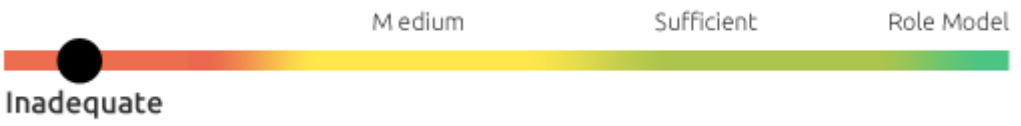
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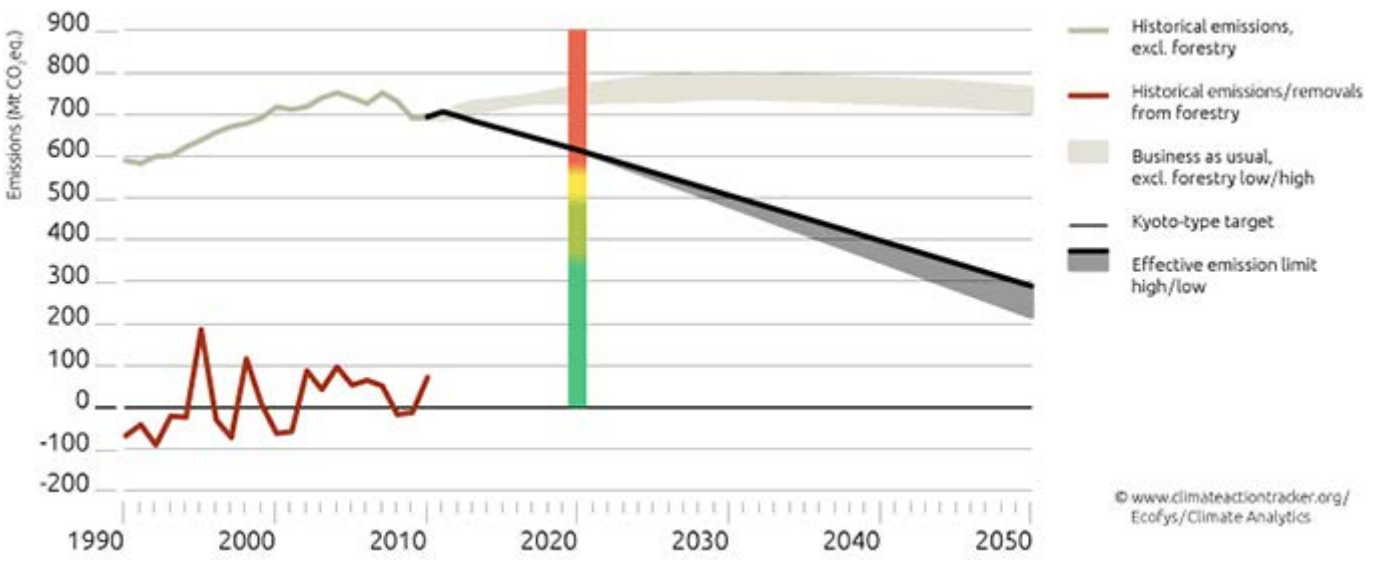
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Rating



Assessment

Canada's commitment of -17% relative to 2005 emission levels by 2020 (+3% relative to 1990) is a weakening of their previous target. This target, which aligns Canada's target with that of the USA, is rated Inadequate. Canada proposes to exclude emissions from natural disturbances from the base year and from the commitment period's cumulative emissions and supports accounting for removals from harvested wood products. This could lead to higher credits (or lower debits). In December 2011, Canada has withdrawn from the Kyoto Protocol.



Description

Canada's Kyoto Protocol target (2008-2012) is -6% relative to 1990 emission levels. Under the Copenhagen Accord, Canada changed its target of -20% relative to 2006 emissions by 2020 to -17% relative to 2005 emissions, aligning itself with the USA. In the long term, Canada has proposed to reduce emissions by -60 to -70% relative to 2006 by 2050.

Status

Official announcement

Date of pledge: August 2007

Source

Canada (2011) Submission to the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP): Forest management reference level

Canada's pledge to the Copenhagen Accord

Canada (2009) Canada - Informal Submission to the AWG-KP: Data on forest management

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Canada (2007) Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP): Information and data on the mitigation potential of policies, measures and technologies, 14 August 2007

Assumptions

Targets for 2020 were calculated from the most recent national inventory submissions (2012).
We calculated Canada's LULUCF accounting quantities in 2020 for afforestation, reforestation and deforestation using the current Kyoto rules and for forest management using a net-net approach with a projected reference level for 2013-2020.

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