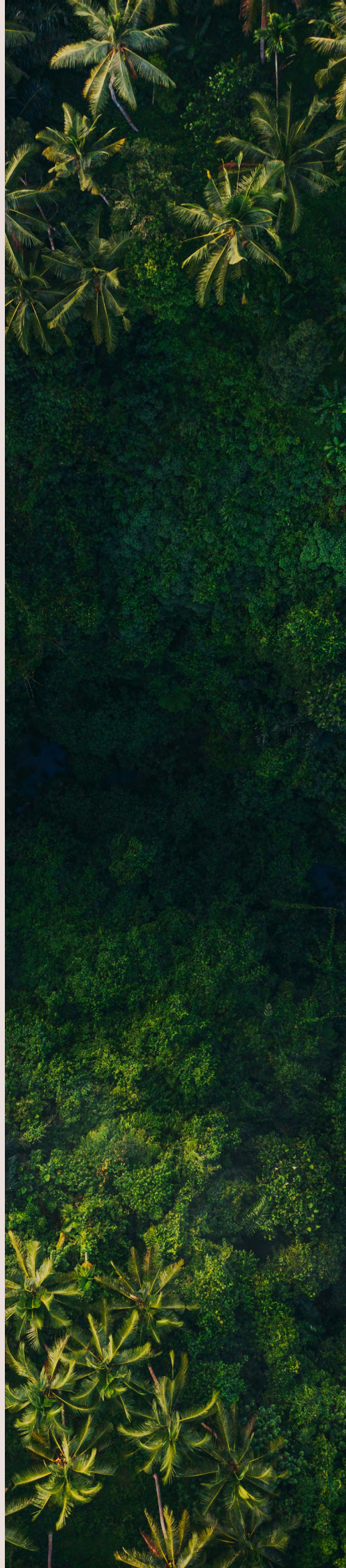


**COCOA  
SOURCE**  
SOURCE & DELIVER

# SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

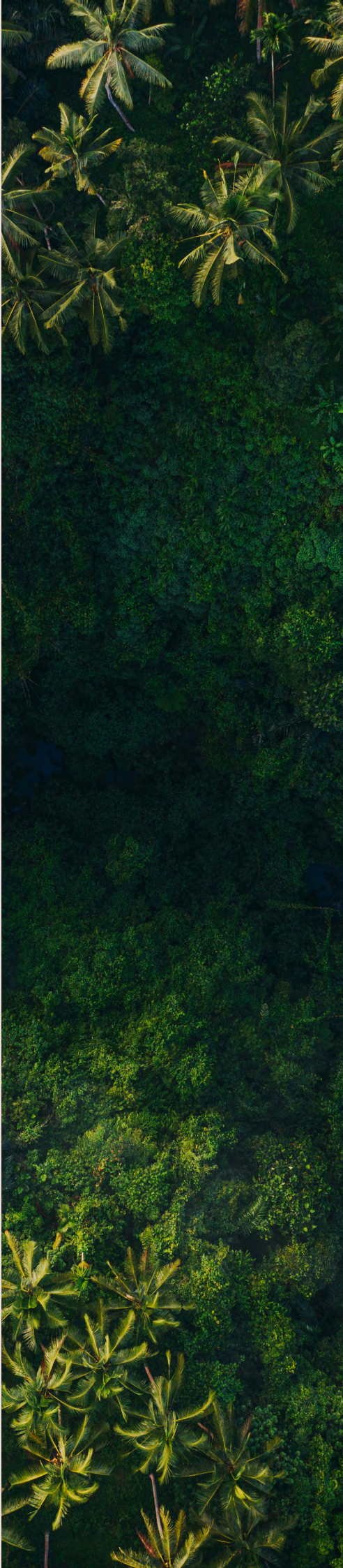
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# INTRO

## Sustainability at Cocoasource

We are delighted to be sharing with our customers, supply chain partners, financiers, and sustainability implementation partners, our 2023 sustainability report.

The cocoa market is experiencing extraordinary times with historic price levels, significant market price volatility, and production challenges – with Ivory Coast and Ghana, the world's top producers facing a significant decline in production – with estimates of about 35%. This significant productivity drop has resulted in a shortage of approximately 500,000 metric tons for the current season, propelling cocoa prices to these unprecedented heights. Several factors contribute to this situation, including the prevalence of Cacao Swollen Shoot Virus and Black Pod diseases, aging plantations, and adverse weather conditions.

In parallel to global supply chain challenges, increased regulation such as the European Union No Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) is leading to accentuated operational stress on all actors along the supply chain as the overall industry is preparing itself to demonstrate compliance to such regulations.

Despite the challenging context, we have proactively prepared for this scenario through our historic approach of investing in our origin operations and placing sustainability at the core of our operations. Our presence across East Africa (Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo) and West Africa (Ivory Coast, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Togo) has



**MATTHIEU VIDAL**

Managing Director

***Our long-time presence across East Africa and West Africa has allowed us to ensure continuity in the supply chain and drive sustainability with our partner cooperatives and clients.***





allowed us to mitigate risks, ensure continuity in the supply chain, and drive sustainability initiatives with our partner cooperatives.

## OUR APPROACH

- 1 | **CREATING DIRECT & TRANSPARENT SUPPLY CHAINS**
- 2 | **ENSURING VALUE CREATION AT ORIGIN**
- 3 | **FACILITATING LANDSCAPE INITIATIVES TO DRIVE SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE IN OUR SOURCING REGIONS**

These pillars represent how we are able to bring to life our long-term values of trust, fairness, and commitment.

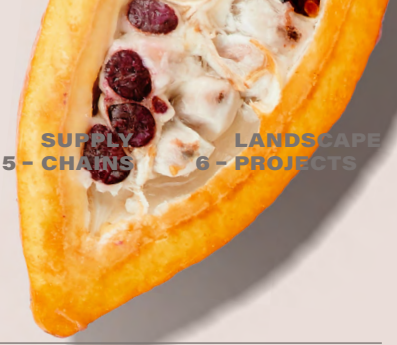


African Trade Winds team in Uganda









































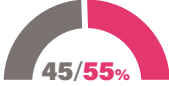








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# BUSINESS OVERVIEW

## Cocoasource group overview

COMPANY	COUNTRY	ACTIVITY	COMMODITIES	TURNOVER in K-CHF	HEADCOUNT	CCS / LOCAL OWNERSHIP
 COCOA SOURCE	Switzerland	Trade	    	172 791	20	 100%
 COCOA SOURCE	Singapore	Trade		48 924	6	 70/30%
 OCEAN	Ivory Coast	Source, Export & Sustainability program	  	35 391	22	 40/60%
 BAHARI	Congo	Source, Export & Sustainability program	  	13 172	39	 80/20%
 COCOLOMEX	Togo	Source, Export & Sustainability program	   	9 106	15	 90/10%
 AFRICAN TRADE WINDS	Uganda	Source, Export & Sustainability program	 	13 929	11	 99/1%
 DIDWA COMPANY	Ghana	Source, Export & Sustainability program	 	957	3	 90/10%
 AKUNA COCOA	Sierra Leone	Source, Export & Sustainability program	  	311	12	 45/55%
 TREEGETHER®	Switzerland	Consumer Goods		196	1	 60/40%
 CisheW	Netherlands	Consumer Goods		26	3	 40/60%



cocoa



rubber



cashew



soy



sesame



coffee



consumer goods



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# 132 EMPLOYEES




Total headcount

# 222 307K CHF

Total revenue



## Certified volume

ORIGIN CERTIFICATIONS		VOLUME (MT) Ivory Coast	Ghana	Togo	Uganda	CERTIFIED VOLUME (MT)
	Fairtrade USA		25			25
	Fairtrade MB	437	74		25	537
	Fairtrade VPT	9 941	1 375			11 316
	Fairtrade VPT & RA IP	1 175	75			1 250
	Organic	278			426	703
	Organic & Fairtrade USA		750			750
	Organic & Fairtrade MB		350		196	546
	Organic & FFL	100	75			175
	Organic & RA IP				402	402
	Organic & RA MB	170				170
	Rainforest Alliance IP	5 858	3 075	263	533	9 729
	Rainforest Alliance MB	6 991		121		7 112
		24 950	5 799	384	1 582	32 715

RA: Rainforest Alliance  
FFL: Fair for LifeIP: Identity Preserved  
MB: Mass Balance

VPT: Voluntary Physical Traceability





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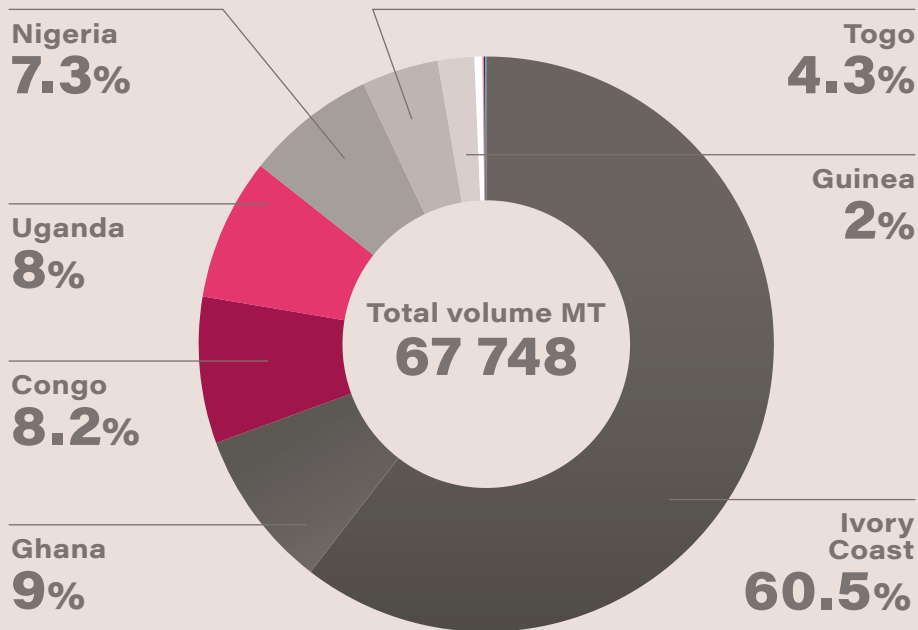
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## Cocoa volume overview

■ ORIGIN, VOLUME (MT)



### WEST AFRICA

- Ivory Coast, 40 958
- Ghana, 6 070
- Nigeria, 4 971
- Togo, 2 920
- Guinea, 1 387
- Liberia, 306
- Sierra Leone, 50

### EAST AFRICA

- Congo, 5 581
- Uganda, 5 411
- Madagascar, 56

### SOUTH AMERICA

- Peru, 37



Around 90% of our volumes are originating from our 6 origin offices throughout West Africa or East Africa. For the other origins, we establish long-term relations with trusted third-party exporters.



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# SOURCING ORIGINS

Our teams & achievements



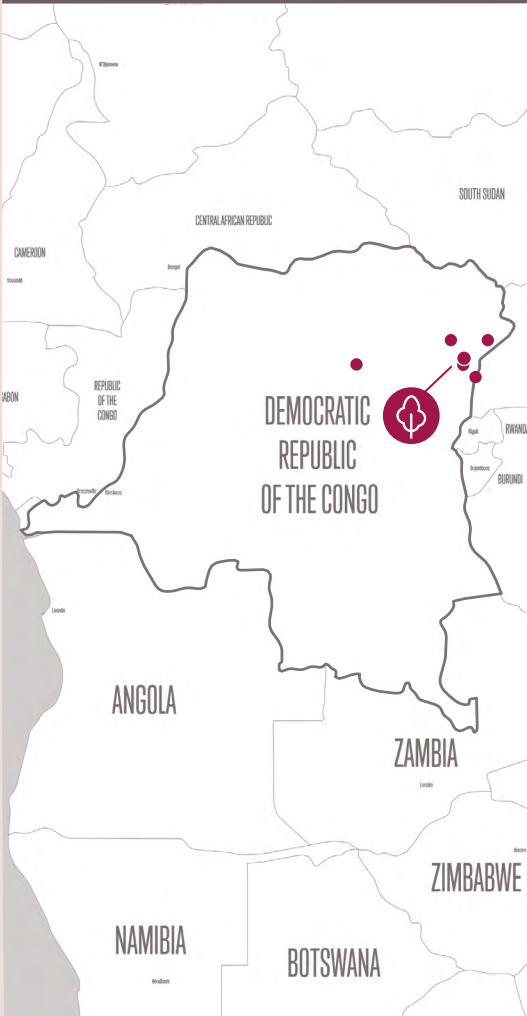
**DR CONGO, Beni**  
**David Kavusa**  
Managing Director



For the 2022-2023 season, Bahari continued its efforts in cocoa procurement and export while further developing sustainable agricultural. The team focused on empowering cooperatives, aiming to build trust among farmers in these vital structures. Cooperatives are a way to reach farmers and play a crucial role in implementing certification programs and sustainability projects, thereby contributing to agricultural, social, and environmental progress in communities.



**David Kavusa:** Our vision is to structure our operations around cooperatives. We favor this approach because working directly with cooperatives allows us to have a tangible impact on the lives of farmers. Currently, the cocoa sector is dominated by intermediaries and suppliers. These intermediaries, in turn,



Central base Cooperative partners





*engage with other intermediaries before reaching the farmer. Despite the challenges cooperatives may face, we are committed to strengthening and supporting their organization. Organizing around cooperatives allows us to engage directly with farmers, rather than going through multiple layers of intermediaries, which often leads to inflated prices that ultimately harm the farmers.*

In close collaboration with local authorities, Bahari's team is actively involved in developing policies and regulations to promote responsible and inclusive agricultural development, while also addressing deforestation and unsustainable practices. Bahari has also begun implementing educational programs that train farmers on sustainable production methods, ensuring their safety and offering sustainable income opportunities.



**David Kavusa:** *Farmers are sometimes not growing other vegetables or other protein sources to maintain a balanced diet. With the support of community facilitators within the cooperative, we can help address the challenge of malnutrition that is present in some of our communities.*

VOLUMES IN 2023

**5 581** MT

N° OF EMPLOYEES

**39**

COMMODITIES

**AFRICAN  
TRADE WINDS****UGANDA, Kampala****Honorat Damon**

Managing Director

**Winnie Nambhla**

Sustainability &amp; Sourcing Manager



During the last campaign, African Trade Winds (ATW) made significant strides in promoting sustainability within the cocoa industry in Uganda. Through a multifaceted approach, the organization focused on enhancing the livelihoods of cocoa farmers while prioritizing environmental conservation. Collaborating with key stakeholders such as the Kyaninga Forest Foundation, ATW is facilitat-



ting agroforestry projects focused on planting native trees and reducing deforestation thereby contributing to biodiversity preservation.



**Honorat Damon:** *Kyaninga Forest Foundation has been a key partner, and we are collaborating on extensive tree planting initiatives. Their invaluable expertise, technical support and resources have been instrumental in our joint efforts to preserve the environment and empower local communities.*

By advocating for sustainable farming practices and providing support for improved crop yields and fermentation techniques, ATW has successfully increased cocoa production and quality. Despite facing challenges such as market fluctuations, ATW remains constant in its commitment to empowering farmers and fostering community development. Looking ahead, ATW continues to prioritize initiatives that promote economic resilience, environmental stewardship, and social well-being within Uganda's cocoa sector.



**Winnie Nambehla:** *It's essentially about promoting good practices and achieving better yields, while also emphasizing the importance of diversification in farming practices. Farmers can benefit not just from selling timber but also from cultivating various tree species tailored to different needs. This approach encourages a long-term vision, where farmers strategically plan their production over several years, incorporating trees like local teak for valuable returns. The aim is to create multifunctional gardens that integrate diverse tree species serving various purposes such as firewood, food, and timber, unlike the current practice of monoculture. It's all about striking a balance and maximizing the benefits for the farmers.*



VOLUMES IN 2023

5 411 MT

N° OF EMPLOYEES

11

COMMODITIES





**IVORY COAST, Abidjan****Assata Doumbia**

Sustainability Director



**Assata Doumbia:** Our vision is one where cooperatives are driving their destiny, are innovating, and are strengthening their position in the supply chain. This is why we see ourselves as a platform to connect and facilitate exchanges between cooperatives – how to govern and work with the farmer base, best approaches for sustainability projects, how to become more autonomous via direct access to

finance, how to innovate and create different revenue streams for the cooperative, how to create greater value added at origin. We need to continue driving in this direction to support a better future for future Ivorian generations.

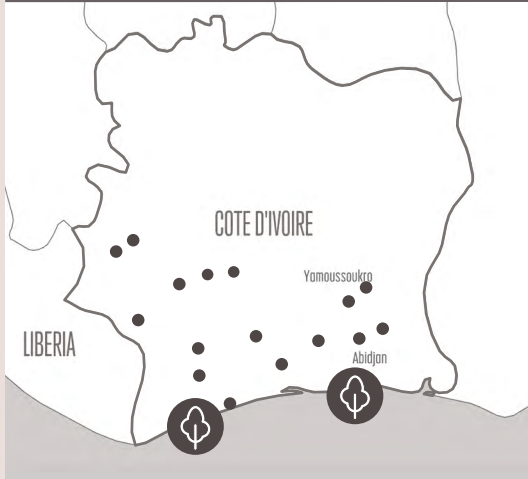
VOLUMES IN 2023

**40 958<sub>MT</sub>**

N° OF EMPLOYEES

**22**

COMMODITIES

**TOGO, Lomé****Pierre-Marie Wagon**

Managing Director

**Christelle Karoue**

Sustainability Manager



**Pierre-Marie Wagon:** Here in Togo we see many opportunities to improve sustainability in the cocoa sector. Key challenges we observe are linked to the relative lack of robust producer-led organizations. From looking at neighboring countries, we see that cooperatives can play a critical role in advancing the livelihoods of farmers. Through this improved structuring of the base of the supply chain – with less middlemen and stronger coopera



*tives – we believe that there will be clearer avenues to support farmers. We are committed on supporting this transition and will continue working on improved traceability and sustainability initiatives on the ground with our partner cooperatives.*

## VOLUMES IN 2023

**2 920<sub>MT</sub>**

## N° OF EMPLOYEES

**15**

## COMMODITIES

**SIERRA LEONE, Freetown****Ahmed Koima**

Operations Manager



**Ahmed Koima:** Since Akuna's inception, we have envisioned sourcing transparently and consistently from our suppliers, despite the challenges in Sierra Leone's cocoa sector. Our long-term vision extends beyond merely sourcing commodities from partner cooperatives. We aim to ensure that our suppliers receive better prices and transparent premium payments. We are committed to supporting these

*cooperatives by strengthening their governance structures and providing technical assistance in areas such as certification, farm rehabilitation, and quality enhancement throughout the supply chain. We are very excited about what the future holds for the Sierra Leone agriculture sector and are proud to be playing our role to positively impact this!*

## VOLUMES IN 2023

**50<sub>MT</sub>**

## N° OF EMPLOYEES

**12**

## COMMODITIES







## GHANA

**Ama Mogyabun**

Operations Manager



**Ama Mogyabun:** Ensuring the physical traceability of cocoa beans from tens of thousands of farmers in rural areas to the point of export is a significant challenge for our industry. At Didwa, we are continuously working to find solutions to ensure this traceability for Cocosource's final customers. By collaborating with partner Licensed Buying Companies (LBCs) and cooperatives, we can organize the supply chain to maintain full visibility of all farmers associated with each delivery, from the cooperative to the LBC, and through to export.

*We look forward to continuing our strong role in these supply chain logistics, especially with the increased legislation being implemented in many of our destination markets.*

*A key challenge affecting the livelihoods of Ghanaian farmers is the presence of illegal gold mining, known as Galamsey, in traditional cocoa landscapes. We look forward to improvements in this area and are eager to collaborate with diverse stakeholders to drive positive outcomes for cocoa communities impacted by these activities.*

VOLUMES IN 2023

**6 070<sub>MT</sub>**

N° OF EMPLOYEES

**3**

COMMODITIES

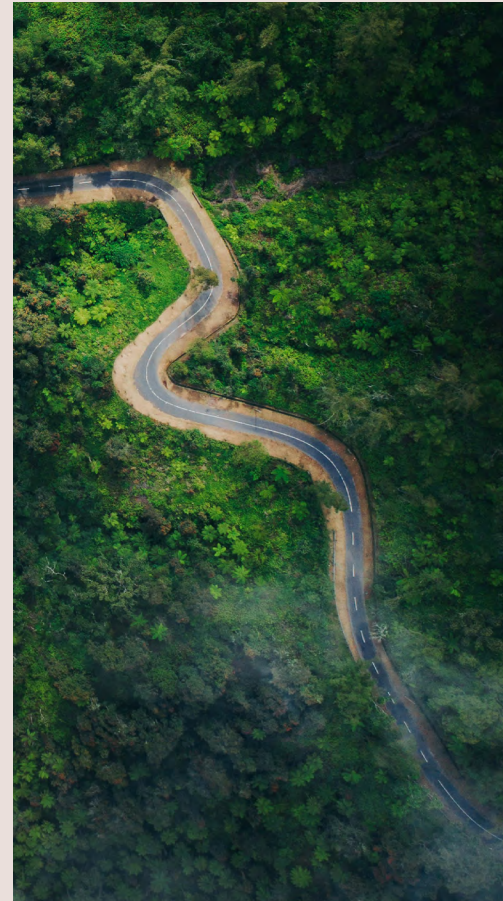




# OUR APPROACH

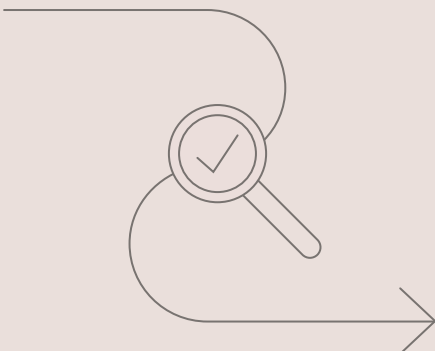
## TRACEABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

Traceability and Transparency have been at the core of Cocoasource operations since our founding - that which has allowed us to position ourselves as a leading provider of sustainable and traceable supply chain solutions. Whilst we are fully committed to aligning our offering to all upcoming legislation, including the European Union Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR); we remain committed to going beyond compliance and pioneering innovation and transparency within our supply chain - in partnership with our long-term supplying cooperative partners and long-term committed client base.



## Ensuring EUDR Compliance

As relates to EUDR, we are rolling-out our group wide strategy to ensure full compliance at the Cocoasource SA level, as well within the operations of our six sourcing offices throughout the African continent. Key elements of this approach include:



- 1 | **ORIGIN ACTION PLAN**
- 2 | **CENTRALIZED TRACEABILITY**
- 3 | **REMOTE SENSING** FOR DEFORESTATION
- 4 | **INDUSTRY COLLABORATION** VIA ECA AND WCF
- 5 | **HARMONIZED DATA FLOW**
- 6 | **SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN OPERATIONS** OF ALL OUR TEAMS





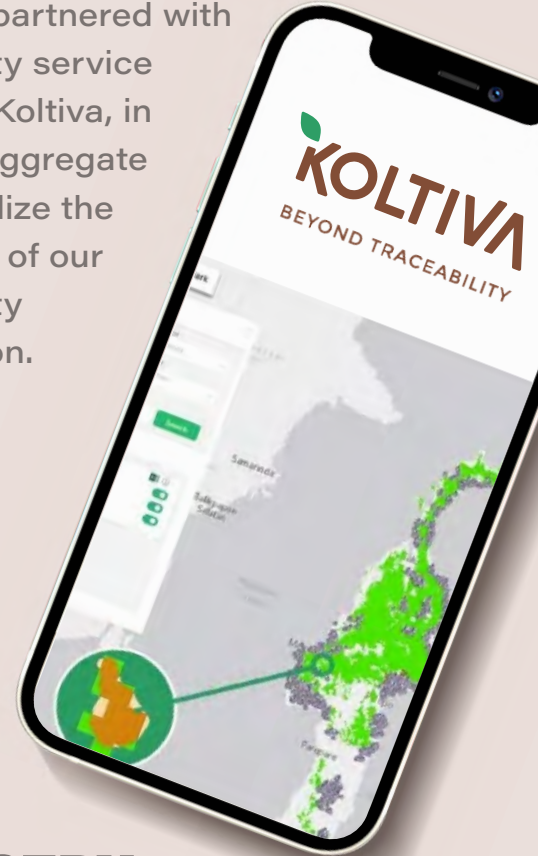
## 1 ORIGIN ACTION PLAN

We are currently implementing a custom Action Plan at each of our origin offices through which we are:

- **ACCURATELY IDENTIFYING ALL FARMERS IN OUR SUPPLY CHAIN**
- **COMPLETING FIELD BASED POLYGON EXERCISE**
- **ENGAGING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO FOLLOW LOCAL NATIONAL TRACEABILITY INITIATIVES**
- **SUPPORTING OUR CLOSED NETWORK OF SUPPLYING COOPERATIVES WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL TRACEABILITY TOOLS TO MANAGE PRODUCT FLOWS**

## 2 CENTRALIZED TRACEABILITY

We have partnered with traceability service provider, Koltiva, in order to aggregate and visualize the ensemble of our traceability information.



## 3 REMOTE SENSING FOR DEFORESTATION

We have partnered and are discussing with various satellite image providers in order to accurately identify any remaining forest areas within our sourcing landscapes to ensure Zero Deforestation in line with the EUDR cut-off date.



## 4 INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

**VIA ECA & WCF**

Through our membership in the European Cocoa Association (ECA) and World Cocoa Foundation (WCF), we are closely following industry wide initiatives to prepare for EUDR implementation (specifically articles 9, 10, and 11 of the legislation, which respectively address information gathering, risk assessment, and risk mitigation)



## 5 HARMONIZED DATA FLOW

We are actively working to ensure full data compatibility between our origin traceability solutions, our centralized traceability hub, our in-house trade flow tool, and the eventual EU portal for EUDR.

## 6 SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN OPERATIONS

We have strengthened our Sustainability team both at our central level as well as within our six sourcing entities at origin.

Additionally, our Trade, Logistics, and Sustainability teams are jointly embarked to ensure that all systems and processes within the company will ensure compliance with the legislation.

**We have strengthened both our central  
& local Sustainability teams.**







# DIRECT SUPPLY CHAINS

Cocoasource's client programs are fundamentally designed around the principles of transparency, sustainability, and partnership. The objective of these programs is characterized by a commitment to creating value throughout the supply chain, from farmers to end consumers. This is achieved through vertically integrated supply chains, ensuring that every step of the process is traceable and fair.

Our programs focus on tangible improvements in the livelihoods of farming communities.

We always start with a **needs analysis** of the cooperative, its members and communities they are active in. Our programs are co-creations of sustainable initiatives with cooperatives and clients, promoting living incomes for farmers, and ensuring that the programs are impact-driven, focusing on tangible improvements in the livelihoods of farming communities.



**35  
SCHOOLS**

constructed or  
renovated since  
beginning of  
partnership



**4 018  
WOMEN**

among  
farmer base  
in Programs



**16 110  
FARMERS**

with a Farm  
Development  
Plan





Programs include comprehensive support for cooperatives to achieve certifications such as Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance, thereby ensuring sustainable farming practices. However, we don't stop there.

We facilitate direct cash premium distributions to farmers, significantly improving their income and financial stability. Additionally, Cocoasource supports the establishment and operation of **Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)**, which empower farmers, particularly women, by providing access to savings and small loans for diversification activities.



# 45 164

Native trees distributed  
for off-farm planting

REFORESTATION

# 16 860

Farmers applying  
agroforestry



Most client programs also emphasize the importance of agroforestry, and so we promote and enable the planting of multipurpose trees to improve biodiversity, soil health, and carbon storage. Other programs include a qualitative approach to evaluate and reach **best practices** and incomes for farmers.

By leveraging digital management systems, these programs enhance the efficiency and transparency of cooperative operations, enabling better decision-making and compliance with international standards.

**Cocoasource can be seen as a catalyst for all client programs, acting as a platform for cooperatives to support each other in their various activities according to their strengths and weaknesses.**

## OPEN-BOOK APPROACH

Furthermore, Cocoasource's innovative «open-book» approach in business dealings ensures that all costs and margins are transparently communicated, fostering trust and accountability across the supply chain. These initiatives collectively aim to create a sustainable and equitable cocoa industry, benefitting all stakeholders involved.







## 6 PILLARS

# PROGRAM KPI CHARTS

The below figures are the consolidated figures relating to coopeartives and farmers that are part of our Client Programs. The figures are self-declared by the participating cooperatives.

## PILLAR #1

## Strong Partner Cooperatives

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI)	ALL
Total Members	24 238
Total Women among members	4 018
Volume delivered during 22-23 campaign (MT)	22 701
Total premiums received by cooperative for 22-23 (€)	15 471 913
Premiums / MT for each cooperative (€)	682
Total cash distributed to members (€)	5 340 039
Premium cash to farmers / MT (€)	229
Total staff	547
Women staff	84

## PILLAR #2

## Empowered Communities

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI)	ALL
Communities with needs assessments conducted	474
Communities with Community Action Plan	332
Health centers constructed or renovated	5
Toilets installed	8
Water pumps / boreholes installed since begining of partnership	58
Communities connected to electricity grid	98



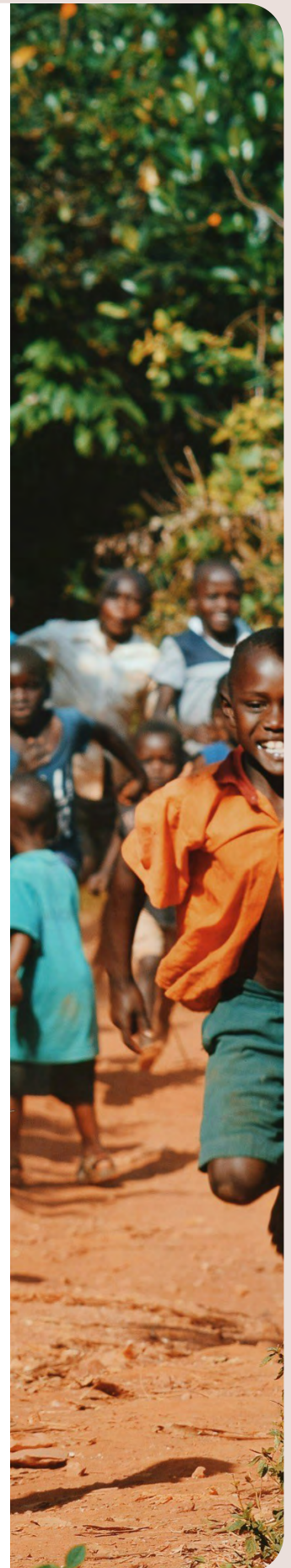




## PILLAR #3

## Good future for children

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI)	ALL
Schools constructed or renovated since beginning of partnership	35
Schools constructed or renovated this year	3
Classrooms constructed or renovated since beginning of partnership	94
Classrooms constructed or renovated this year	6
Bridging classes established	0
Schools provided with school equipment (benches, textbooks, etc.)	43
Teacher housing constructed or renovated	3
School canteens constructed or renovated	15
School latrines constructed	21
Children supported with prevention / remediation actions	13 039
Birth certificates provided	1 196
Children supported with school kits, uniforms, textbooks, etc.	9 073
Children supported with school fees	165
Amount invested in school fees	21 404
Children enrolled in bridging classes	8
Youth supported with vocational training or apprenticeship	1 135
Parents involved in literacy training	1 181
People sensitized on child labor and child protection	36 878
Communities (or buying sections) with CLMRS or equivalent system	607
Households monitored	21 055
Children monitored	21 039
Farms visited	190943
Social Centers supported / established	1
Child labor cases identified	2 804
Child labor cases in process of being remediated	842
Child labor cases remediated	2 057
People sensitized on adult forced labor	10 079
Adult forced labor labor cases identified	3
Adult forced labor labor cases remediated	3





## PILLAR #4

## Farmer resilience

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI)	ALL
Farmers trained on GAP (pruning, pest & disease mgt, harvest mgt, etc.)	21 078
Farmers with a Farm Development Plan (FDP)	16 110
Demo plots established this year	328
Demo plots established total	632
Cocoa seedlings distributed	514 212
Farmers received cocoa seedlings	2 702
Farmers supported with health insurance	1 773
Farmers that started Income Generating Activities (IGA)	5 797
Farmers trained in income/livelihoods diversification	14 302
Farmers trained in financial literacy	3 549

## PILLAR #5

## Environment Protection

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI)	ALL
Farmers applying agroforestry	19 860
Hectares cocoa agroforestry developed	28 523
Multi-purpose trees distributed to farmers for on-farm planting	243 541
Native trees distributed for off-farm planting (reforestation)	46 164
Hectares of forest area restored	23
Clean cookstoves distributed	1 589







2193

Women  
trained in IGA

via VSLA

## PILLAR #6

## Gender Inclusiveness

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI)

ALL

People trained on gender sensitivity	14 139
New VSLA in current year	126
New people in VSLAs	2 898
Total # VSLAs in current year	197
Total people in VSLA's	4 946
Total amount saved by VSLA's	1 310 402
Total amount loaned by VSLA's	716 819
VSLAs connected to financial institution	35
People trained in IGAs via VSLA	7 021
Women trained in IGAs via VSLA	4 269
People that started IGA via VSLA	3 037
Women that started IGA via VSLA	2 193





# INTERVIEWS

## WITH CLIENTS

Our clients are a critical part of the value chain. We are happy to share a short interview with one of our long term clients, Tony's Chocolonely.

## Marieke Doelman

HEAD OF OPERATIONS, TONY'S OPEN CHAIN



**How did you get involved with Tony's Open Chain?**

I studied political science and then held various positions in the world of e-commerce and strategy consulting. It became quite clear to me though, that I work best at the intersection of business strategy and impact and that is what I can do every day now! I had the chance to work with various leaders at Tony's Chocolonely, and the long-term scaling impact strategy we worked on is what has now become Tony's Open Chain.

**In your words, what exactly is TOC?**

Tony's Open Chain is a movement of brands using cocoa in their products, who collaborate to source cocoa according to the 5 sourcing principles. We have the vision and the drive to bring 5% of West African cocoa within our movement. This is the type of critical mass we believe we need in order to have a 'seat at the table' and bring about the systemic and deep



changes in the industry that farmers deserve!

**Can you describe your relation with Cocoasource?**

Cocoasource is our long-term supply chain partner and has helped to set up our supply chain from scratch! With Cocoasource as our trusted advisor we are able to pose honest and open questions on all things related to the cocoa market and trends. They've been a crucial partner for Tony's Chocolonely and now TOC – and we look forward to the collaboration to drive further transparency and impact in the cocoa industry!

**Cocoasource has been a crucial partner for Tony's Chocolonely.**







# LANDSCAPE PROJECTS

As Cocoasource, we believe in finding innovative approaches to positively impact the physical spaces and communities that also go beyond our direct supply chain. In line with this commitment, over the past year we have continued our work in the Cavally Forest Protection Landscape in Ivory Coast.

As part of this work, we are organizing and structuring a supply chain around one of the last remaining forest areas in the southwest of Ivory Coast - this whilst ensuring full transparency and No Deforestation in the supply chain. Key **forest protection** initiatives are being carried out by leading NGO Earthworm Foundation - and initial success of this collaboration has ensured the re-classification of the Cavally Forest from that of Classified Forest to Nature Reserve.

We've now also designed and have launched 2 landscape Projects in Sierra Leone - one focused in the **cocoa** growing region, and the other in the cashew region. A similar project - focused on the **cashew** sector - is now being launched in Ivory Coast as well. We look forward to sharing further information on these initiatives over the course of the current year.







# THE CAVALLY LANDSCAPE PROJECT

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

### 1 PREVENT DEFORESTATION AND REGENERATE ECOSYSTEM

- ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE NON-NATURAL CAVALLY FOREST RESERVE BOUNDARIES (11 KM)
- RESTORE 3'000 HA OF LAND (1,500 HA MAINTAINED FROM PHASE I AND 1'500 HA PLANTED IN PHASE II)
- UTILISE MIXED PATROLS (FROM COMMUNITIES AND THE OFFICE IVOIRIEN DES PARCS ET RÉSERVES OIPR) TO STIMULATE NATURAL REGENERATION OF 3,357 HA
- CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE CAVALLY NATURAL FOREST RESERVE

### 2 BUILD A TRANSPARENT AND TRACEABLE COCOA AND RUBBER SUPPLY CHAIN

- IDENTIFY HIGH CARBON STOCK (HCS) OR HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE (HCV) AREAS IN THE LANDSCAPE AND ENSURE CONTINUOUS SATELLITE MONITORING
- ENSURE FULL TRACEABILITY FOR ALL RAW MATERIALS BEING COMMERCIALIZED WITH A LINK TO THE PROJECT
- ENSURE FARMERS HAVE ACCESS TO PRICE TRANSPARENCY AND INCENTIVES
- ESTABLISH CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION AND GRIEVANCE MECHANISM BETWEEN STAKEHOLDERS

### 3 INCREASE FARMERS' RESILIENCE

- ENGAGE WITH 1,160 FARMERS ON INCOME/CROP DIVERSIFICATION INCLUDING 500 FARMERS MONITORED FROM PHASE I
- SUPPORT 1,200 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN, TO OVERCOME BARRIERS TO ACCESSING FINANCE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 30 VILLAGE SAVING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS (VSLA) AND MAINTAIN THE 10 VSLAS ESTABLISHED DURING PHASE I
- ENGAGE WITH AT LEAST 1,200 FARMERS (COVERING APPROX. 3,600 HA) ON CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURAL (CSA) PRACTICES
- SUPPORT AT LEAST 420 FARMERS TO BENEFIT FROM AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS ON THEIR FARMS (1,070 HA)

### 4 IMPROVE CHILD PROTECTION

- COVER 3,500 FAMILIES WITH CHILD LABOR MONITORING AND REMEDIATION SYSTEM (CLMRS) AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO SCHOOL OR TO BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ABOUT 10,000 CHILDREN

#### PARTNERS OF THE PROJECT:



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# INTERVIEWS

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**Can you describe the organization you represent?**

Nitidae is an NGO formed from the merger of two organizations specializing in agricultural markets, rural development, and forest conservation projects. We focus on sustainable resource management alongside agricultural and rural development in Africa.

**What are some of the current and future goals of Nitidae?**

Ongoing projects aim at economic and ecological sustainability, supporting both agricultural activities and natural resource conservation. And future plans include a continued focus on these areas with PES (Payment for Environmental Services) projects to enhance the sustainability of agricultural supply chains.

**How do you see the future collaboration between Nitidae and Cocosource?**

I think it's about not spreading ourselves too thin, but about continuing to focus on two projects that we have been working on developing together – mainly a PES project in the cocoa supply chain and the landscape work around the Mabi-Yaya Nature Reserve.

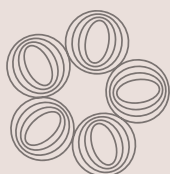
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