

## Responsible Source Statement for Cupuaçu Butter (*Theobroma grandiflorum*)

Our supplier, the manufacturer, has confirmed they are committed to sourcing cupuaçu seeds in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

As an expression of traditional knowledge and livelihood option for forest communities, the gathering and use of non-timber forest products such as seeds, resins and herbs is a crucial component of sustainable forest management promoting Amazonian rainforest conservation. It is an up-and-coming alternative for unsustainable timber exploration and slash-and-burn activities for low valuable cash cropping and cattle farming. Investing in the purchase and application of non-timber forest products contributes to poverty alleviation and local development. Our supplier advocates the preservation of the Amazonian Rainforest by promoting the use and creating consumer markets for these sustainable and renewable rainforest resources and products with particular emphasis on seeds and resins for the cosmetic industry. They provide a morally and ecologically balanced relationship that supports the conservation of the Amazonian Rainforest and the rainforest communities' monetary needs. Still, they can compete financially with other unsustainable income sources offered by timber companies and agricultural concerns.

They only source cupuaçu seeds from communities whose operations meet the following principles:

- Only legal sources.
- No development on conservation units

- Not favoring mono-culture plantations but diversified agroforestry systems
- Comply with their established Code of Conduct, which describes expectations in food safety, forced labor, child labor, abuse of labor, freedom of association and collective bargaining, discrimination and harassment, wages and benefits, work hours and overtime, health and safety, environment, and anti-corruption.
- Our supplier guarantees the traceability of the cupuaçu fruits and fresh seeds.
- The cupuaçu seeds are a subproduct of the fruit pulp industry, and upscaling the production is far from exhausted

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