

Real Impact and Shared Value:

Palm Sustainability in Colombia 2025



Colombia sustainability strategy of the palm sector

Our ambition is for Colombian palm oil to be recognized and appreciated in the market for its commitment to sustainability.

SUSTAINABILITY PILLARS



Colombia: Sustainable Origin

More efficient and sustainable palm farming, which generates profitability for producers and improves the quality of life of palm communities.



Sustainable Markets

A more profitable agribusiness, recognized for its differentiated palm oil, and with new opportunities to generate value.



Governance

The efforts of palm growers are supported by concrete actions by other public and private actors, facilitating their path to sustainability.

A sector committed to sustainable palm oil production

35% of 2025 CPO* production holds a sustainability certificate
*CPO: Crude Palm Oil

33% of cultivated area meets sustainability standards



APSColombia Certification

An origin that makes a difference

368 Producers with a valid certificate (2023 - 2025)

62% Certified Small holders

33% of certified growers are women

+18% of equivalent CPO is APSColombia certified

This certification seeks to ensure and demonstrate the promise of true value that aims to highlight its sustainable, inclusive and trustworthy origin.

We are members:



Economic performance



4th Worldwide palm oil producer



1st Producer in América



+640 thousand hectares planted with oil palm



+9.300 Oil palm growers

74% Smallholders (up to 20 hectares)



1,93 million tons production



USD 2,31 billions in Value of production



12,3% Out of Colombia's Agricultural GDP

69% Domestic market



45% Human consumption



48% Biodiesel



7% Animal feeding

31% exports



Environmental Performance

The palm oil sector aims to become a **strategic and key** player in the conservation of **biodiversity in Colombia**



38% of the **Colombian birdlife** is represented in the palm oil landscape biodiverse.



746 identified birds

10 endemic birds


110 endangered birds

Northern Zone
Chavarri - Chauna chavarria

Central Zone
Buho Crestado - Lophostrix cristata

Eastern Zone
Bobo Punteado - Hynnelus ruficollis

Southwestern Zone
Tangará Collajera - Stilpnia larvata

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Driving biodiversity potencial: our commitment in the palm oil agroecosystem

Using scientific models and global data, we estimate the number of species that could inhabit the oil palm landscape based on its natural conditions. These values represent our biodiversity potencial of our biodiverse palm landscape:



6.807
potential species



218
Mammals



1.231
Birds



3
Crocodiles and caimans



110
Snakes and lizards



81
Amphibians



5.164
Flora



320
endemic species



139
endangered species

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Since 2017, we've been building a sustainable future

We are charting a course to protect forests and mitigate climate change through the **Zero Deforestation Agreement**, an initiative that brings together **86** signatories by 2025.



The signatory producers account for **64%** of the country's CPO production



This commitment contributes us to be a **99%** deforestation-free sector

Is our goal to become a Net Zero emissions sector by 2030



20
mills

have biogas capture and utilization system
(38% of national CPO production)



11
MW

biogas power generation



588 metric tons of
CO₂ eq

mitigated



182 Kg CO₂ eq/Tons CPO Carbon footprint for crude palm oil

2021 GHG emissions inventory

Eligibility of Colombian palm oil for the production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

A request was submitted to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to include Colombian palm oil as a feedstock for biodiesel.

Study conducted by ISCC - World Bank 2022-2024

Assess the potential of the Colombian palm oil value chain for the production of SAF.



ISCC-CORSIA Certification

3 Certified agribusinesses (2024-2025)



Certifies companies with low emission palm oil, corresponding to the increase in the productivity of their baseline (last 5 years)



The assessment of **indirect land-use change (ILUC)** was launched by ICAO as a key step for palm oil eligibility.



Social performance

Gender equity is worked on in all links of our production chain

Economic autonomy as the main axis of our policy, has allowed us to work for the closing of gaps and female leadership.

Scan this code to discover the results of our Major **Gender Survey** and learn how we're reshaping the industry.



Practical guides for moving towards more equitable and responsible workplaces

4 guides for businesses were designed and made available as a **toolkit** to help implement the sectoral gender equity policy in accordance with the specific needs of each unit.



Guide for labor and sexual harassment in the Palm Oil Sector in Colombia. Identifies what workplace harassment and sexual harassment are and are not, and the legal framework that protects victims.



Guide for gender comites setup and management in the Palm Oil Sector in Colombia. Questions and answers about what gender committees are, how they are formed, and what they do.



Guide for wage policies in the Palm Oil Sector in Colombia. Self-assessment questionnaire on what a gender-focused salary policy means.



Guidelines for non-labor discrimination in the Palm Oil Sector in Colombia. Lists resources for non-discrimination in companies: easy-to-implement recommendations for raising awareness about inclusion.



In partnership with: **Solidaridad** **giz** German Development Cooperation GIZ

The sector takes a step forward on human rights respect and protection

A **sector-specific methodology** is in place, enabling mills and oil palm growers to jointly identify human rights risks and develop mitigation measures.



Paso 1
Stakeholders mapping and surrounding characterization



Paso 2
Territorial dynamics identification



Paso 3
Identification and Prioritization of Human Rights Risk



Paso 4
Treatment measures definition and monitoring systems

Preparation

Information processing

Development of participatory spaces

Enlistment activities

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