



# Sucafina's Deforestation and Forest Conservation Policy – POL-035

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## 1. Introduction

Sucafina's commitment to sustainability is built on three core pillars: Caring for People, Investing in Farmers and Protecting Our Planet. Central to these pillars is our dedication to conserving forests, preventing deforestation and ensuring that coffees we source are produced in an environmentally responsible way that enhances livelihoods and safeguards the wellbeing of future generations.

Forests play a vital role in mitigating climate change, preserving biodiversity and supporting farming communities. As a leading sustainable coffee company, we recognize our responsibility to preserve these ecosystems. This Deforestation and Forest Conservation Policy outlines our commitment to eliminating deforestation and forest degradation from our supply chain, while actively promoting forest-positive outcomes and conservation efforts.

Sucafina's success is rooted in our dedication to the many thousands of farmers who grow our coffee. Through this policy and our responsible sourcing program, IMPACT, we aim to drive sustainable transformation in the coffee industry, create value for all stakeholders and support farmers to make sustainable choices that protect our planet.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all coffee sourced and traded by Sucafina across its global operations. It pertains to all suppliers, including farmers, cooperatives and processors, and governs our relationships with suppliers and other supply chain actors.

We expect all suppliers to adhere to similar standards and practices that align with this policy, along with the principles set out in our [Supplier Code of Conduct](#).

Our policy is aligned with international frameworks, including the [EU Deforestation Regulation \(EUDR\)](#) as well as market-based schemes recognized as equivalent under the Global Coffee Platform (GCP) Coffee Sustainability Reference Code.



### 3. Our Commitment

Sucafina works hard to ensure that coffee production in our supply chains is deforestation-free and contributes to long-term forest conservation. Our commitments include:

- **No deforestation in coffee sourcing.** In accordance with EUDR and other GCP-equivalent schemes, we commit to ensuring that every coffee bean we source is grown without causing deforestation. These requirements are embedded within our IMPACT Program.
- **Support for legal and sustainable land use.** We require compliance with existing local land and forest-use regulations, and prohibit production on illegally deforested land.
- **Promoting agroforestry systems and climate-smart agricultural practices.** Through our IMPACT Program, we promote farm practices that restore biodiversity, improve soil management, preserve natural areas on supplying farms and support long-term monitoring of forest conservation in coffee-growing landscapes.
- **Contributing to global efforts to combat climate change and conserve biodiversity.** Sucafina is implementing a Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions and protect ecosystems. As part of our long-term Sustainability Strategy, Sucafina supports research to promote agricultural innovation that enhances climate resilience and preserves biodiversity in coffee-growing regions.
- **Collaborating with stakeholders to address deforestation risks.** Where possible, Sucafina works together with relevant stakeholders (communities, industry partners, governmental and non-governmental) to understand and improve local contexts involving deforestation risks and mitigate future deforestation.
- **Respect for people and planet.** Our commitment to labor and human rights, outlined in our [Supplier Code of Conduct](#), is closely aligned with our environmental goals.
- **Transparency and accountability.** We report annually on the implementation of this policy through our corporate sustainability report, including our progress on reducing deforestation risk and enhancing forest conservation efforts.

### 4. Our Approach

Sucafina aims to tackle deforestation and promote forest-positive outcomes at the local level with a combination of knowledge-sharing and action through:

- **Risk assessments.** Through our Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS), we conduct global country risk assessments based on underlying risk factors that include supply chain traceability and deforestation exposure. Aligned to the ECF Due Diligence EUDR Guidance document, these risk assessments help us to prioritize actions based on the severity and likelihood of identified risks. We also maintain a legal register for each origin operation and actively monitor compliance with relevant legislation.
- **Promoting vertically integrated traceability.** The first step to preventing deforestation is understanding where our products come from and under which circumstances they were



produced. As part of our strategy, we have targets to increase our network of farmers we source from directly and maintain up-to-date data on their farming practices and locations. This visibility is enabled through digital traceability systems and farmer engagement tools implemented across key sourcing regions.

- **Monitoring our supply chain.** We monitor deforestation using primary and secondary analysis of satellite imagery and geospatial data, in partnership with TradeInSpace. These tools help us to detect changes in land use and identify areas where follow-up or verification is needed.
- **Providing support to farmers.** We support our farmer partners in adopting regenerative agricultural practices that increase productivity, resilience and environmental protection, while strengthening their incomes. We promote agroforestry and intercropping systems that meet community needs without expanding into forests, and support forest conservation by restoring degraded areas and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- **Supplier engagement.** Deforestation-related requirements are embedded in Sucafina's [Supplier Code of Conduct](#) and included in all contracts.
- **Stakeholder engagement.** We engage in multi-stakeholder initiatives and collaborate with governments, civil society and other businesses to support a collective approach to mitigating deforestation risks.
- **Grievance mechanisms.** Our operational grievance mechanism, [Speak Up](#), enables stakeholders, including local communities, to report non-compliance or suggest improvements anonymously.
- **Verification.** Third-party audits and verification of deforestation criteria are incorporated into our approach. In cases of non-compliance, we implement corrective actions such as supplier training, and in severe instances, may cease procurement from suppliers who fail to meet our standards.
- **Continuous improvement.** We regularly review and adapt our policies to reflect new sourcing regions, patterns of deforestation and evolving international standards and legislation.

## 5. Definitions

- **Deforestation:** The conversion of forested land to non-forest use as per the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) definitions. Deforestation is defined as 'the permanent removal or destruction of forests, converting these areas into non-forest land for agricultural use' (FAO, 2018).
- **Forests:** Land spanning more than 0.5 hectares with trees higher than 5 meters and a canopy cover of more than 10 percent, or trees able to reach these thresholds in situ. Forests do not include land that is predominantly under agricultural or other land use.
- **Deforestation-Free:** Coffee sourced from land that has not experienced deforestation since December 31, 2020.



## **6. Review and Updates**

This policy will be reviewed every two years – or when relevant material changes occur – to ensure alignment with evolving regulations, scientific advancements and stakeholder feedback. Updates will be communicated transparently to all relevant stakeholders.

## **7. Review and Updates**

Furthermore, you should not hesitate to contact the Sustainability Team if any aspect is not unclear and you need guidance.

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