

# Integrated Solutions for Responsible Sourcing ProTerra Standard V5.0 and MRV Standard V1.0





## Who we are

The ProTerra Foundation is a non-for-profit organization, located in the Netherlands.

We envisage a world where all businesses:

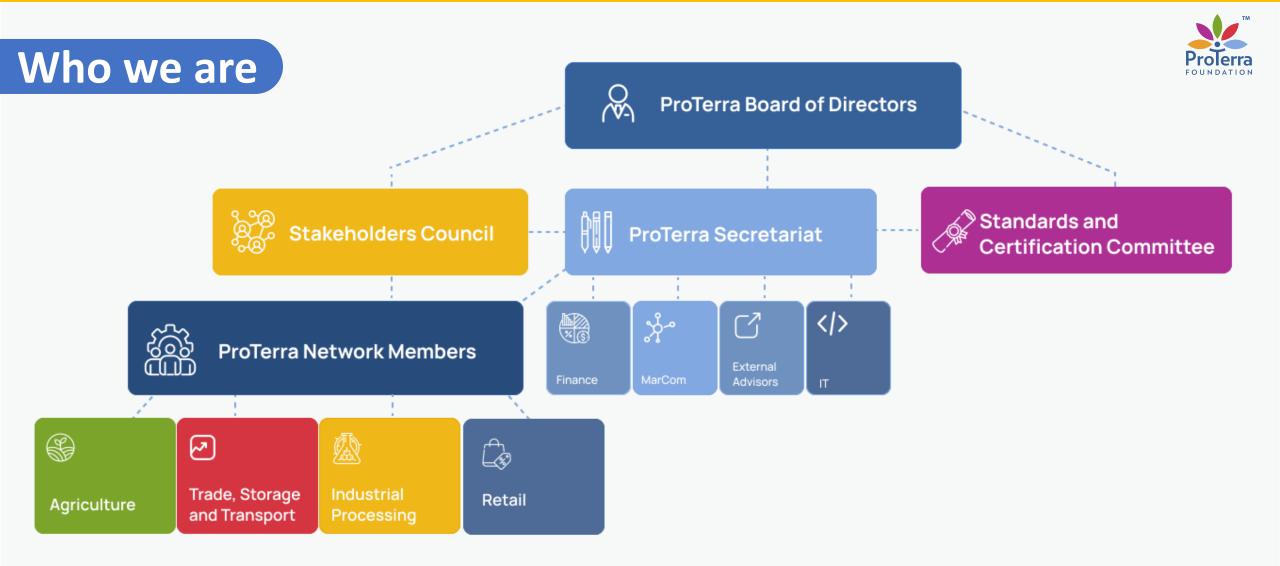
- Contribute to the protection of biodiversity by e.g. switching to non-GMO production;
- Conserve natural resources; and
- Ensure that workers and local communities are treated with dignity and respect.





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## Who we are

ProTerra Foundation is the owner of the ProTerra Certification Standard and its Interpretations:

- ProTerra Foundation Standard V5.0
  - × ProTerra Europa
  - X ProTerra Smallholders
- ProTerra Insecta
- ➤ ProTerra MRV (Monitoring and Verification) V1.0

ProTerra Standards specialise in promoting social and environmental sustainability through the food and supply chains.





All levels of certification



All raw materials, products and by-products



Globally applicable

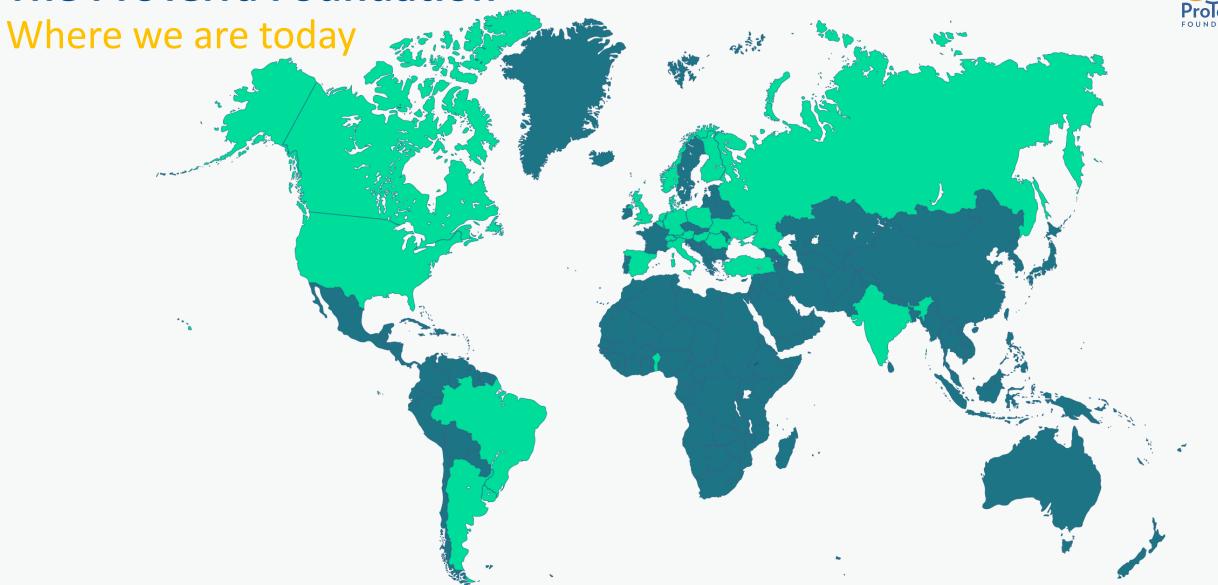


## ProTerra Solution

The ProTerra Standard is a comprehensive sustainability framework that addresses environmental, social, and economic dimensions. It has been designed to be applicable across the globe, providing clear, practical guidance for the sustainable production and sourcing of all crop types, regardless of region or scale.

## The ProTerra Foundation





Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Eswatini, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Guadalupe, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, México, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

## The ProTerra Standards



Key Figures for Soy 2024



## **CERTIFIED SOY VOLUME**

101AL 2022	2.392.431,51
TOTAL 2023	2.533.321,24
TOTAL 2024	1.926.970,88

#### **MRV VERIFIED SOY VOLUME**

**TOTAL 2024** 

684.568,00



#### The ProTerra Standards **Key Figures for Sugarcane 2024\* United Kingdom Dominican France** Rep Italy Mexico Belize 17-Guadalupe **Thailand** Guyana **Portugal Philippines Brazil** Nicaragua Mozambique **Panama Zimbabwe** Fiji **Eswatini Paraguay SUGARCANE ANNUAL CRUSH (mt)** South **Africa** 2022 2023 2024 **Australia** 43.626.756,76 43.086.555,24 60.249.608,02

9.721.763,94

Total 52.808.319,18

7.681.618,62

Total 67.931.226,64

10.081.760,12

Total 53.708.516,88

<sup>\*</sup>Under the ProTerra Standard v5.0

#### The ProTerra Foundation

#### **Benchmarks & Collaborations**























































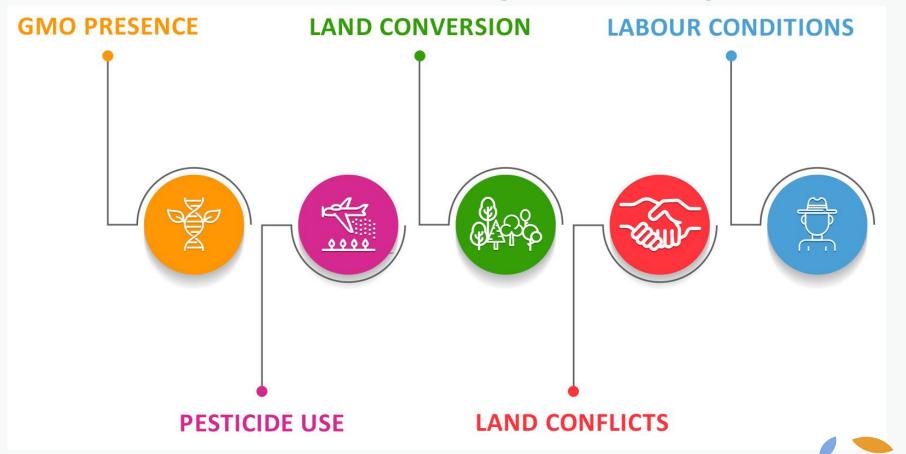








## **ProTerra Standards to manage and mitigate risk**





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An instrument for managing and mitigating ecological, social and environmental risks. Implementing robust standards means:

- Environmentally and ethically responsible raw materials within the supply chain that go beyond the minimum requirements of national legislation.
- Greater certainty for the company when making public claims, with traceability of materials throughout the value chain verified by external auditors.
- Contributing evidence to demonstrate that due diligence has been carried out within the supply chain to fulfil the new due diligence requirements.
- Improved knowledge of the origin of raw materials within the supply chain and therefore the regions over which they have the greatest influence and ability to influence.
- A clear indication of what is expected of suppliers and what they consider to be sustainable sourcing.



#### Benchmark EUDR vs ProTerra



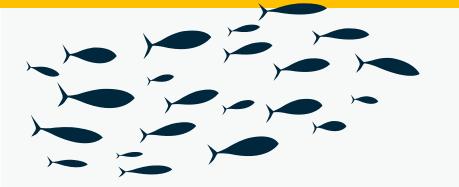


The ProTerra Standards have been benchmarked against the EU Regulation on deforestation-free commodities (EUDR).

More information can be found here:

- MRV Standard benchmark against the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free commodities (EUDR)
- ProTerra Standard benchmark against the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free commodities (EUDR)
- Specific Guidance for the ProTerra Standard v5.0 to access compliance with the EUDR version 1.0







# **PROTERRA STANDARD V5.0**





#### **ProTerra Standard Principles**



PRINCIPLE 1: Management System, compliance with laws, international conventions and the ProTerra Standard

**PRINCIPLE 2:** Human rights and responsible labour policies and practices

**PRINCIPLE 3:** Responsible relations with works and community

**PRINCIPLE 4:** Biodiversity conservation, effective environmental management and environmental services



**PRINCIPLE 5:** No use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

**PRINCIPLE 6:** Pollution and waste management

**PRINCIPLE 7:** Water management

**PRINCIPLE 8:** Greenhouse gases and energy management

**PRINCIPLE 9:** Adoption of good agricultural practices



PRINCIPLE 10: Traceability and Chain of Custody





#### **Levels of Certification**

The ProTerra Certification is applicable to distinct levels of operation across the food and feed production chains:

- Level I: Agricultural Production
- Level II: Transport, Storage, Traders and Dealers
- Level III: Industrial Processing

It is also applicable to any agricultural product on a global scale



#### **Scope of Certification**

The ProTerra Certification can apply to:



This may be accomplished using two basic approaches, which have an impact on the organisation of the audit



#### **Approaches**

- Each actor in the food and feed supply chain can be certified in its own right against the applicable ProTerra Standard set of indicators (= each actor is subjected to individual certification audits)
- Certified organisations that **use inputs from actors that are not ProTerra certified** shall:
  - × implement systems to control; and
  - x monitor its supply chain(s) to ensure that the relevant ProTerra Standard indicators are met.



#### **Land conflicts**

- Certified organisations shall demonstrate clear title to land in accordance with national practice and law
- Respect land rights FPIC (Free, prior and informed consent)







PRINCIPLE 1 - Management system, compliance with laws, international conventions and the ProTerra Standard



### **Labour conditions**

- All workers should be treated with dignity and respect
- ♠ Absence of child labour
- Equal opportunities and treatment for workers
- Human and labour rights, comprehensive contracts
- Qualification, working experience and training of workers
- ♦ Wages and income, working time
- ♦ Health and Safety









### **Land conversion**

- High conservation value areas (HCV 1 to 6) must not have been cleared or converted into agricultural areas, or used for industrial or other commercial purposes, after 31 December 2008
- Identify, maintain and protect valuable biodiversity areas
- Farms must restore areas of agricultural vegetation related to sensitive ecosystems









#### **GMO Presence**

- **♦** GMOs are excluded from ProTerra Certification
- Traceability and segregation enable the market to have a full view over a product's journey, making it possible to identify if and where GMOs were used









## Pesticide use

- Reduce the use of toxic and polluting materials, especially pesticides
- ♦ Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Pesticides listed in the WHO classes la, lb lists, Rotterdam Convention and Stockholm Convention, as well as pesticides forbidden by local, national, and regional law, shall not be used



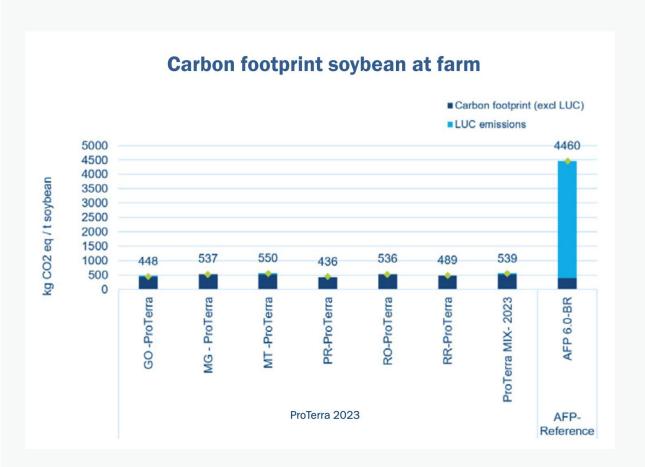




## Reduce carbon and water footprint



Lower emissions and water consumption with ProTerra Standard certified-material





- ProTerra Certified Soy Environmental Footprint 2024
- ProTerra Certified Sugarcane Environmental Footprint 2024



MONITORING AND VERIFICATION





#### **MRV Standard**

#### Legal and conversion-free supply chains

The ProTerra Monitoring and Verification (MRV) Standard provides a systematic approach to assess and verify an organisation's due diligence practices and supports reporting on supply chain due diligence and deforestation-free aspects.





#### **MRV Standard**

#### **Commitment to:**

- ➤ Promote a raw material supply chain that is free from illegal and/or legal deforestation, and land-use change or conversion.
- ➤ Respect the rights of workers, indigenous peoples, and local communities.
- ► Ensure that sourcing is fully compliant with national and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as applicable international laws.
- ➤ Take affirmative actions to mitigate identified potential risks associated with commodities and related products or demonstrate that the risk is negligible.
- ➤ Assess risks by identifying the factual circumstances of their activities and business relationships and evaluate these facts against the environmental impacts, social impacts, and applicable national and international laws and standards.





# **Benefits of joining ProTerra**





# Benefits of using ProTerra Standards



Improve sustainability and traceability, decrease risk (social, reputational, environmental, economical) within the supply chain



Demonstrate to buyer market a differentiated product, opening possibilities for new markets



Help to preserve biodiversity and valuable habitats for future generations



Implement one standard that is globally applicable for all crops and origins



## Benefits of being part of the ProTerra Network

Being a Member of the ProTerra Network gives you the opportunity to accelerate your journey and increase the success of your continuous improvement program





# ProTerra Network Driving Sustainable Supply Chains



The ProTerra Network brings together organisations that are committed to a shared vision of sustainability throughout the entire supply chain.

Through collaboration, knowledge sharing, and strategic engagement, members play a crucial role in implementing sustainable practices.



# Guidelines and Requirements for the Use of the ProTerra Logos and Seals

#### Types of Logos



- ★ ProTerra Foundation Logo
- ★ ProTerra Network Member Logo
- ★ ProTerra Certification Logo



**★** Product Labelling Logo









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