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



## HABITAT AND BIODIVERSITY "COIR"

## What's Covered?

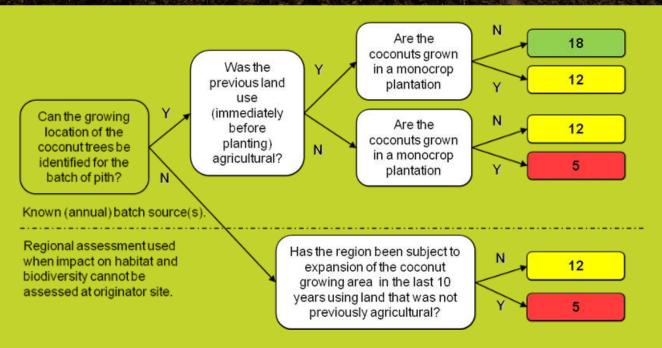
- Focus on the extraction/growing and harvest stage of coir pith.
- Application of an alternative regional assessment for situations where the specific growing location of coir pith is untraceable due to supply chain complexities.

## **Evidence Needed:**

- Supply chain map detailing coir pith sources.
- Documentation confirming the origin of the coir pith material.
- For materials with a known specific location: evidence of prior land use, the initial cultivation date for coconuts, and details about the cultivation system.
- For a regional assessment: data on regional land use changes related to coconut production expansion.

## Ways to Improve:

- Prioritise sourcing from identifiable small holdings or plantations.
- Opt for areas that have not expended coconut production into non-agricultural zones in the past decade.



**RSS DECISION TREE**