

# IF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

CEO's message	3
About If Nordic	4
Continuous work	5
Our approach	6
Our environmental policy	7
Climate and Energy	8
Materials and Waste	10
Awareness and Commitment	11
Customers, Products and Services	12
Detailed overview of results 2010	13

## About this report

This report summarizes our environmental impact and performance for 2010. It is our second environmental report. The scope and boundaries of the report are limited to If's operations in Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.

Text and design: Respect Sustainable Business AB

Photos: If P&C Insurance AB

#### **Contact us**



We would appreciate you feedback on this report. For more information about Ifs environmental management please contact Kenth Edström, Environment Director.

If

Barks väg 15 106 80 Stockholm Phone: +46 771 43 00 00 Direct: +46 8 792 81 28 Mail: kenth.edstrom@if.se

## CEO's MESSAGE

## The most important issue

As the leading insurance company operating across the Nordic region, our ambition is to consider environmental and social responsibilities both throughout our own operation and also in our collaborations with other stakeholders. Acting proactively to manage future risks today is the most important issue concerning a sustainable development.



## **Our responsibility**

We have worked actively and successfully with environmental issues for many years. The core of our environmental policy is that If shall always find the best solutions not only for the environment, the company, and our customers, but also for our suppliers and partners. This year If has joined the United Nations' program Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and in 2011 we will become climate neutral. During the past year If has carried out a long list of activities:

### Year 2010

We have launched a number of environmentally related insurance products, such as insurance for electric cars in several countries. We have also expanded the insurance protection against natural hazards in the Nordic countries and intensified our work with raising the awareness regarding the need for environmental liability insurance.

We have finalized our ambitious work with the 100-environmental -action-points. One high priority action point was to reduce our employees' business travel, which has dropped 35 % during the past three years. This was achieved by implementing and increasing the use of video conference systems, which you can read more about under Climate & Energy.

Every year we take care of more than 300 000 damaged cars, and order reparations of homes and offices for millions of Swedish kronor. In order to reduce the environmental impact while handling this great volume of services we consider requirements related to environmental and climate while choosing a supplier, transport system, working materials and methods and waste handling. During 2010 we achieved cost savings of hundred million SEK by continuous developing of working methods in car repair shops where damaged plastic parts are being repaired instead of replaced.

I hope you will enjoy reading more about our environmental work in this report!

Torbjörn Magnusson CEO, If P&C Insurance AB

## **ABOUT IF**

### **Our mission**

If offers attractively priced insurance solutions that provide customers with security and stability in their business operations, housing and daily life.

## **Core values**

### Easy to reach and relate to

It is easy to get in touch with If and its personnel. If's products and services are easy to understand

#### <u>Dedicated</u>

If takes initiative and cares about  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{me}}$ 

**Reliable** 

If keeps its promises and helps me when needed

#### Forward-thinking

If is in the forefront of development and continuously creates new insurance products and services

### **Services**

We offer whole range insurance solutions and services. It includes everything from insurances for private cars and homes to customized global insurance programs for international industrial enterprises.

## Organization

If is the leading property and casualty insurance company in the Nordic region with an integrated organization and activities. The company belongs to Sampo Plc group that is listed on the Helsinki Stock Exchange. The business is managed from Nordic perspective. Our operations are divided into customers within business areas Private, Commercial, Industrial, Baltics and Russia. Supporting functions such as IT, HR and Information are organized from Nordic perspective.

Company name	If (If P&C Insurance AB)
Countries of operation	Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden
Headquarters	Solna, Stockholm
Technical result	4 284 MSEK
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	15 500 tons
Markets	Non-life insurances for private persons, businesses, and international industrial enterprises.
Number of customers	3.6 million

#### Number of employees



#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by country, 2010 (tons)



## CONTINUOUS WORK

### What did we say we would do

- Finish the remaining tasks in the list of 100-environmental-action-points
- At the end of 2009, employees at If will have a better understanding of how we can operate as a more environmentally friendly company
- 10 percent reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from July 1, 2009 until the end of 2010

### What have we done

- Finished the tasks in the list of 100-environmental-action-points
- Introduced environmental issues and routines as part of training for new employees
- Improved completeness of climate impact accounting
- Received an award for being the most active user of video conference systems
- Finalized a decision to compensate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from our activities
- Wrote a debate article on climate issues together with other Nordic insurance companies
- Released a Climate tool for our business customers
- If Sweden and Norway became members of Svanen environmental procurement system
- Became member of the collaborative insurance initiative Climatewise
- Introduced one new environment related product
- Funded research in climate change together with other insurance companies

## Targets for short term - upcoming year

- All the significant contractors in claims handling and also the 50 largest suppliers will undergo screening on If's environmental requirements. Shall be completed by the end of 2011
- Release of operation at least one environment related product in each country. Shall be completed by the end of 2011
- Carry in each country of operation at least one environmentally related interaction with our customers. Shall be completed by March 1, 2012
- Reduce  $CO_2$  emissions by 15 percent from 2011, by the end of 2012
- In claims handling we shall improve our methods, take better care of waste and increase reuse of materials and plastic parts.
- All environmental reports shall be of high quality and available at a given date

## **Our long-term target**

• Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50 percent from 2008 to 2015

## ABOUT OUR APPROACH

Our aim is to establish sustainable customer satisfaction, which is why one of our tasks is to minimize our environmental impact. We developed our environmental strategy in 2008 in a process lead by the Steering Group for Environment. We defined our environmental policy and goals and set up a basis for the approach to minimize our environmental impact. The main principles while managing our environmental impact are our own Core Values. Our approach is to minimize our environmental impact through increasing internal awareness and offer appropriate education and support.

#### MANAGING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

VALUES AND PRINCIPLES	If's core values
ENVIRONMENTAL KEY-ISSUES	Education and awareness Energy consumption Climate change Environmental impact from claims handling Waste minimization
COMMITTED ORGANIZATION	Steering Group – ensures that If works according to confirmed environmental goals. 7 members whereof 3 members are from If's executive board. Each member represents a different business area and country. Local Environmental Groups – formulate local activity plans. Present at every larger office.
TOOLS AND POLICIES	Environmental policy Procurement guidelines in line with Nordic Ecolabel standard Climate tool based on GHG Protocol standard ClimateWise Environmental rules for claims handling
COMMUNICATION AND AWARENESS GROWING	Employees – receive training regarding environmental issues Customers – environmental related interactions in each country of operation Suppliers – receive information about our environmental requirements Owners – environmental reporting External stakeholders – campaigns, funding research in climate change

#### **OUR STRATEGICAL GOALS**

- to increase the internal awareness of environmental issues and offer appropriate education and support as needed
- to minimize waste arising from our operations and to reuse and recycle waste when possible
- to minimize the consumption of energy, water and raw materials in our operations and to reuse and recycle where possible
- to ensure that insurance claims are managed with minimum impact on the environment

- to ensure that environmental impacts are considered in investment decisions
- to apply an environmental perspective to the development of our products and services, in order to ensure maximum advantage to our customers and other stakeholders
- to promote environmental initiatives through our socially focused activities
- to ensure that all local, national and international regulatory obligations that pertain to our operations are fulfilled

## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

If Nordic must take concrete measures to improve the environment on a daily basis. We always endeavour to find the best possible environmental solution - for our company, our customers, our suppliers and our partners.

- We must always give our staff the possibilities to act in an environmentally friendly way through the provision of guidelines and support.
- We are developing products, processes and damage prevention services in order to help our customers to act in a more environmentally friendly manner.
- We encourage and support our suppliers and partners in their efforts to use more environmentally friendly methods in their work.
- We must always provide information about environmental risks and participate actively in the public debate concerning climate change.



## **CLIMATE & ENERGY**

Climate change is a global environmental issue with a direct financial impact for the insurance industry. Our significant greenhouse gas emission sources are business travel and energy consumption in the offices.

#### **Distribution of emission sources**

The total amount of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions from If Nordic operations during 2010 was 15 500 tons. See page 13 for detailed results regarding energy consumption and climate impact. Purchased energy contributes to 29% and business travel (air, train, and car) to 71% of our total impact. The total emissions from business travel are almost 11 000 tons of  $CO_2$  (7500 tons of  $CO_2$ , in 2009). Of all the means of transportation we use, air travel has the highest impact per travelled km, which makes it the most significant source of emissions.

## **Calculation method**

We follow the Greenhouse Gas Protocol guidelines for estimating the climate impact of our operations. For 2010 we have improved the completeness of climate impact calculations from purchased electricity, district heating and cooling. Thus the figures are not completely comparable with 2009. The total amount of  $CO_2$  emissions for 2010 is 31% higher compared to 2009.

### **Changing meeting culture**

During 2010 we continued our active work on changing our meeting culture and behavior. That primarily consists of creating alternatives for online meetings that are easily accessible and very easy to use. We have fully implemented our video conference system which now consists of 65 facilities in the Nordic offices. Our active focus on these issues continues to show significant results – a 23% reduction in air travel. In November 2010 we received an award for being the most active user of video conference systems in Sweden.

We have changed our travel policy and booking procedure so that the focus is on the meeting, not the journey. The goal is to help employees to find the best possible solution from time management and environmental point of view.



#### Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per country



Year	No of flights	No of video calls
2008	21404	9199
2009	17120	14040
2010	16563	19581
Change since 2008	-23%	+113%

## Travelled distance compared to $\mbox{CO}_2$ emissions (tons)





Consumed energy per employee (MWh electricity, heating, and cooling)



#### **Green-IT**

With green-IT we consider reducing energy consumption from information systems and responsible electronic waste management.

We focus on reducing the amount of equipment we are using today, changing habits, and investing in energy efficient solutions. In 2010 we started a program that enables us to reduce energy consumption from our IT-systems. We have reduced the amount of servers significantly and at the same time improved the safety and efficiency of our data systems.

Furthermore we have started replacing electronic printing equipment in offices with multifunctional ones. The average energy consumption of the new equipment is 40% lower than before. Plus the printing, scanning, copying, and faxing functions are provided by one machine instead of several different ones. At the end of 2010 offices in Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden were already using such equipment. We have also started a campaign in our offices encouraging everyone to switch off all electronic equipment at the end of the day.

Our ambition is to ensure that the electronic equipment that we do not need or cannot use any more is responsibly taken care of. Since electronic waste often contains substances that are toxic in small amounts, we have set strict requirements for our suppliers of electronic waste management. We only accept suppliers that can ensure safety of people and environment while dismantling and handling the electronic waste.

## MATERIALS AND WASTE

The world today is consuming so much that it takes one and a half planet to meet everyone's needs<sup>1</sup>. However the fact is that we have only one planet with limited resources. Thus there is an urgent need for sustainable solutions. Efficient use of materials and responsible waste management has very important roles in our environmental agenda.

### **Materials**

Our material use is dominated by paper, which is consistent with the nature of our business sector. See page 14 for detailed results regarding 2010. In order to reduce our paper consumption we have introduced (2008-2009) routines such as always printing on both sides of a document; only purchase copy paper that fulfills high environmental standards (equivalent to Nordic Ecolabel); and run external campaigns towards minimized use of paper (e.g. e-invoices instead of printed ones). In 2010 we started developing routines and rules for "paper-free meetings" which will be introduced during 2011-2012.

### Waste minimization

Our ambition is to reuse and recycle materials from our operations. In this area we can make the biggest difference by reusing materials and undamaged parts from claims handling processes. We manage over 300 000 cars every year. To minimize waste generation we have initiated reuse of plastic and metal parts from motor claims instead of disposing them.

In 2010 our repair shops have reused 171 tons of plastic and 2313 tons of steel and

aluminum from claims handling. In addition we have reused over 800 tons of previously used spare parts of various materials. Recycling materials has a significant positive effect on climate, and the effect from reuse in auto claims is exceeding the total amount of  $CO_2$  emissions from business travel (10967 tons  $CO_2$ ).



## Change in paper consumption 2008-2010 (tons)

	Amount (tons)	Estimated avoided emissions (tons CO <sub>2</sub> )
Plastic	171	1482
Steel/ Aluminum	2313	12722
Total	3301	14204

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Global Footprint Network 2010

## AWARENESS AND COMMITMENT

We believe that we can achieve a great reduction in our impact on environment when our employees have a better understanding of how we can operate more environmentally friendly.

#### **Awareness**

In 2010 environmental training was introduced as part of introduction training for all new employees. In addition to training we have during the year used many other ways to encourage our employees to act more environmentally friendly, e.g. campaigns, information days and environmentally related news on our intranet.

### Commitment

In order to encourage commitment among employees we have arranged our environmental steering group and local environmental groups so that they involve people throughout the Nordic organization from different countries, divisions and levels. This way we have managed to introduce environmental thinking into every unit and part of the organization. Everyone has a chance to get a better understanding of environmental issues, which enables them to help implementing the solutions that has the most effect at their specific workplace.

#### **Our environmental commitments**

Strategy	$\checkmark$
Goals	$\checkmark$
Environmental policy	$\checkmark$
Environmental committees at bigger offices	
Environmental board including members from group executive board	V
Business' climate impact compensation	$\checkmark$
Environmental reporting	$\checkmark$
Climatewise member	$\checkmark$
Environmental requirements for suppliers	V
Climat tool for business customers	$\checkmark$
More than 60 video conference facilities	$\checkmark$
Environmental rules for claims handling	$\checkmark$
E-learning for employees	$\checkmark$
Training for new employees includes business' environmental issues and routines	V
Funding research in the field of climate change	V
Climate/environment related insurance products	
Reduced CO2 emissions	$\checkmark$

## CUSTOMERS, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Our customers expect us to provide services and products to manage environmental risks and also support easily accessible solutions in the way we communicate with each other.

## **Online reports**

Online channels for reporting claims and receiving invoices are becoming increasingly common alternatives for communication. The number of claims being reported through online channels has increased even more during 2010 and in total 31% of claims are reported online. This means reduced need to travel or printed material concerning customer relations.

Constant access to the Internet through phones and other media equipment means we also need to adjust our sales and communication channels to the customers' habits. Therefore we have set goals to increase the use of online channels for contacting customers.

## **Environmental products**

During 2010 we launched several new products related to environment. For instance in Norway we released a product that will cover sudden and accidental damage to the environment, including first and third party liability as well as damage by cars and boats. The purpose of the product is to cover the total operation in one insurance service. In 2011 the similar product will be launched in Sweden. By the end of 2011 we want to be providing at least one product related to environment in every Nordic country. Share of e-invoices in vehicle claims handling (2010)







## DETAILED OVERVEW OF RESULTS 2010

## Climate and energy

	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Total	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Total
Direct energy use l	by source (I	m3)				Climate in	npact (ton	s CO2)		
Petrol (m3)	8	3	0,2	4	15	18	8	0,5	10	37
Diesel (m3)	20	5	5	15	45	52	13	13	37	115
Biogas (m3)				4 570	4570				0,1	0,1
Natural gas (m3)				3 590	3590				8	8
Ethanol E85 (m3)				48	48				21	21
Total	28	8	5	8227	8267	70	21	14	76	181

Indirect energy consumption by source						Climate impact (tons CO <sub>2</sub> )				
Electricity (MWh)	1046	6577	8153	3350	19126	573	1338	12	164	2087
District heating (MWh)	796	9403	1452	4689	16340	109	1928	86	147	2270
District cooling (MWh)		562	703	5788	7053		11	16	134	161
Total	1842	16542	10308	13827	42519	682	3277	114	445	4518

Indirect energy use from business travel						Climate impact (tons CO <sub>2</sub> )				
Air (km)	1415953	4706578	6289360	6729999	19141890	607	1988	2779	2838	8212
Train (km)		1540650	415755	1200554	3156959		19	0,002	0,005	19
Car* (km)	1142078	3881875	3681192	4315634	13020777	230	779	738	766	2513
Petrol	571603	1379464	1315782	2133910	5400759	118	286	272	427	1103
Diesel	570475	2502411	2365410	1477984	6916280	112	493	466	285	1356
Ethanol				451422	451422				27	27
Biogas				45823	45823				2	2
Hybrid				206495	206495				25	25
Copy paper	9	54	38	40	141	3	16	11	12	42
Total	Total						2802	3528	3616	10786
Summa						1592	6100	3656	4137	15485

\*Taxi, rented cars, personal cars

## Materials and waste

Water	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Total
Water consumption (m3)	2272	14232	14742	14486	45732

Paper	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Total
Copying paper	9	54	38	40	141
Printed material	20	185	163	99	467
Marketing material		164	36	120	320
Total (tons)	29	403	237	259	928

Waste	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Total					
Disposal (tons)										
Mixed waste	n.a.	57	99	105	261					
Paper and cardboard	n.a.	0	0	0	0					
Waste IT products	n.a.	0	0	0	0					
Metal and glas	n.a.	0	0	1	1					
Domestic waste e.g. Kitchen waste	n.a.	0	0	8	8					
Recycled and/or	reused (tor	ıs)								
Mixed waste	n.a.	25	17	0	42					
Paper and cardboard	n.a.	96	74	86	256					
Waste IT products	n.a.	2	0,2	0	2					
Domestic waste (bio)	n.a.	36	52	12	100					
Metal, glass	n.a.	19	4	0	23					