



VALRHONA SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Traceability

We have traceability down to the level of the cooperatives we source from, at a minimum. We have been implementing an internal process to get traceability right down to farm level.

Responsible supply chain

100% of our cocoa producer partners have signed our Responsible Purchasing Charter. Only cocoa suppliers who have committed to the principles of this Charter can become Valrhona cocoa suppliers. Through the Charter, our suppliers commit to the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact, including the respect of Human Rights and the prohibition of child labor.

Child labor and forced labor

Valrhona is opposed to the use of child labor or forced labor in the production of our cocoa. We work to ensure that it does not occur in our supply chain through:

1. **Our Responsible Purchasing Charter.** All of our cocoa suppliers commit to uphold Human Rights, including not using child labor.
2. **Regular plantation visits.** Our team of cocoa buyers regularly visit the plantations we work with. These visits give us oversight about what is happening on the plantations, helping us to prevent human rights abuses in cocoa farming practices.
3. **Supporting education and child-care in cocoa growing communities.** We know that access to schools and child-care infrastructure are important factors in tackling child labor. This is one of the reasons why we support cocoa farming communities we work with by building schools and kindergartens.
4. **Ongoing monitoring.** We have an internal system of checks to ensure that we continue to monitor and manage labor conditions on the plantations.

Third party certification

We have 4 Fairtrade and organic certified products. The certifications we use for these products are:

- Fairtrade / Max Havelaar
- USDA Organic
- EU Organic
- AB Biologique

We see Fairtrade and Organic certifications as valuable additions to our activities, but not all that we do. Our codes of practice and the years of investment in relationships with our farmers mean that all of our chocolates are already produced to very high standards of responsible business.

We are currently working on developing third party certification for our cocoa program.



Supporting cocoa growing communities

- **Long-term partnerships, including investment and training**
We build close, direct relationships with all of the farmers we work with. In addition to visiting the plantations, we invest in tools and technology, most recently a dryer in Madagascar. We also collaborate with farmers to improve existing production methods and to create new ones.
- **Long term contracts**
We routinely sign long-term contracts with our farmers, guaranteeing that we will buy a set volume of cocoa from them every year, at a price well above market rates. Our long term commitment to our farmers allows them to better plan for the future, as well as demonstrating Valrhona's ongoing pledge to work with them to produce the highest quality cocoa.
- **Investing in cocoa growing communities**
We have led 17 projects over the past two years in seven different countries to improve the lives of the growers' communities and plan to carry out many more in the coming years. Our most recent activities include the creation of a social fund in partnership with a cooperative in Peru to improve health in the area, building a new school on a plantation in the Dominican Republic, and launching major renovation works in Madagascar to improve workers' living conditions.
- **Rescuing plantations and preserving high quality cocoa**
We are currently partnering with an organization in Belize to rescue cocoa plantations which were abandoned a few years ago. Investing in these plantations and supporting local farmers with technical processes will contribute to increasing the value of Belize cocoa.

Environment

We have bold aims to tackle waste across our supply chain, from plantation, to transport, processing at the factory and packaging. Our goal is to make our operations more environmentally friendly. This year, we are on track to achieve our 2015 aims to reduce energy use by 10%. We have further committed to reduce our energy use and waste by 50% by 2025. In addition to this commitment, we are also increasingly incorporating environmental and sustainability concerns into our product development, such as developing eco-friendly packaging.

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