our clients and society bloom," and seeks to achieve the balanced creation of both social value and economic value. Since adopting its new management system in April 2021, the Group has launched a Purpose Caravan, via which the President seeks to explain the Purpose of the Group directly to its employees. As part of this Caravan, the President of SuMi TRUST Bank held a total of 26 online discussions, attended by approximately 12,000 Bank employees, temporary overseas employees, and directors and officers from other Group companies. Since September 2021, by holding discussions and distributing videos, the Group has gradually broadened the scope of the Purpose Caravan to cover Group company employees, and national staff at overseas worksites.</p> <p>Voluntary employee activities Departments across the Group are promoting voluntary activities such as Challenge for SDGs, Our Own SDGs Declarations, and With You. The Group provides support for employees to think about SDGs for themselves, and act accordingly.</p> <p>Executive Compensation Our standard approach to compensation combines monthly compensation (consisting of fixed compensation and individual performance compensation), executive bonuses (performance-linked bonuses), and stock compensation (share delivery trust). We have integrated ESG evaluation components into the performance assessment system of each executive's stock compensation.</p>	<p>Sustainability Report 2022/2023 Page 8</p> <p>Sustainability Report 2022/2023 Page 161</p> <p>TCFD REPORT 2022/2023 Page 7-8</p>
<p>5.3 Governance Structure for Implementation of the Principles</p> <p>Show that your bank has a governance structure in place for the implementation of the PRB, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> target-setting and actions to achieve targets set remedial action in the event of targets or milestones not being achieved or unexpected negative impacts being detected. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Within the Group, goal setting and action plans for achieving said goals are determined at the Executive Committee meetings. The Sustainability Committee regularly monitors these goals, with the process supervised by the Board of Directors. In fiscal 2022, we reflected on our previous work under the Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB), discussing themes such as clarifying decision-making and monitoring structures at the Board of Directors meeting. If we observe unfulfilled goals or negative situations, they are reported at the Executive Committee meetings, and we promptly explore corrective measures. 	<p>—</p>
<p>Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Governance Structure for Implementation of the Principles.</p>		
<p>As a PRB signatory, we have instituted a governance system to ensure the effective implementation of these principles, with a focus on goal setting and monitoring. Our Sustainability Management Department, along with departments managing goal attainment, tracks progress, provides updates at the Executive Committee meetings, and periodically engages in discussions with the Board of Directors, our supervisory body.</p>		
<p>Principle 6: Transparency & Accountability We will periodically review our individual and collective implementation of these Principles and be transparent about and accountable for our positive and negative impacts and our contribution to society's goals.</p>		
<p>6.1 Progress on Implementing the Principles for Responsible Banking</p> <p>Show that your bank has progressed on implementing the six Principles over the last 12 months (up to 18 months in your first reporting after becoming a signatory) in addition to the setting and implementation of targets in minimum two areas (see 2.1-2.4).</p> <p>Show that your bank has considered existing and emerging international/regional good practices relevant for the implementation of the six Principles for Responsible Banking.</p> <p>These good practices serve as a reference when setting priorities and goal levels.</p> <p>Show that your bank has implemented/is working on implementing changes in existing practices to reflect and be in line with existing and emerging international/regional good practices and has made progress on its implementation of these Principles.</p>	<p>Our company keeps stakeholders informed about the details of our initiatives through a variety of reports, such as an integrated report, a sustainability report, and a TCFD report.</p> <p>As a PRB signatory, we remain committed to advancing our initiatives in line with these principles and strive for transparency in our disclosures.</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>Please provide your bank's conclusion/statement if it has fulfilled the requirements regarding Progress on Implementing the Principles for Responsible Banking.</p>		
<p>In the first 18 months following our commitment to the PRB, we took action on climate change by signing the Poseidon Principles, revising our sector-specific policies, and releasing our TCFD report. In October 2021, to advance our commitment to the Carbon Neutral Commitment and our membership in the NZBA, we established a Climate Change Response Project Team, which is actively addressing this issue.</p>		