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Topic 6. Opportunities to realise carbon and biodiversity benefits and support carbon and biodiversity markets, and mitigate and adapt to climate change risks, including the greenhouse gas emission impacts of different uses of forests and assessment of climate change risks to forests

Realising the benefits of forests, including their carbon and biodiversity benefits, is a very desirable aim " one that I support wholeheartedly. (Their other benefits, such as their positive psychological effects on humans, are also substantial.)

In order to realise these benefits, it is important to engage with both carbon and biodiversity markets in the following way: Not at all. To put it differently, selling carbon offsets or biodiversity offsets allows damage. If the offset market is working properly, the damage exactly offsets the forest benefit. If the offset market has inefficiencies or is designed badly or is otherwise not working properly, the damage will exceed the forest benefit.