



## Add-on for Rainforest Alliance-certified farms

### Unlock synergies and optimise compliance efforts with the Preferred by Nature Sustainability Framework

The Preferred by Nature Sustainability Framework Programme offers the opportunity to obtain the **Hummingbird Seal**, provided specific conditions are met. Our programme places value on existing certification efforts, ensuring that there is no duplication of requirements. In order to ensure compatibility, we have conducted a thorough comparison of our Sustainability Framework with various certification schemes.

For farmers who are interested in using the **Hummingbird Seal** and already adhere to one of our benchmarked standards, we offer the option of an **add-on verification** within the Sustainability Framework Programme. This add-on verification focuses exclusively on the additional areas covered by our Framework.

For the **conditions** that would be verified in addition to applicable **RA Sustainable Agriculture Farm requirements** as part of your farm audit, please **check page 2**. During the audit, they can be integrated with the RA requirements to maximise the efficiency of the compliance evaluation process.

The add-on requirements can be seamlessly integrated into your next scheduled audit, optimising efficiency and minimising disruption. Alternatively, if desired, a separate add-on audit can be conducted to expedite the verification process.

For farmers certified against the **Rainforest Alliance (RA) Sustainable Agriculture (Farm) Standard** who wish to participate in the Sustainability Framework Programme, this document outlines the additional requirements.

To initiate the add-on verification process, simply **get in touch with your dedicated task manager**, who will promptly assist you in planning the next steps.





## Add-on indicators for Rainforest Alliance-certified farms

### Principle 1 Management and business practices are responsible.

#### Criterion 1.2 Management and operations are conducted responsibly.

- 1.2.3 Legal harvesting or production requirements are complied with.
- 1.2.4 Legal requirements related to the disclosure of information are complied with.

#### Criterion 1.3 Taxes and fees are paid.

- 1.3.1 Legal requirements for payment of royalties, land/area taxes and fees are complied with.
- 1.3.2 Legal requirements for payment of value-added taxes and/or other sales taxes are complied with.
- 1.3.3 Legal requirements for payment of corporate taxes are complied with, including profit taxes.
- 1.3.4 Legal requirements for payment of trade and/or export taxes and fees are complied with.

#### Criterion 1.4 Corruption, fraud and conflict of interest are avoided.

- 1.4.1 Legal requirements relating to corruption - including bribery - fraud and conflict of interest are complied with.
- 1.4.3 Conflicts of interest are identified, declared and managed.

#### Criterion 1.5 Trade and procurement are responsible.

- 1.5.1 Legal requirements relating to trade and transport of products are complied with.
- 1.5.2 Legal requirements related to applicable trade restrictions and sanctions are complied with.
- 1.5.4 Legal requirements relating to export and/or import are complied with.
- 1.5.5 Legal requirements relating to offshore trading and transfer pricing are complied with.
- 1.5.6 Legal requirements relating to due diligence or due care are complied with.

#### Criterion 1.6 Buildings, infrastructure and activities are developed and maintained in a responsible manner.

- 1.6.1 Development of buildings, infrastructure and activities comply with applicable codes and legal requirements.
- 1.6.3 Maintenance of buildings and infrastructure ensures their integrity and function while minimising impacts on the surrounding environment and people.
- 1.6.4 Where applicable, buildings, infrastructure and activities ensure appropriate access and accessibility features.

#### Criterion 1.7 The quality of customers' and visitors' experience is continuously improved.

- 1.7.3 Communication with customers and visitors is accurate and reliable, and promotes responsible visits and interactions.

### Principle 2 People's well-being and human rights are respected.

#### Criterion 2.6 Workers are remunerated in a responsible manner.

- 2.6.4 Payment is made directly to all workers to ensure they safely receive and retain their wages.

### Principle 3 Nature and the environment are protected.

#### Criterion 3.1 Forests and other ecosystems are not converted.

- 3.1.2 Primary Forest is not degraded or converted to Plantation Forest, Other Planted Forest or Other Wooded Land after 31 December 2020.
- 3.1.3 Naturally Regenerating Forest is not degraded or converted to Plantation Forest or Other Wooded Land after 31 December 2020.

#### Criterion 3.5 Waste is reduced and managed responsibly.

- 3.5.6 In the case of cross-border transportation of hazardous waste, the requirements of the Basel Convention are complied with.

#### Criterion 3.6 Pollution is minimised or prevented.

- 3.6.2 The use of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) is conducted according to legal requirements and minimised as far as possible.
- 3.6.4 Release of pollutants to the air is prevented or reduced, and meets all legal levels for emissions.
- 3.6.5 Pollution from noise and light is minimised or avoided.

### Principle 4 Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

#### 4.2. Climate change adaptation efforts are implemented proportionately to the risk.

- 4.2.2. Measures for climate change adaptation are implemented for areas of high risk and proportionate to the scale of the operations and anticipated social, economic and environmental impacts.

