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The SRI-KEHATI index, which lists 25 companies, is the second single-nation sustainability index in Asia after Japan, according to the Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation.

The sustainable and responsible investment (SRI) index, launched on Monday, includes a palm oil firm, three miners and two cement

companies in Indonesia, which is widely considered the world's third-highest carbon emitter.

"The index is created as a parameter so investors can invest their funds in companies that show awareness of the environment and community," the foundation's [investment](#) specialist Sani Burhanuddin said.

"We hope that investors won't only focus their attention (on the) financial aspect, but also take fundamental aspects into consideration for their medium- and long-term investments."

The companies are judged on six areas, which are the environment, community involvement, good corporate governance, respect for human rights, business behaviour and labour practices.

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