Promotion and Commitments for Agroforestry in Cocoa

in European platforms for sustainable cocoa in Europe

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**June 2020: Signature of MoU - Joint Challenges for the cocoa sector:**
1. Contribute to a Living Income
2. Halt cocoa-related deforestation
3. End child labor and forced labor
4. Enhance transparency

**Multi-Stakeholder Setting of each platform:**
- Governments
- Industry
- Retail
- Civil Society

**01.2021: DISCO joins MoU**
**05.2021: Launch of first Joint Monitoring of GISCO and Beyond Chocolate**

**04.2021: Publication of Joint „Traceability Brief“**
→ Learning Event scheduled for 06.2021

**09.2020: Foundation of DISCO in the Netherlands**

**12.2018: Foundation of Beyond Chocolate in Belgium**

**2012: Foundation of GISCO in Germany**

**2018:**
- Foundation of SWISSCO in Switzerland
- First Joint Learning Event on Human Rights Due Diligence

**2019:**
- First Joint Monitoring of GISCO and Beyond Chocolate Multi-Stakeholder Setting
- Signature of MoU - Joint Challenges for the cocoa sector
- Publication of Joint „Traceability Brief“

**2020:**
- Launch of first Joint Monitoring of GISCO and Beyond Chocolate
Goal 5:
...promoting the development and use of sustainable and diversified production systems, in particular agroforestry systems, which conserve natural resources as well as ending the application of hazardous and/or unauthorized pesticides.

Target Indicator:
By the end of 2025, 30% of the total area under cocoa cultivation in GISCO member projects/programs* will be managed as agroforestry systems.

Joint Commitment:
To halt cocoa-related deforestation and promote sustainable reforestation and biodiversity in cocoa producing countries

The next step in upscaling the partnership’s efforts in reducing deforestation under typical CFI approaches is to establish cocoa agroforestry systems and thus reduce the need for (illegal) logging in natural/protected forests. (annual report, 2020)

Deforestation and forest degradation commitment:
...therefore, sustainable agroforestry practices, climate smart cocoa production and landscape approaches will be promoted.

Working Group Climate Resilience & Biodiversity:
Online-Seminar on Agroforestry in December 2020
Development of a Joint Categorization of agroforestry in cocoa

Find the detailed description of the four categories [here](#).

**Entry Level for Agroforestry**
- At least 16 (non cocoa) trees per ha.
- Minimum of 3 different tree species, that are preferably native.

**Basic Category for Agroforestry**
- At least 40% shade canopy cover.
- Minimum of 5 different native tree species.

**Advanced Category for Agroforestry**
- At least 40% shade canopy cover, measured on landscape level.
- Minimum of 12 different native tree species (pioneer species excluded).
- At least 15% native vegetation coverage.
- 2 strata or stories and shade species should attain a minimum of 12-15 meters in height.

**Dynamic Agroforestry System (Gold Standard)**
- Very high tree density per ha.
- Abundance of different tree species, high biodiversity.
- Plant communities with different life cycles, fulfill different purposes (CO2, income sources, food) and occupying different layer, and are growing together without competition.
- At least 3 different strata.
- Regenerative practices.
- Food security and non cocoa income sources are ensured.

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GISCO Pilot Monitoring 2020

• 8 Projects/Program (32%) indicated to contribute to establishing cocoa agroforestry systems

• The reported total area of cocoa cultivated within agroforestry systems is 4,980 ha
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