

GAP INC. WOOD-DERIVED FABRIC POLICY



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GAP INC. IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE ETHICAL SOURCING OF OUR PRODUCTS AND THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE RAW MATERIALS.

We believe the use of sustainable materials will help to reduce our impact on the environment and help to preserve natural resources for future generations. Gap Inc. is against the use of ancient and endangered, high conservation and high carbon-value forest areas to make cellulose-based textiles, including but not limited to rayon, viscose, lyocell, and modal. To achieve this, we are committed to:

- By 2020, eliminating the use of wood-derived fibers made of dissolving pulp from ancient and endangered forest areas such as the Canadian and Russian Boreal Forests; coastal temperate rainforests of the Pacific Northwest and Chile; tropical forests and peatlands of Indonesia, the Amazon, and West Africa.
- Avoiding the use of wood-derived fibers logged illegally, sourced from tree farms established after 1994 through the conversion or simplification of natural forests; or from areas being logged in contravention of indigenous peoples' rights; or without obtaining Free, Prior and Informed Consent of local and indigenous communities, or from controversial suppliers.
- Giving preference to suppliers that use effective strategies to actively reduce their greenhouse gas footprint, and to fabric sources from responsibly managed forests certified to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification system.
- Encouraging suppliers to disengage from destroying or fragmenting forests, and engaging suppliers to cease operations in endangered species habitat or high carbon-value forest areas.
- Supporting collaborative conservation solutions, such as in the Great Bear Rainforest.
- Encouraging the development and adoption of fiber sources that reduce environmental and social impacts where possible.
- Partnering with not-for-profit organization, Canopy, which collaborates with brands and retailers to ensure a supply chain free of fabrics made from ancient and endangered forests.