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01 Introduction of GRAS

GRAS has many years of expertise in the areas of land use analysis, risk assessment and the development of interactive tools

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First-hand coffee expertise, implementation of projects in coffee-producing countries. 4C is sister company





Development of monitoring tools, e.g., for large-scale data collection and analysis of production areas of smallholders



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Implementation of the DKV risk analysis based on the criteria of the LkSG, as well as the grievance mechanism Ear4U





GRAS supports companies to comply with obligations from Due Diligence regulations

Examples

German Act on Corporate Due Diligence Obligations for the Prevention of Human Rights Violations in Supply Chains (LkSG) & EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDDD)

- Abstract risk assessment of relevant human rights risks
- Establishing and managing grievance mechanisms

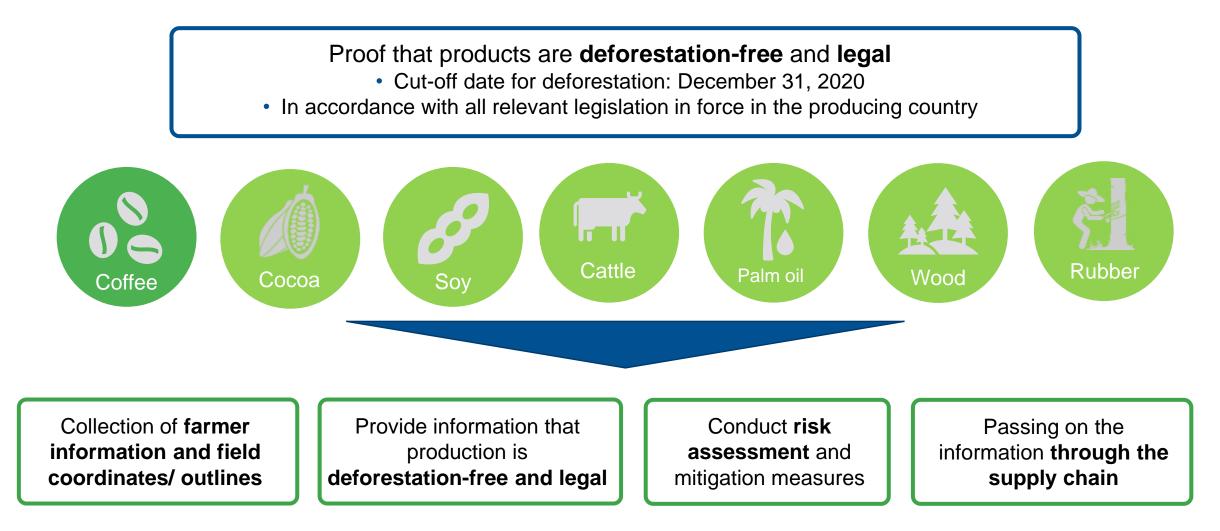
Regulation on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation (EUDR)

- Collection of geo coordinates, polygons and legality information
- Analysis of deforestation after 31 Dec 2020
- Risk analysis for individual deliveries
- Reporting for DD Statements and internal documentation



02 Innovative solutions to support compliance with EUDR

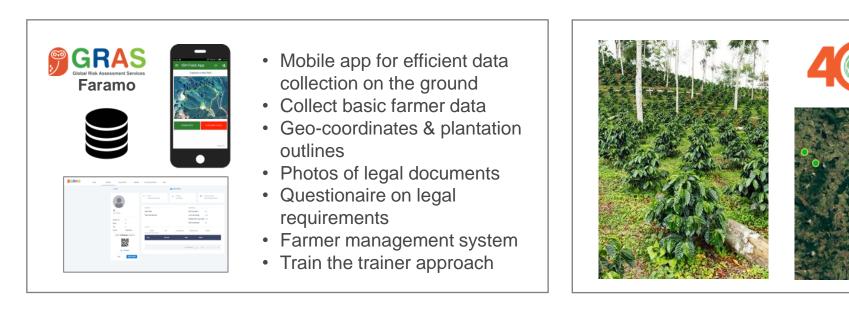
Obligations described in the EU regulation on deforestation-free supply chains





GRAS and 4C provide tools to collect and analyse relevant data for specific plantation areas, e.g. collecting geo-coordinates, analysis of deforestation

Collecting information



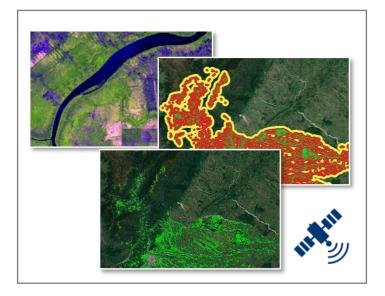
FARAMO - Management, analysis and visualization of plantation outlines and production data

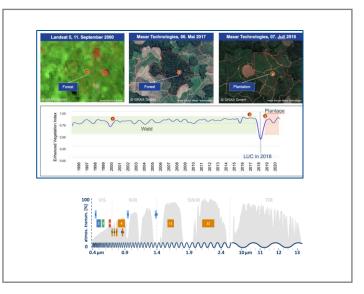
4C certification includes the collection of geocoordinates of farmers



GRAS applies an efficient multi-step approach to create a forest base map to analyse geo-coordinates of production areas against deforestation

Deforestation analysis





Level 1: Integrated and combined map based on global datasets, JRC, JAXA, National datasets, etc. Level 2: Improved map based on high resolution satellite images, e.g. Sentinel 2

Level 3: Detailed analysis of critical cases, raw observation, high resolution, time series analysis, etc.



Deforestation analysis

Examples

Sentinel 2 (ESA, Copernicus):

- 10x10m spatial resolution
- Launch Sentinel-2A: 2015
- Images available every 5 days

GRAS uses remote sensing technology to detect land use change and deforestation



Sentinel-2



SPOT



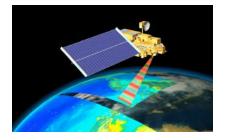
PALSAR

Landsat (NASA):

- 30x30m spatial resolution
- Launch Landsat 4/5: 1982/84
- Landsat 8/9 available every 8 days



Landsat



MODIS



Lidar

The risk assessment approaches from GRAS are customized to the specific criteria relevant for DD regulations, based on geo-data & statistics and indices

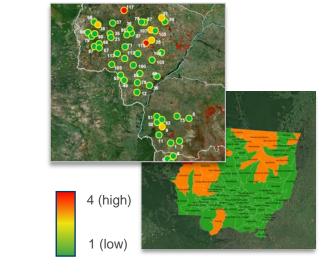
Risk assessment



Forest, deforestation, protected area datasets and others are used for subregional risk assessment



Evaluation of political and social criteria, information from certification systems and third parties

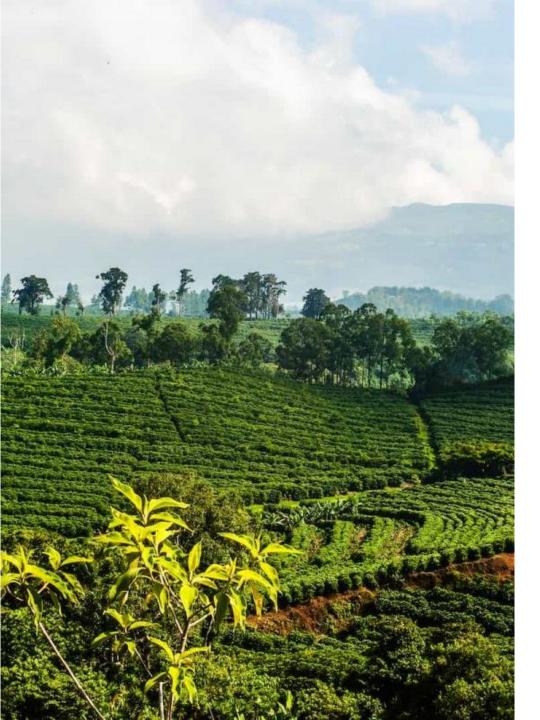


Transparent, data-based risk evaluation





03 Pilot coffee farms in Vietnam

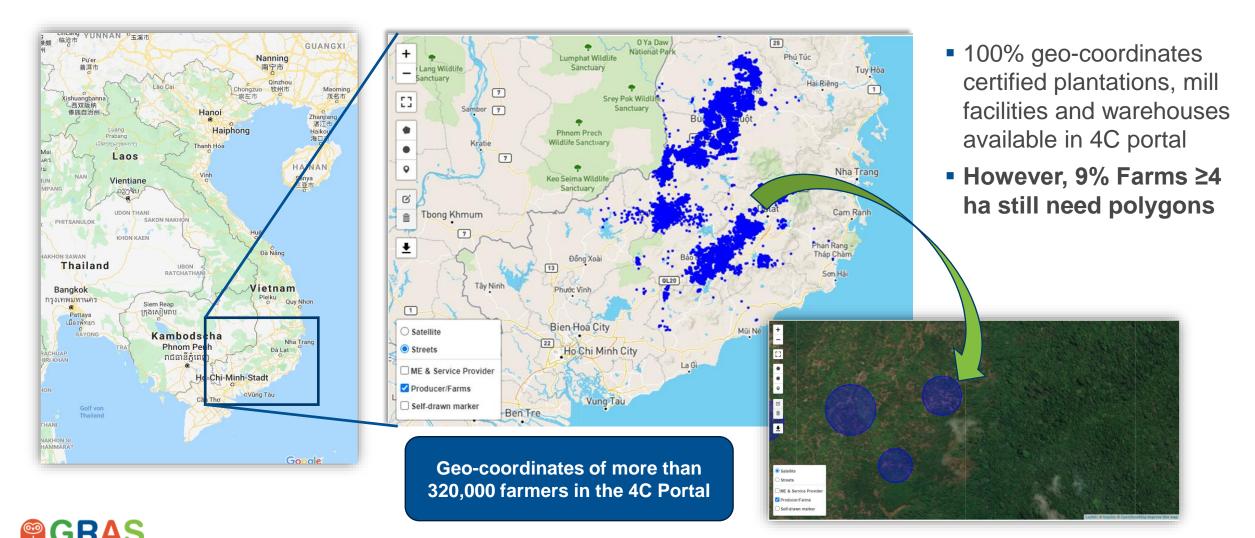


Running Pilot Project:

Deforestation status for coffee farms provided by Vietnamese companies to claim deforestation-free coffee (4C and GRAS)

- Vietnamese companies provided point coordinates and Polygon
- GRAS develops the Forest Map of Vietnam considering the cut-off date 31 December 2020
- 4C integrated the Forest map into 4C Portal
- Deforestation Alerts are shown in 4C Portal showing the deforestation status of the farms

Geo-point coordinates are an integral part of the 4C Certification System



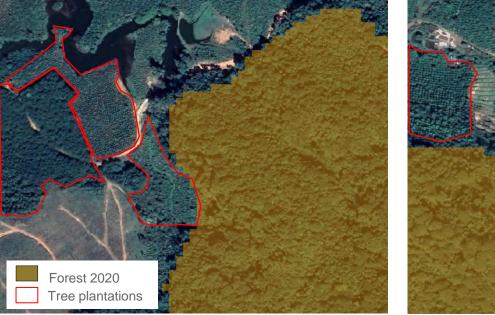
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GRAS produces forest base maps for the year 2020 for the deforestation check

Forest base maps show the extension of forest before the cut-off date 31st December 2020

The algorithm is trained to distinguish between tree plantations and natural forest in 2020

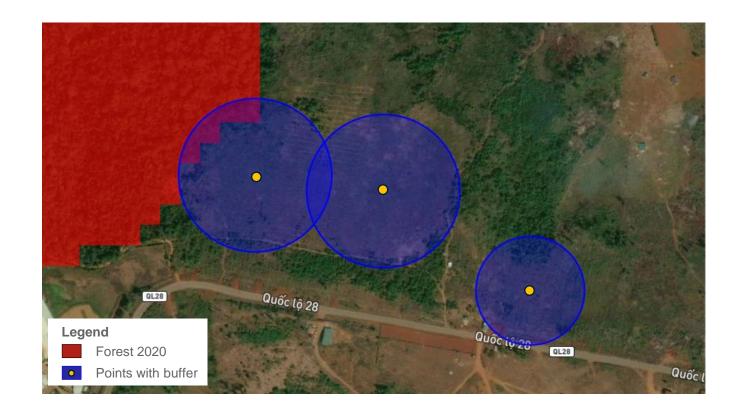




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Farm points with buffer areas are checked for overlaps with forest layer from 2020

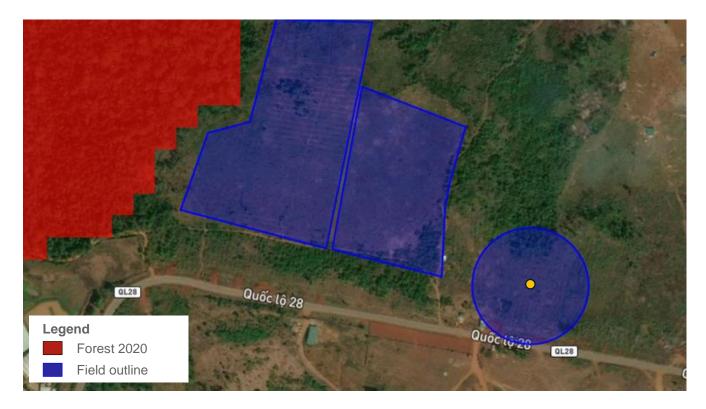
- All farm locations are checked for overlaps with forest layer from 2020
- Leftmost farm raises an alert
 - This group of farm locations cannot be considered EUDR compliant
- The alert needs to be resolved by
 - Moving the geo. coordinate to the correct location
 - Provide evidence that coffee production in the area is allowed
 - Define the polygon of the exact farm area
 - Exclude the farmer from the group





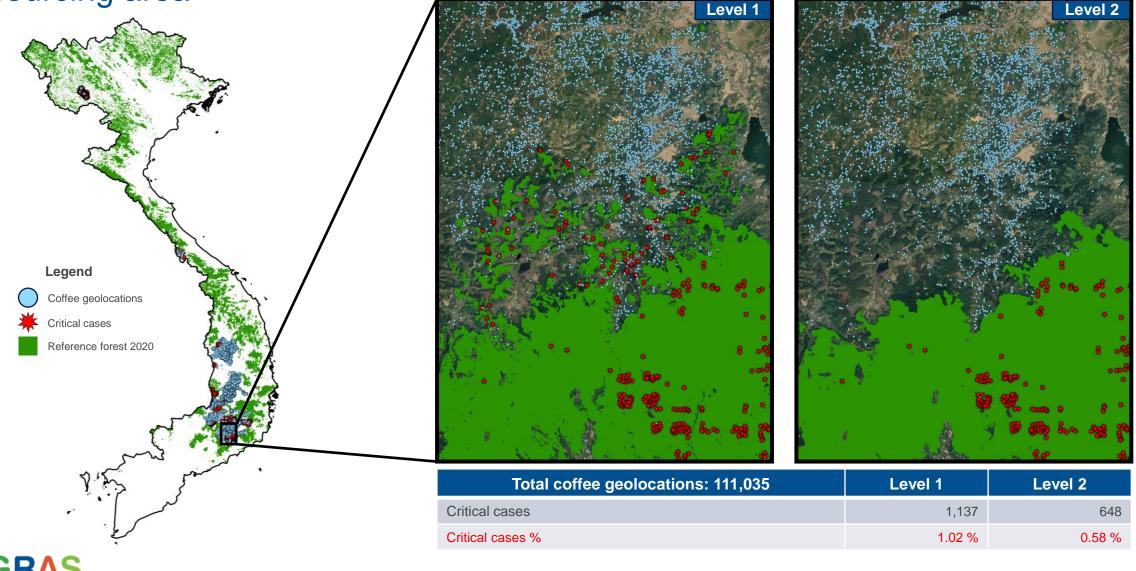
Farm polygons are more accurate and show a realistic analysis against forest layer

- Using a polygon to describe the farm area solves the alert
- The exact outline of the field allows no inaccuracies
- It is recommended to collect polygons in the field to immediately obtain an accurate image and avoid duplicate checks
- → Produce EUDR compliant coffee

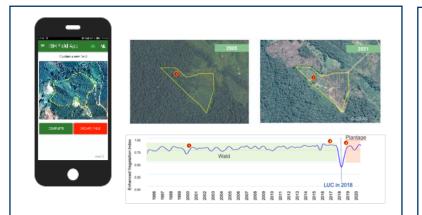




Example of a GRAS system test in Vietnam EUDR deforestation checks coffee sourcing area



GRAS supports companies in adhering to EUDR obligations through a comprehensive process that identifies and addresses deforestation risks in any of the commodities and countries of origin



- Mapping of plantation areas
- Analysis using satellite data and innovative evaluation methods

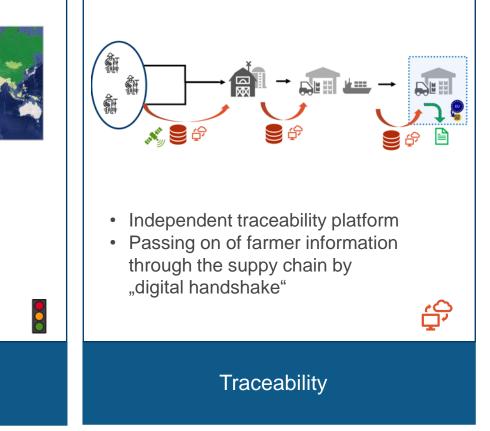


Collection of farmer data and geocoordinates & analysis of deforestation



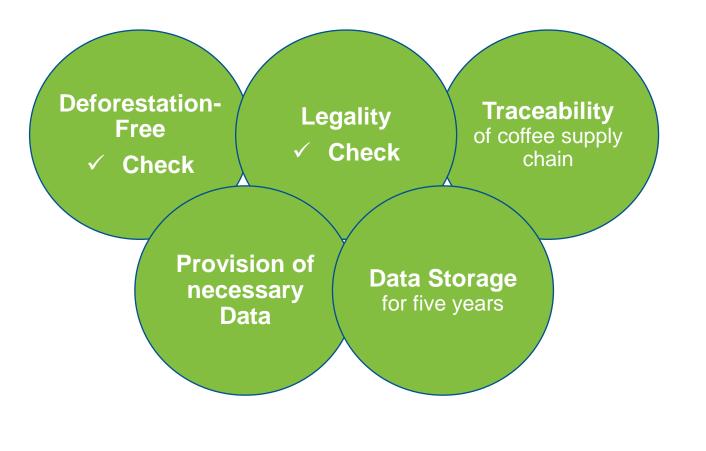
 Consideration of all relevant environmental and human rights criteria of the EU regulation

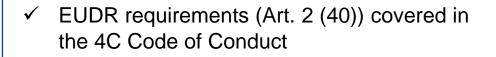
Risk assessment





A complete set of solutions to cover EUDR as a one-stop shop is offered by 4C and GRAS





- Traceability is provided through the Commercial Reporting via the 4C Portal by System Users
- Risk analysis tools by GRAS for external auditors verify potential conversion of primary forest and protected areas through remote sensing
- ✓ Geo-coordinates of more than 320,000 farmers in the 4C Portal
- 4C offers support options for the Legality Check





Thank you very much!



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