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HCV ASSESSMENT – ALS SCHEME v2

CONTEXT

DAABON is committed to the growth of sustainable agriculture and the inclusiveness of local communities in value chains; however, including new production areas is a challenge for the stakeholders and a permanent risk from a reputational and commercial standpoint because of the environmental and social implications within.

The High Conservation Value Assessment (HCV) is the most robust tool available to determine environmental and social characteristics of the territory, it requires hard sciences to determine exact locations and soft skills to maintain a balance in consensus.

The Assessor Licensing Scheme (ALS), within the HCV plays a decisive and complementary role; not only does the system propose a standard, but also maintains the quality of the reports by increasing the capacity and competence of the personnel involved in the ground and desk work and evaluating the final reports.

DAABON and HCV/ALS

For the past two years, the DAABON Group has invested in creating the necessary capacity within its Sustainability Department, in order to carry out strict assessment procedures that are then publically available. In this regards we would like to inform the following:

1. At time of first certification under the RSPO, our HCV were carried out based on the SEIA required by the Colombian regional authorities.
2. We have currently reviewed our palm oil assessments, in order to include a broader spectrum, with the help of Global Environmental Facility (GEF) funds.
3. Both Mrs. Patricia Apreza (Social Group Manager) and Mrs. Carolina Torrado (Environmental Group Manager) are currently undergoing the necessary training to attain the accredited status (expected) in mid-2017.
4. From that moment on, all of our agricultural areas (excluding palm oil, which has already been met) will undergo HCS/ALS assessment: coffee, cocoa, banana and cattle.
5. DAABON is committed to only using HCV assessors licensed by the HCVRN ALS for any future development of oil palm (including new planting and replanting), across all of its oil palm operations.

Any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at fguerrero@daabon.com.co.

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