

Climate Risks: What a 1.5-degree Pathway for Rubber Fora

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Cimate Risks

The impacts of climate change are happening now, and faster than ever predicted. The climate crisis is becoming increasingly evident with more frequent, more intense natural disasters!

- Almost all of the world's natural rubber—a strategic raw material- is currently grown in areas where the annual mean temperature is 26 to 28°C.
- Asia-Pacific region contribute to 91% of natural rubber production and major end user is tyre and auto parts.
- Natural rubber production is slowly shifting from traditional to nontraditional regions and within a region rising temperature is bringing a shift towards marginal areas.
- 2 Natural rubber production is impacted by climate change and needs to adapt to it.







Cimate Risks



- Mitigating climate change through decarbonisation represents half of the challenge
- Scientists estimate that limiting warming to 1.5°C would reduce the odds of initiating the most dangerous and irreversible effects of climate change
- The good news is that a 1.5°C pathway is technically achievable. The bad news is that the math is daunting. Such a pathway would require dramatic emissions reductions over the next ten years starting now

Rapid declines in CO₂ emissions would be required to reach a 1.5°C pathway



Metric gigatons of CO₂ (GtCO₂) per year

Global population and CO2 emission (1750-2020)²



Reducing carbon emissions is no longer enough to halt the impacts of climate change

Source: McKinsey, 2020 & Deloittee, 2020

A Paced Transition Pathway

Cumulative global CO₂ emissions, current and historical, metric gigatons of CO₂ (GtCO₂) per year

- CO2 emission per unit of output- a little below 2% per year, but requirement would be much higher2050
- Keeping to 1.5 degrees would require limiting all future net emissions of carbon dioxide from 2018 onward to 570 gigatons (Gt) and reaching net-zero emissions by 2050

Climate-resilient, low emissions, climate adaptation strategies

Five major business, economic, and societal shifts would underlie transition to a 1.5degree pathway

- Sustainable production
- New cultivation approaches , halting deforestation, curbing waste
- Embracing the circular economy and boosting efficiency in raw material/industries to decrease GHG emissions, reduce costs, and improve performance
- Renewables and bio-energy
- > Electrification is a massive decarbonisation driver for transportation/buildings

Carbon-capture and carbon-sequestration activity-Over the next decade

Transition to a 1.5-degree pathway for Rubber Fora

Extraction Processing Manufacturing Use Collection Recycling Land use changes & **Sustainable Production** farming practices

- Sustainable material supply is key factor for end-users leading to increased sustainability awareness
- **Circular Economy business model**

Responsible sourcing- traceability from land origin of products to their overall carbon footprint and evolving business strategies on efficient raw material, deforestation free supply chain and circular economy

Non-tyre material recycling

Partnerships are developing

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It is impossible to chart a 1.5-degree pathway that does not remove carbon dioxide to offset ongoing emissions. The math simply does not work.

Climate Adaptation

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- Eco-system based adaptation
- National adaptation plan
- Carbon-capture and sequestration
- Climate finance
- Critical in addressing climate change large-scale investments required to significantly reduce emissions

Rubber trees contribute towards reducing global warming through the carbon sequestration process, that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere- in plant parts, products, litters and soil

Total carbon sequestered in rubber plantation ranged between 235 tonne/ha/30 years and 574 tonne/ha/30 years.

CO2 absorption ~25MT/HA/An by the Trees

Source: Mahtthan, R.K, 2020

Pathway for Rubber Fora: Moving Forward ?

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- Actions have been initiated at the country level to decarbonise and address urgent adaptation needs.
- Around 14 million ha of rubber plantation globally is a strong carbon sink
- Proper plan for replanting of old rubber trees with inter cropping & mixed cropping well aligned with NDC
- Decarbonising supply chain via regulatory framework to bring it free of deforestation and assured on traceability check
- Assured living income from rubber farming for social safety net for millions of small farmers
- Reuse natural rubber from the end of the life of product
- ✓ Green financing to encourage climate adaptation in natural rubber.
- ✓ International accounting of carbon in bio-mass and its value added products.
- ✓ Public-private sector collaboration in mitigation and adaptation projects and awareness creation for people adopt it.

✓ Integration of rubber in mitigation policies, measures and adaptation policies' discussion in climate summit.

'Climate change is a long-term shift in global or regional climate patterns'

'In reality, it is about changes in our very way of life'

