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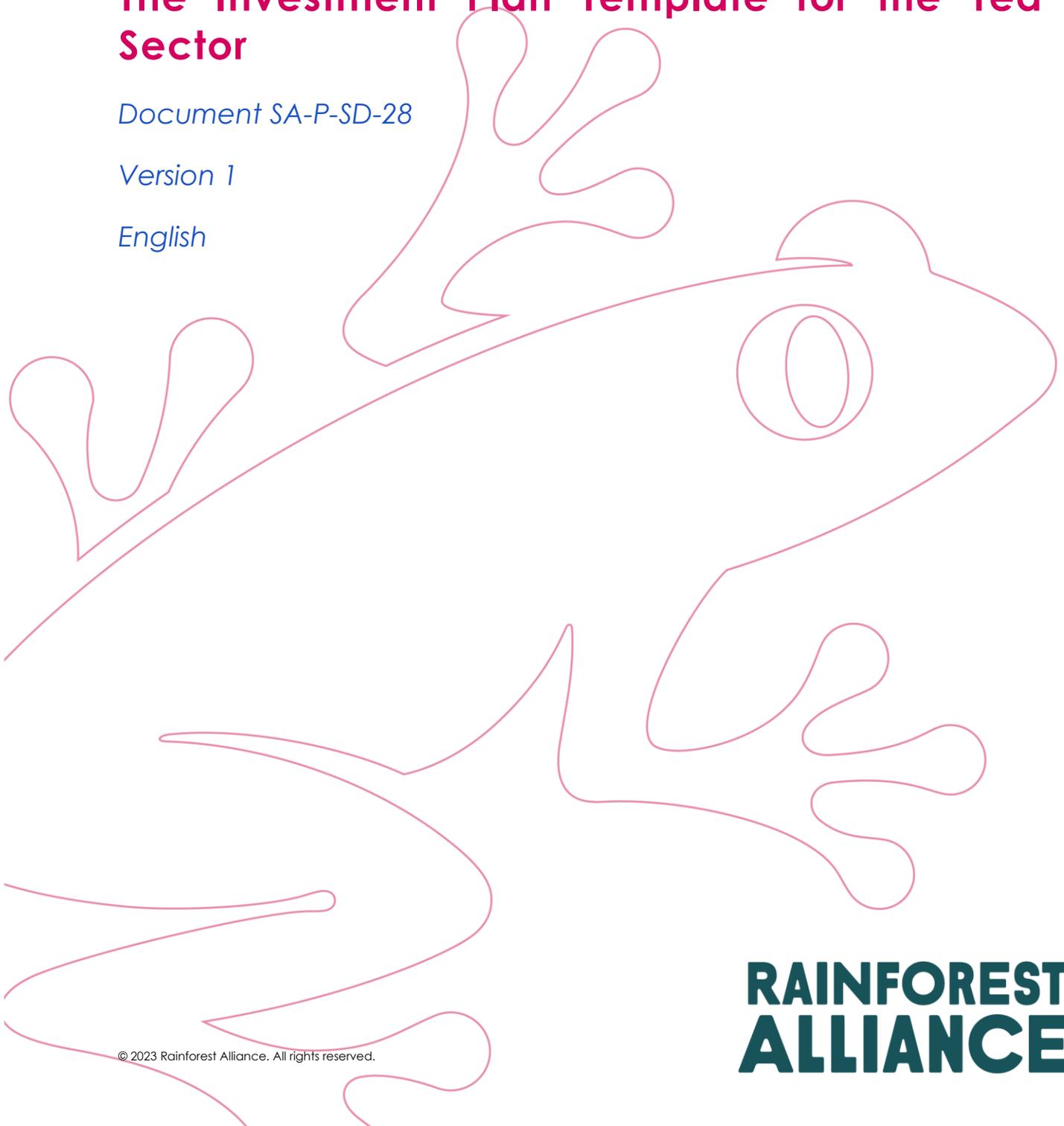
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CHANGES TO THE REQUIRED USE OF ANNEX S16 DURING CERTIFICATION

As part of an effort to reduce the administrative burden for Certificate Holders during certification audits and to increase the quality of the certification data collected, the Rainforest Alliance is reviewing its approach on monitoring and gathering information related to Sustainability Investments.

This policy mandates a change to the requirement to use *RA-S-MT-17-V1.1 Annex S16: Sustainability Investment Plan Template* by Certificate Holders producing tea (*Camelia sinensis*) under Rainforest Alliance certification.

1. Implications for Farm Certificate Holders in the tea sector

From August 14th, 2023 Tea Farm Certificate Holders will no longer be required to use *RA-S-MT-17-V1.1 Annex S16: Sustainability Investment Plan Template* in preparation for an audit against the Rainforest Alliance 2020 Farm Standard. Certificate Holders may still choose to use the Annex S16 tool as a guidance document for their own purpose of analysis.

Instead, Tea Certificate Holders are required to use a new, simplified tool to collect information on SI (Sustainability Investments) expenses. If you have questions on the use of the tool, please contact your local Rainforest Alliance trainer.