



LAND USE POLICY

Natural Habitats is a group of companies dedicated to the production, collection and processing of organic, sustainable and fair-trade palm oil. The group has production operations in Ecuador and trading activities in the US and Europe. Natural Habitats has a social and participative business model, that has been providing economic and social benefits to hundreds of farm smallholders, workers and the encompassing communities.

Our land use policy will serve to prevent any land change use that could potentially affect primary or secondary forests and areas of high conservation value-high carbon stock. This policy allows for both sustainability values and agricultural development to simultaneously thrive. Natural habitat's commits to source palm oil in an ethical, environmentally sustainable and socially responsible manner, aiming to maintain and strengthen our commitment to "zero deforestation". This policy will delineate our methods for assuring the objectives in land use of Natural Habitats.

- Natural Habitats will ensure that no palm oil is sourced from farms or areas where high conservation value (HCV) areas and high carbon stock (HCS) forests were affected according with the guidelines of the Roundtable of Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). The studies will be conducted by accredited professionals and approved by the RSPO.
- We will verify that the previous condition is fulfilled by conducting a Land Use Change Analysis for each new potential supplier to assure they have not conducted non-compliant land clearings. Otherwise, they will not be included to the Natural Habitats Group. We will always ensure transparency in terms of the origin and production principles of our products to our stakeholders.
- We recognize and uphold the rights of communities and workers in line with international human rights principles and local applicable laws.
- We respect the rights of indigenous and local communities, promote their access to independent legal representation and to ensure their consent of the land usage.
- We respect and support the rights of the local community to access land for food, nutritional and religious security. An effective environmental management system will be implemented to protect land, water and vegetation in HCV-HCSA areas. The protection of local resources, water sources, medicinal plants and wildlife will be critical for the overall health of the affected communities.
- Natural Habitats will develop clear and credible action plans in order to address the protection of HCV-HCSA areas present within the farms of our producers and support our farmers to achieve the implementation of these actions.