

Protect our Planet

Cargill's Protect our Planet goal is our commitment to reducing our environmental impact, including ending deforestation in our cocoa supply chain, in order to secure the future livelihoods and resilience of our smallholder farming partners. We're taking action – for today, for tomorrow, and for every generation to follow. That's our promise to the world.



The Issue

One-third of planet Earth is covered with forests. They act as our planet's lungs, cleaning carbon dioxide from our atmosphere and creating the oxygen we need to survive. Over one billion people rely on these forests for their livelihoods. Deforestation is often caused when small-scale cocoa farming encroaches on protected areas.



Our Commitments to Date

- 2014 Cargill signs New York Declaration on Forests
- 2015 Cargill adopts its 1st Global Policy on Forests
- 2017 Alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- 2017 Signature of the Cocoa & Forest Initiative (CFI)
- 2018 Launch of the Protect our Planet Strategic Action Plan

Our Strategic Action Plan



Supply Chain Transparency

To stop cocoa and other chocolate ingredients produced from deforested areas entering our supply chain, we need to know where they come from. We have committed to mapping 100% of all farms in our direct supply chain, using geolocation to monitor deforestation risks. Traceability technology such as bar-coding bags of beans helps us trace beans back to individual farms to make sure none of our cocoa comes from protected areas.



Cargill Cocoa Promise

We need to make sure that cocoa farmers can make a living, without harming the environment. We're working with cocoa farmers to help them adopt greener practices: from learning to farm existing land more efficiently, to supporting reforestation and biodiversity-enhancing efforts through agroforestry and conservation.



Supplier Engagement

There are many different players involved in cocoa's journey from bean to bar. We will work with them to manage the risk of deforestation within our indirect cocoa and chocolate ingredient supply chain.



Transformation, Together

The Earth is our home – and protecting it is a shared responsibility. When we partner with others, we can achieve far more than we ever could alone. By working with governments, institutional actors, civil society and other industry players, we are securing a more sustainable cocoa sector.



Reporting & Sharing

We believe that, when it comes to sustainability, a lesson learned is a lesson best shared. That's why, as we act, we will report annually on our progress and share our learnings – so others can reap the benefit of our experiences.