

SOGB Statement

SOGB's sustainable development approach rewarded with RSPO certification for its entire plantation

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SOGB has been 100% RSPO certified since March 2023. Indeed, the Company fully adheres to the values of the RSPO, which promote respect for the environment, local communities and all stakeholders of the company, and which grants the palm oil produced, through its Principles and Criteria, a demanding and internationally recognised sustainability label.

As a result, since 2018, SOGB has undertaken an RSPO certification process to promote responsible tropical agriculture by developing innovative and transformative agricultural, social, economic and environmental practices.

In order to achieve full certification of its plantation, SOGB has been working hand in hand with its field teams and in consultation with local communities.

All the work done by the teams to implement the requirements of the RSPO standard within its plantation and factories is generating positive overall impacts on the sustainability of its entire business, including its rubber plantations.

With this RSPO certification, SOGB is in line with the Socfin Group's mission to create transformative agriculture beneficial to all, while protecting the rights of the communities, their quality of life as well as the environment. It also allows for greater transparency in the management of its activities with its stakeholders.

With this new certification, SOGB, which has always adopted a continuous improvement approach, reinforces its commitment to be a key player in today's responsible tropical agriculture.

About SOGB :

SOGB, a Socfin Group plantation producing sustainable palm oil and natural rubber, is located in the southwest of Côte d'Ivoire. SOGB is a plantation of 34 712 ha, including 7 471 ha of oil palm trees, on which 24 520 employees and their families live. It is bordered by 13 surrounding villages that are members of the AVD¹ platform and has 2 648 ha of protected forest on its concession.

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¹ Association created by the SOGB and grouping the villages bordering the plantation in order to develop community projects beneficial to the local population.