

## Socfin Group announces Preferred by Nature Due Diligence System certification for Liberian Agricultural Company (LAC)

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Socfin Group is pleased to announce that its Liberian subsidiary, **Liberian Agricultural Company (LAC)**, has obtained **Preferred by Nature Due Diligence System certification** for rubber.

The certification, issued on **13 May 2026** and valid until **12 May 2031**, confirms that LAC's Due Diligence System is certified under the **Regulatory Scope** and is aligned with the requirements of the **EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)**. The certificate covers **rubber**, with **geolocation-preserved** origin information.

This certification marks an important milestone in Socfin Group's ongoing efforts to strengthen traceability, responsible sourcing and regulatory preparedness across its natural rubber supply chains. It reflects the significant work carried out by LAC to map, assess and monitor its rubber supply base, including both company-managed plantations and local rubber smallholders.

The audit report highlights the use of geolocation and farm-level data, supplier risk assessments, segregation procedures, quota monitoring, weighbridge controls and chain-of-custody mechanisms designed to support the traceability of rubber from production areas through processing and export.

***"This certification is the result of extensive work by our teams on the ground" said Naveen Madan, General Manager of LAC. "It reflects the systems we have put in place to strengthen traceability, monitor our supply base and ensure that our rubber sourcing is supported by robust due diligence. We are proud of this achievement, while remaining focused on continuous."***

For Socfin Group, the certification is part of a wider commitment to responsible tropical agriculture and to meeting evolving regulatory and market expectations. The Group has invested over recent years in traceability tools, geolocation systems, supplier engagement and internal procedures to support compliance with emerging due diligence requirements, including the EUDR.

***"The certification of LAC's Due Diligence System is an important step in our broader EUDR journey" said Dr Julien Bastrup-Birk, Secretary General of Socfin Group. "It demonstrates that practical implementation is possible, even in complex supply chains involving thousands of smallholders and challenging field realities. Our objective is not only to meet regulatory expectations, but to embed traceability, risk management and responsible sourcing into the way our operations function day to day."***

Socfin Group welcomes this certification as an important independent recognition of the systems developed at LAC and as a further step in its long-term commitment to transparency, continuous improvement and responsible rubber production.

## About Socfin Group

Socfin is an international agro-industrial group active in tropical agriculture, whose activities focus primarily on the production of natural rubber and palm oil. Operating in 10 countries across Africa and Asia, the Group draws on long-term experience in agricultural development. Its approach is based on the gradual strengthening of environmental and social practices, constructive stakeholder engagement and a continuous-improvement process, in line with internationally recognized standards.

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