

Delve into the core criteria of the Responsible Sourcing Scheme, ensuring transparency and commitment to better practices across the board.



## HABITAT AND BIODIVERSITY "Agricultural Crops"

### What's Covered?

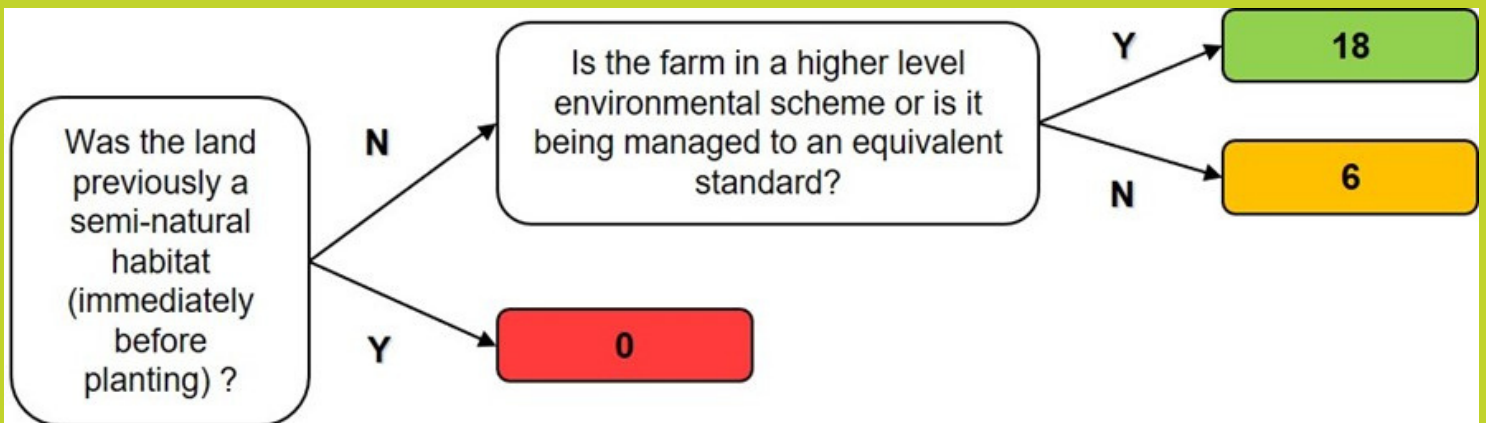
- Energy crops for AD, oilseed rape straw, farmed sphagnum.
- Lifecycle: Only extraction/growing and harvest stages.
- Farmed Sphagnum via sustainable methods.
- Impact of virgin by-products (anaerobic digestate, Oilseed rape straw) at farm stage assessed.
- Individual farm scoring for supplied materials, leading to a weighted average impact score.

### Evidence Needed:

- A supply chain map detailing the sources of agricultural crops.
- Documentary evidence of the source of material, including previous land use and the first cultivation date for agricultural crops.
- Evidence that the farm is part of a higher-level environmental scheme or is managed to an equivalent standard.

### Ways to Improve:

- Source from farms where land use change from semi-natural habitat has not occurred immediately prior to the commencement of agricultural crop production.
- Source from farms which are able to demonstrate high levels of environmental management.



Farm level not field level assessment

Weighted average score to be generated for batches from multiple farms

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