



# Sustainable Agriculture and Trade: A Deep Dive Roundtable

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# VSS and deforestation

Alignment between deforestation prevention and reforestation practices and required (✓), recommended (o) or absent (-) production criteria of VSS in cocoa, palm oil, soy and timber.

<i>Sustainability standards</i>	Fairtrade	RA	Organic	RSPO	ISCC	RTRS	ProTerra	FSC	PEFC
<i>Products</i>	Cocoa	Cocoa, palm oil	Cocoa, palm oil, soy	Palm oil	Palm oil, soy	Soy	Soy	Timber	Timber
<b><i>Deforestation prevention &amp; reforestation</i></b>									
Ban on converting areas with high biodiversity, conservation value, or carbon stock (Cut-off date)	✓ (-)	✓ (2014)	✓ (5 years prior to certification)	✓ (2005)	✓ (2008)	✓ (2009 & 2008 for the Amazon)	✓ (2008)	✓ (National Std.)	✓ (National Std.)
Restoring Natural Areas	o	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (National Std.)	✓ (National Std.)
Reforestation	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓ (National Std.)	✓ (National Std.)

Source: Modified from <https://mekonecology.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/MEKON-ECOLOGY-2017-Certification-standards-Deforestation.pdf>

# VSS coverage forest conservation

	4C	BCI	BSC	CMIA	FHL	FSPO	GG	ORG	PTF	RA	RSPO	RTRS	Average
<b>Forest conservation</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>72</b>
Deforestation prevention and remediation	100	0	0	100	0	80	0	0	100	100	100	100	57
Forest preservation	100	100	100	100	100	0	20	0	100	100	100	100	77
Forest conversion prevention	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	100	100	100	100	83

Source: IISD. (2021). Standards and Investments in Sustainable Agriculture Review.

A photograph of a tea plantation. In the foreground, a woman wearing a white shirt and a yellow apron is harvesting tea leaves. She has a large, round, woven basket on her back. In the background, another worker in a blue shirt and yellow apron is also harvesting. The tea plants are lush green, and the sky is overcast.

# Thank you