



Ecosystem Certification Organisation Natural Forest Standard

Corporate Social and Environmental Policy

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1. Introduction

Ecosystem Certification Organisation (ECO) is committed to conducting its operations in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. This Corporate Social and Environmental (CSE) Policy reflects ECO's dedication to embedding sustainability principles across all its activities.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the social and environmental policy for Ecosystem Certification Organisation. It is important that whilst delivering on our mission to provide an efficient, transparent and robust REDD+ carbon crediting program, that this is carried out in an ethically, social, and environmentally responsible manner.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all persons - Trustees, Members, Staff, Associates, Advisors, and any third parties acting on its behalf - involved with Ecosystem Certification Organisation and the Natural Forest Standard.

4. Policy Statement

We are committed to carrying out our activities in a socially and environmentally responsible manner and integrate this as an integral part of our work.

As a carbon crediting program, we aim to promote social and environmental sustainability through the requirements, processes and principles of the Natural Forest Standard.

We will assess the environmental impacts of our operations and set our aims and objectives in order to improve our environmental performance. We will periodically review our objectives.

We are committed to:

- Fostering environmental responsibility within the organisation and ensuring that this policy is communicated and implemented across the entire organisation.
- Implementing strong safeguards to prevent negative environmental and social impacts from projects under our program.
- Reducing consumption of energy, water, and other natural resources.
- Minimising waste by promoting reduction, reuse, and recycling practices.
- Adhering to all relevant environmental, human rights, and gender equality laws and regulations.
- Recognising and promoting diversity within our organisation and among our stakeholders, creating an inclusive environment where all individuals are respected, appreciated, and provided with equal opportunities to thrive.
- Adopting sustainable working practices, including remote working and flexible working hours.
- Ensuring that our policies and services align with and support this policy.
- Offering suitable training, advice, and information to all persons involved with the organisation, and supporting the development of new ideas and initiatives.
- Allocating the necessary resources to fulfil the commitments outlined in this policy.
- Operating a transparent grievance mechanism to identify and resolve any project-related risks that may result in harmful social or environmental impacts.

5. Approval and Review

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