

Purpose

Recognising biodiversity as a foundation of resilient ecosystems, sustainable agriculture and the long-term success of our business, Jungbunzlauer aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. Regarding biodiversity, we align particularly with SDG 15 (life on land) and SDG 14 (life below water), which emphasize the protection and restoration of terrestrial and marine ecosystems. This policy establishes the commitment of Jungbunzlauer to preserving and enhancing biodiversity within our value chain, and particularly ensuring no deforestation across our supply chains.

Scope

This policy applies to everyone engaged or employed by any company of the Jungbunzlauer Group, and extends to collaboration with external stakeholders.

Commitments

Jungbunzlauer is committed to protecting and restoring biodiversity by integrating sustainability principles across all aspects of its business. We recognise that biodiversity loss is a critical environmental challenge, linked to changes in land use (e.g. deforestation, intensive monoculture), climate change, and pollution. Therefore, we are dedicated to sustainable procurement, responsible supply chains, the reduction of hazardous chemicals, and the promotion of regenerative agriculture for corn, our main agricultural raw material.

To combat deforestation, we are committed to ensure that our entire supply chain is deforestation-free by the end of 2025, with the 31 December 2020 as our cut-off-date in alignment with the Accountability Framework Initiative (AFI) guidance document.

Initiatives

In the coming years, we aim to collaborate with preferred suppliers in our key sourcing areas to measure the impact of corn growing and of regenerative agriculture practices on biodiversity in pilot projects aiming to restore soil health, improve water retention, and enhance ecosystem services. The pilot projects are intended to serve as basis for the development of scalable action plans supported by customers to enrich biodiversity in the field and in the surrounding landscapes.

Beyond agriculture, we aim to assess better and minimise impacts of our production sites on biodiversity, e.g. by creating natural habitats, protecting native species, and collaborating actively with conservation organisations.

Our commitment to biodiversity also extends to innovation. As we produce bio-based and biodegradable products which serve as sustainable alternatives to fossil-based and persistent materials, we aim to embed biodiversity considerations into the development of new products and the design of production processes.

Finally, we will actively participate in regional, sectoral or transversal biodiversity networks and initiatives. We will ensure that our employees are aware of the materiality of biodiversity for Jungbunzlauer and the society by providing training and information material.

Accountability and transparency being also fundamental principles for our biodiversity efforts, we will report our progress towards our biodiversity objectives and targets in our annual Corporate Sustainability Report.

Objectives and targets

- Ensure 100% deforestation-free supply chains by the end of 2025.
- Develop regenerative agriculture practices within our corn supply chain by 2030.
- Train 100% of our employees on biodiversity topics by 2030.

Responsibilities and review

This policy has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Jungbunzlauer Group and is subject to a regular review at least every two years.

Reference

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents of the Jungbunzlauer Group:

- Code of Conduct