

# Food Loss + Waste

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## PROTOCOL

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**“WHAT GETS MEASURED GETS MANAGED”**



# FLW PROTOCOL

A multi-stakeholder effort to develop a global  
*FLW Accounting and Reporting Standard*



Working together for  
a world without waste



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# Food Loss and Waste Accounting and Reporting Standard

A global standard that provides requirements and guidance for quantifying and reporting on the weight of food and/or associated inedible parts removed from the food supply chain—commonly referred to as “food loss and waste”—in a credible, practical, transparent, and consistent manner



# OVER 200 STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED (*SAMPLE BELOW*)

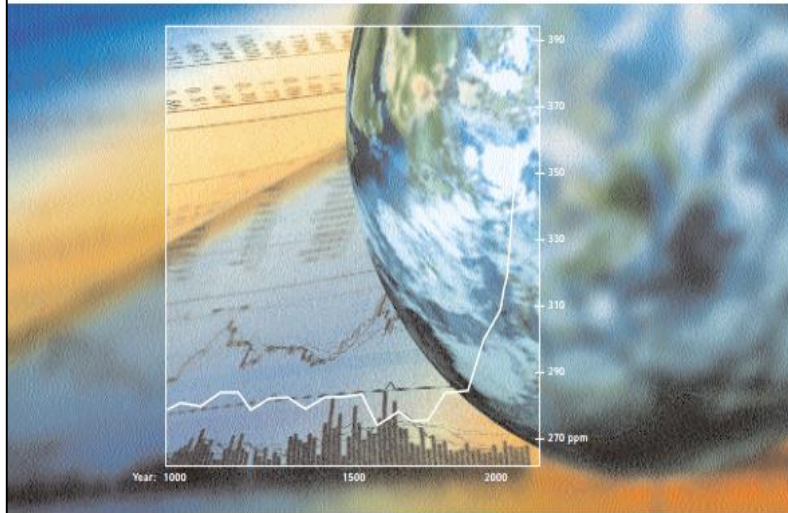
6 continents

Academia, private sector, government, NGOs



# A PRECEDENT

## The Greenhouse Gas Protocol



A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard

REVISED EDITION



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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Build on existing initiatives
- Meet user needs
- Avoid letting the “perfect become the enemy of the good”
- Set firm framework yet allow for flexibility in application
- Seek continuous improvement



Figure 1 | Material Types and Possible Destinations Under the FLW Standard

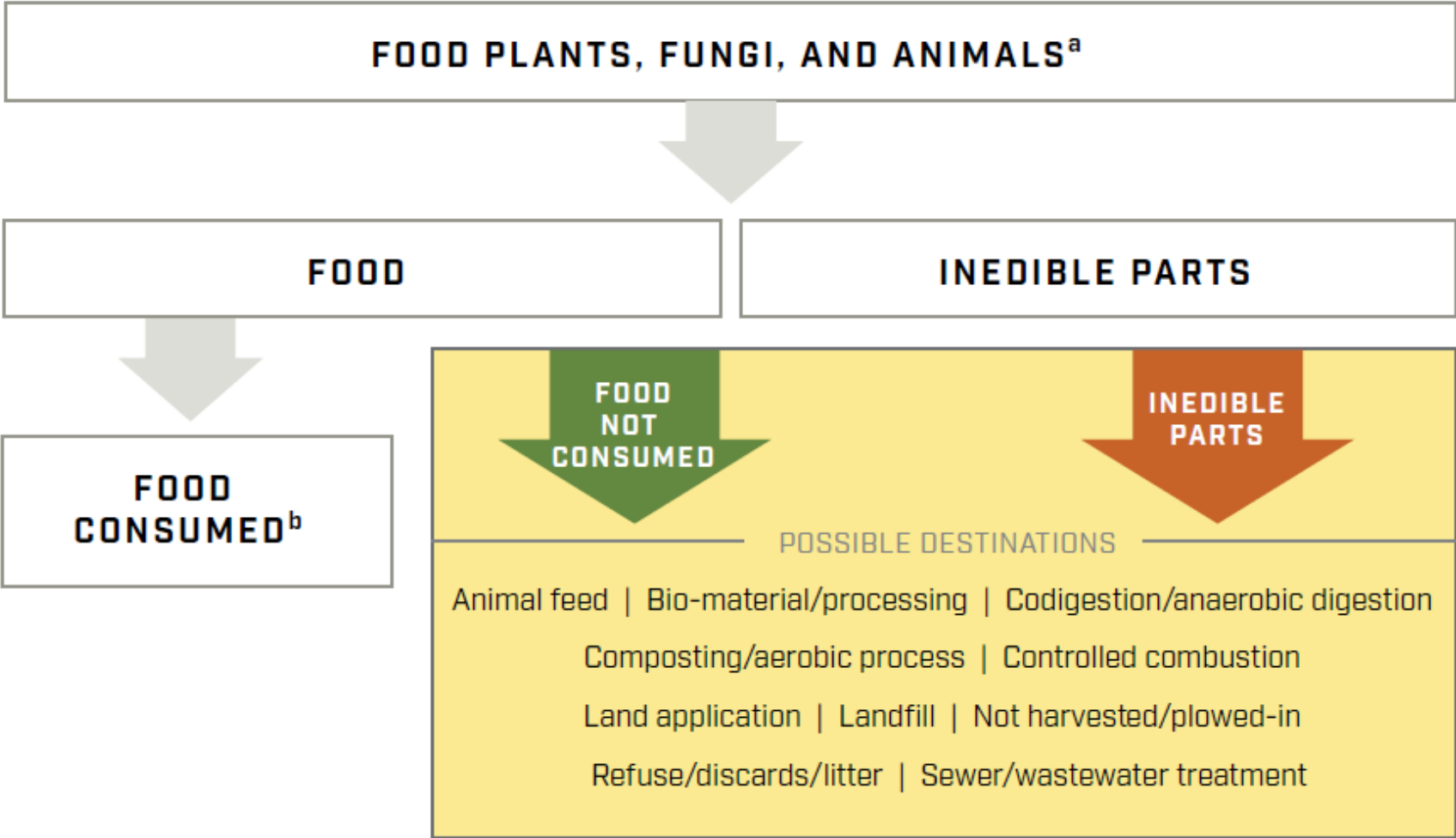
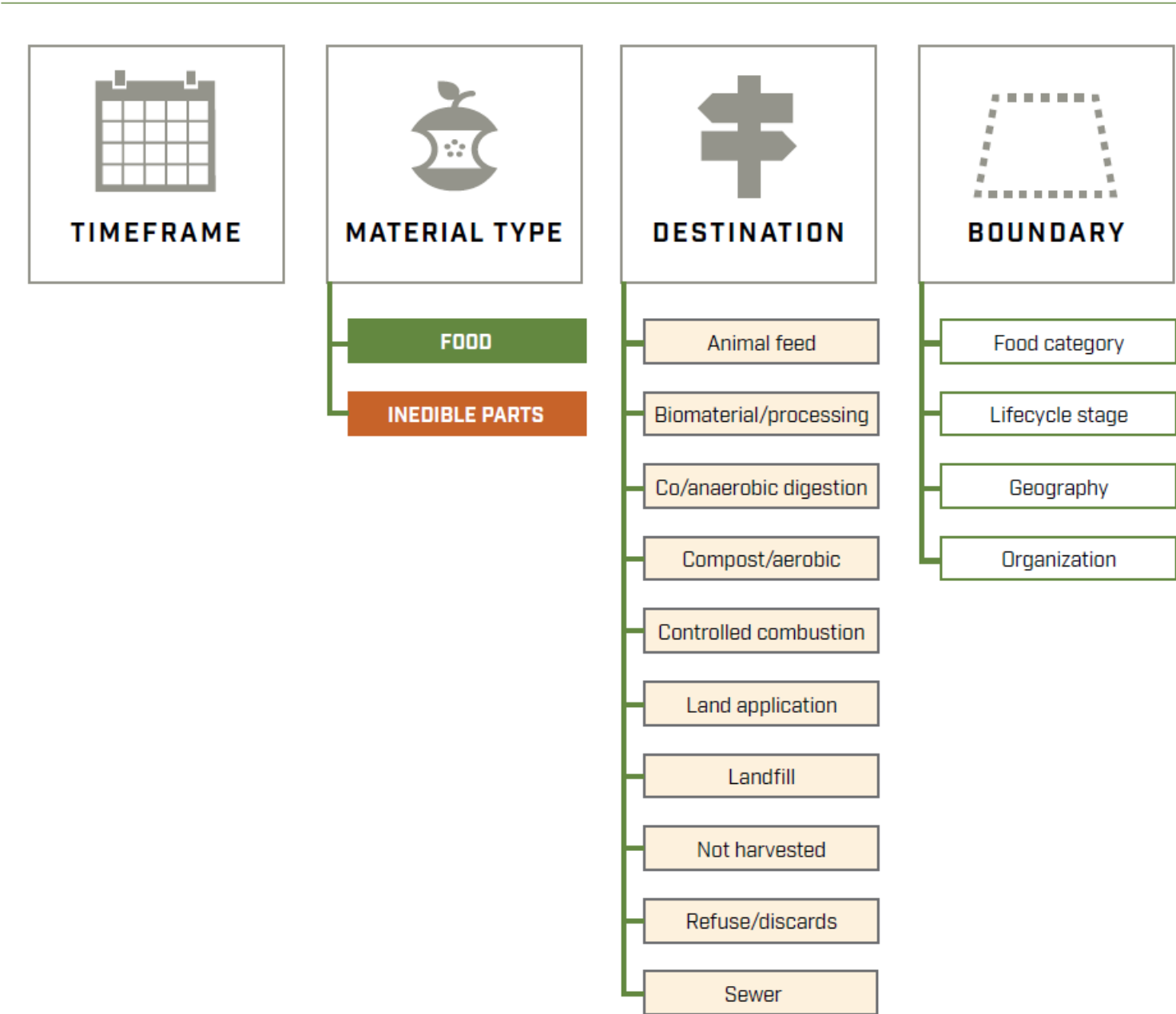




Figure 2 | Scope of an FLW Inventory



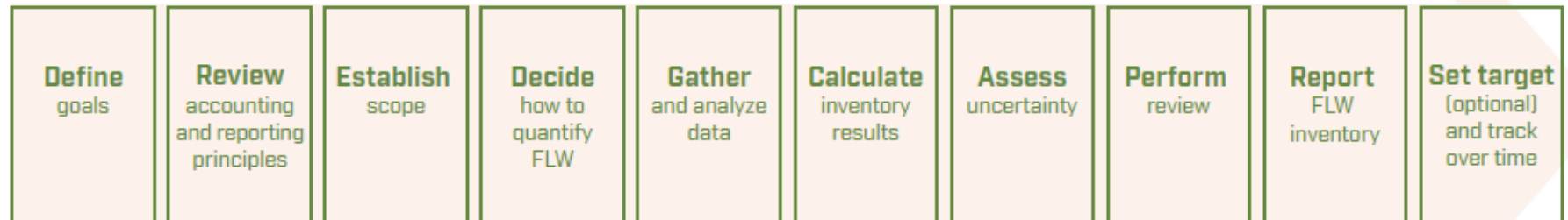
# HOW TO MEASURE

1. Direct weighing
2. Counting-based
3. Assessing volume
4. Waste composition analysis
5. Using records
6. Diaries
7. Surveys
8. Mass balance
9. Models
10. Use of proxy data



Figure 3 | Overview of Steps in FLW Accounting and Reporting

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# STRUCTURE OF THE FLW STANDARD (PARTS I, II, III)

## PART I: Overview

1. Introduction
2. Definition of terms and applications
3. Goals of quantifying FLW
4. Summary of steps and requirements
5. Principles of FLW accounting and reporting

## PART II: Main requirements

6. Establishing the scope of an FLW inventory
7. Deciding how to quantify FLW

## PART III: Other requirements and recommendations

8. Collecting, calculating, and analyzing data
9. Assessing uncertainty
10. Coordinating the analysis of multiple FLW inventories
11. Identifying the causes of FLW
12. Review and assurance
13. Guidance on reporting
14. Setting targets and tracking changes over time



# STRUCTURE OF THE FLW STANDARD (PARTS IV, APPENDIX)

## PART IV: Guidance on quantification methods (online PDF only)

Introduction

Quantification Methods

1: Direct weighing

2: Counting-based

3: Assessing volume

4: Waste composition analysis

5: Using records

6: Diaries

7: Surveys

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Quantifying FLW if water is added

## Appendix

A. Approaches for sampling and scaling data

B. Separating material types: data sources for conversion factors applied to individual items

C. Normalizing data

E. Converting weight to other units of analysis

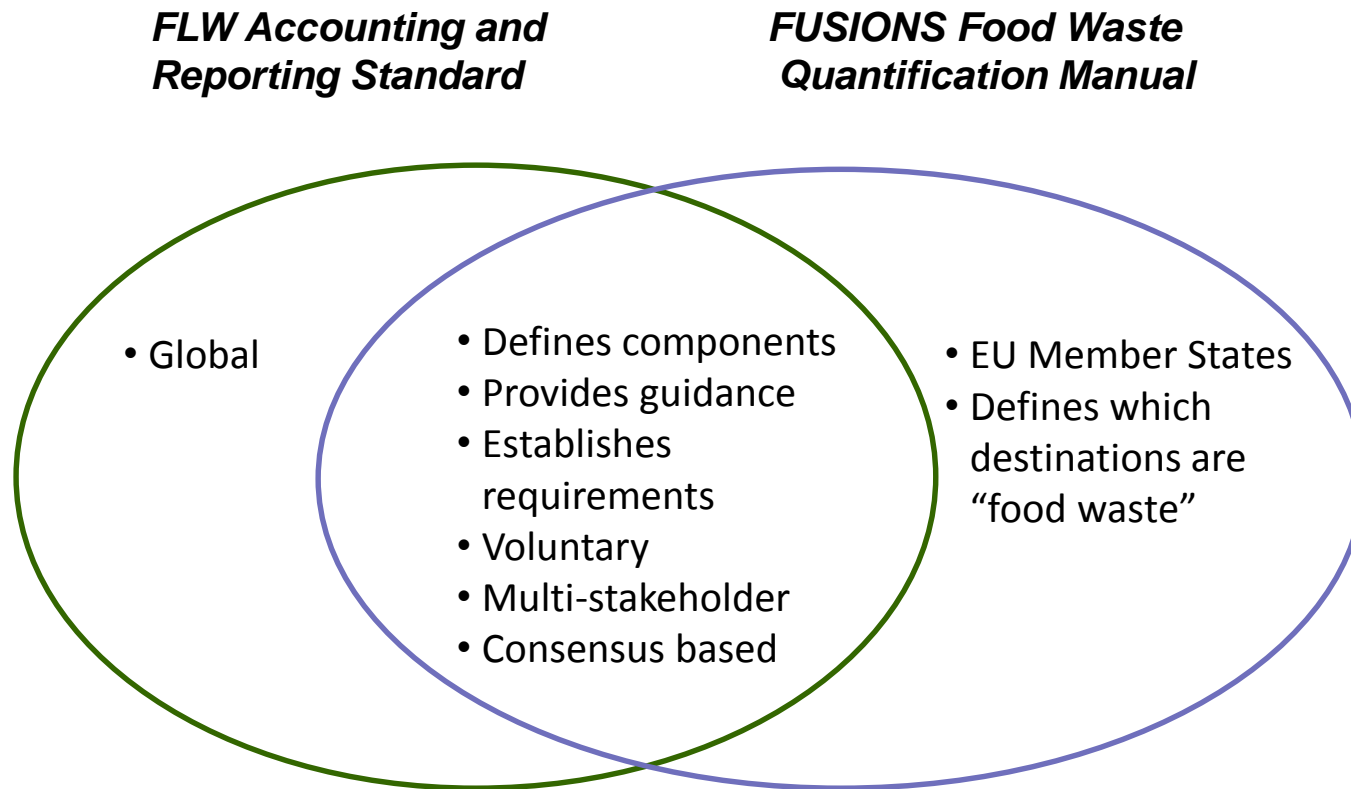
F. Quantifying the weight of donated food

G. Developing a data management plan

Glossary

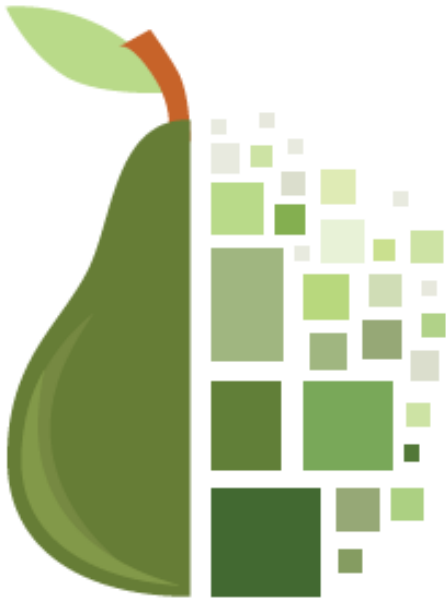
Resources and tools

## HOW *FLW STANDARD* AND *FUSIONS' QUANTIFICATION MANUAL* COMPARE





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*Coming June 6<sup>th</sup>*

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