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Section 3: Social Issues Producer Groups

3.4.2 Environmental Performance of Producers

The following control points assess the typical situation on the producer farms. If there are huge differences between different producers, please provide details. Medium family producer farms are expected to demonstrate better performance in environmental issues to be evaluated as fulfilling the norm adequately.

N°	Control Points Environmental Performance of producers	MAX	Score
1	<u>Water conservation practices</u> : (0) apparent waste of water; (2) adequate water use practices and rational use of water; no apparent waste of water, e.g. through defective irrigation pipelines, ineffective use in processing, or other loss of water; (3) very good water conservation practices compared to regional standards OR very low water usage; (4) exceptional efforts	4	
2	<u>Waste / sewage water management</u> (processing waste water, domestic sewage water): (0) pollution of waterbodies by untreated wastewater; (2) basic adequate waste water handling; no substantial risk to environment or people by sanitary facilities; (3) good waste water management OR no negative impact at all on ground and surface water; (4) exceptional efforts; minimization of water use and very good water treatment	4	
3	<u>Programmes to minimize energy consumption and mitigate climate change</u> : (0) no efforts although high consumption; (2) no apparent waste of energy OR training programmes/activities to minimize overall energy consumption; (3) very low overall consumption OR efficient use of electricity OR promotion of renewable sources of electricity (biogas, solar, wind, water, etc.); (4) exceptional efforts to minimize energy consumption / use renewable energy sources.	4	
4	<u>Protection of threatened or endangered species of flora and fauna and threatened habitats</u> : (0) evidence that producers directly destroy such species and / or habitats; (1) production has some negative impact; (2) no evidence of substantial active negative impact on such species and / or habitats; (3) producers protect all near threatened, vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered species and threatened habitats within the farm	4	
5	<u>Conversion or destruction of land ecosystems</u> , e.g. clearings of primary or old-growth secondary forests; introduction of potentially invasive species; conversion of natural grass- or bushland or of other ecologically valuable areas: Producers commonly (0) are responsible for such land conversions / destruction of ecologically valuable areas; (1) some shortcomings; (2) do not engage in such conversion or destructions or have taken sufficient compensatory ecosystem conservation action; (3) minimal or no land conversion, good conservation management of land use; (4) exceptional efforts	4	
6	<u>Destruction of or adverse impact on aquatic ecosystems</u> (e.g. regulation of water courses, water bodies or wetlands; destruction of benthic ecosystems through intensive aquaculture or fisheries; introduction of potentially invasive species into water bodies, pollution of rivers): Producers commonly (0) are responsible for such adverse impact or destruction; (1) some shortcomings; (2) do not engage in such destructive practices or have taken sufficient compensatory ecosystem conservation action; <i>if not: written obligation declaration</i> ; (3) minimal or no impact on aquatic ecosystems; good conservation management; (4) exceptional efforts	4	
7	<u>Land clearing or conversion of land or aquatic ecosystems</u> : (0) uncontrolled burning as means of land clearing; (2) acceptable land clearing practises; (3) exemplary efforts to minimize environmental impact OR no land clearing commonly practiced; (4) good awareness creation on minimizing and optimizing land clearing	4	
8	<u>Programmes for composting</u> : (0) no efforts at all; (2) adequate efforts; (3) very good performance with regard to composting; (4) exceptionally good performance	4	
9	<u>Programmes for recycling & waste reduction</u> : (0) no efforts at all; (2) adequate efforts; (3) good performance with regard to recycling and reduction of waste production; (4) exceptionally good performance	4	
10	<u>Waste disposal</u> : (0) unacceptable waste disposal in local context, e.g. plastic all over the fields; (2) waste disposal dumps on farms and/or controlled open air burning of waste with efforts to minimize negative impact on people and environment; (3) very good / low emission waste management; (4) exceptional waste management efforts	4	
TOTAL		MAX	Score
Maximum Points / Total Norm Points / Effective Points		40	20