2019 ANNUAL REPORT OUR ALLIANCE IN ACTION



The Rainforest Alliance is an international non-profit organization working in more than 70 countries at the intersection of business, agriculture and forests. We are building an alliance to create a better future for people and nature by making responsible business the new normal.



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FOREWORD FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

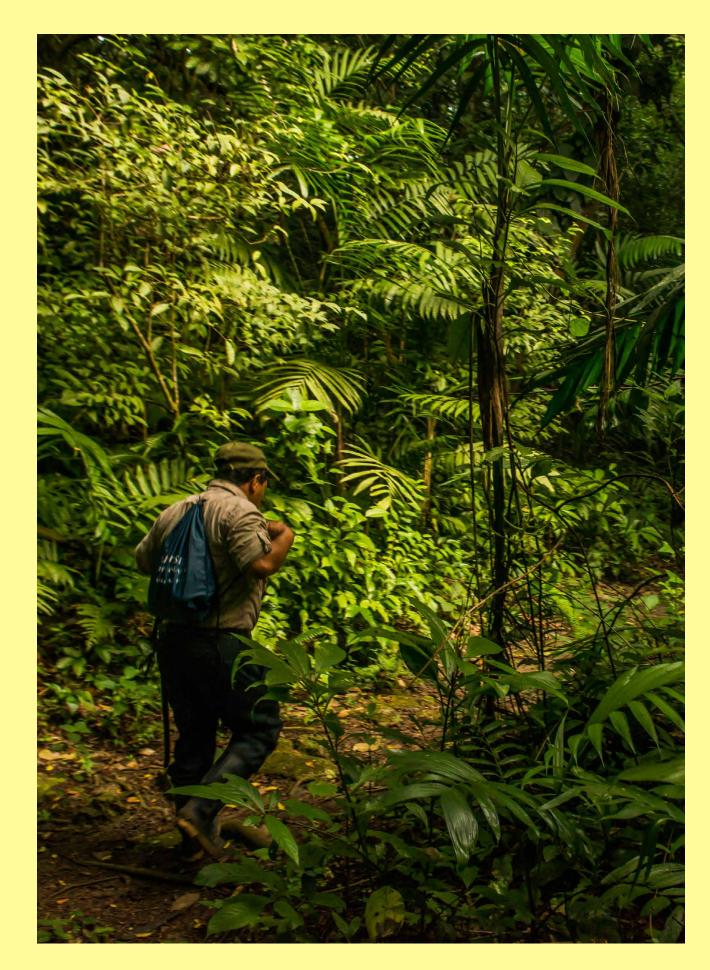
he year 2019 drove the urgency of our climate crisis to the forefront of global public awareness. Only a hermit living on the remotest mountaintop could have avoided the news that average global temperatures reached the second highest levels on record; that droughts around the world brought one-fourth of humanity dangerously close to running out of water; or that millions of schoolchildren were striking weekly for their right to a livable future. And then in late July, man-made fires engulfed massive swaths of the Amazon before our very eyes, ravaging Indigenous communities and stealing away one of the world's most vital carbon stores.

The fires were a devastating planetary setback that could have pushed even the most optimistic among us to give up hope. Yet remarkably, the opposite happened. The fires incited an unprecedented outcry across the globe—and a massive crisis mobilization by members of our alliance far and wide. Together, we raised USD \$1.2 million for front-line organizations across Brazil, Peru, and Colombia. The groups in this new Amazon alliance worked together to coordinate their emergency response and continue to share information in preparation for the next fire season.

One positive outcome of the tragedy is a heightened global awareness of the importance of rainforests and biodiversity, and the ongoing threats to their very existence. Accordingly, we intensified our efforts to educate the broader public about the destructive cycle of poverty, unsustainable agriculture, human rights abuses, and deforestation—the very challenges that led to the birth of the Rainforest Alliance more than 30 years ago. Since then, as activists have built critically important action networks to mount sustained pressure campaigns, we have created an alliance of farming and forest communities, companies, and consumers to transform destructive systems from within. All along, our approach has centered rural communities in vulnerable production landscapes. After all, the health of an ecosystem and the well-being of those who live in and around it are inseparable.

Our capacity to accelerate positive systemic change grew immensely in 2019, the second year after the merger between the Rainforest Alliance and UTZ. The successful inte-





gration of these two organizations is a remarkable accomplishment that we attribute, with deepest gratitude, to Han de Groot, who skillfully led this complex process during his two-year tenure as CEO of the newly merged organization. The achievements outlined in this report are a testament to how Han's leadership enhanced our mission, our strategy, and the effectiveness of our talented and deeply passionate staff.

As an organization we are focused on achieving systemic change, which means, in part, making responsible business the "new normal." Achieving this goal requires nothing less than a major paradigm shift—one that has finally begun to take hold—supported by clear pathways and benchmarks to guide businesses in an accelerated journey to sustainability. In 2019, we published the Accountability Framework in partnership with several leading environmental and human rights organizations; the framework serves as a roadmap for companies seeking to eliminate deforestation and human rights abuses from their supply chains. The Accountability Framework has become an important element of our corporate advisory work with companies to help them achieve their sustainability goals.

Independent, third-party certification has proven to be one of the most

powerful tools available to motivate widespread change across supply chains and production landscapes. Our decades of experience have shown us that a good system must adapt to changing conditions in business, as well as on the ground. We worked throughout the year to draft our new, unified standard—the first step in our journey to reimagine certification. Our certification and assurance experts convened two rounds of extensive public consultation with companies, farm groups, and others who play important roles in global supply chains; their efforts will culminate in the publication of our new standard in June 2020.

In our experience, certification is most effective as part of a broader effort to cultivate thriving and sustainable rural economies across vulnerable landscapes. Throughout the year, we supported farm groups and forest communities in implementing land management strategies that address common concerns affecting their livelihoods and community well-being, such as watershed conservation. We also developed technology for better farming. Our newly expanded FarmGrow initiative, for example, uses mobile devices to deliver individualized farming plans to thousands of cocoa farmers to help them increase their yields as much as three-fold.

The success of all our efforts is greatly enhanced by favorable policies. Our advocacy team works to advance legislation and policies that support farming and forest communities. In Guatemala, for example, we partnered with local groups on a national advocacy effort that yielded a major success in 2019: a 25-year extension contract for the first of nine community forest concessions. These concessions, managed cooperatively by our longtime partner communities in the Maya Biosphere Reserve, have achieved near-zero deforestation and net forest recovery-in tandem with a thriving rural economy. Throughout the year, our advocacy team continued its ongoing local, regional, and international advocacy efforts to advance sustainable forest management, foster shared responsibility across supply chains, and enable climate resilience and economic stability for rural producers.

We share these achievements, along with many others detailed in the following pages, to remind you that despite the overwhelming challenges our world is facing, you are part of a global alliance of visionaries working to create a better future. Your support has helped make all of these accomplishments possible. Together, and only together, we can create a world where people and nature thrive in harmony.



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Board Chair



OUR GLOBAL REACH

he Rainforest Alliance has been working to protect nature and improve livelihoods around the world for 33 years. With our staff based in 34 countries across six continents, we're now a truly global organization that has built a powerful, international alliance.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

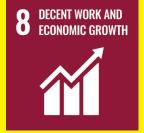
The Rainforest Alliance aligns with and contributes to reaching many of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Read more about how exactly we contribute to each of these goals at rainforest-alliance.org/white-papers/sdgs



















certified farmers following our standards, designed to improve livelihoods, promote human rights, and protect the environment



hectares of land covered by integrated landscape management programs* aiming to conserve biodiversity and improve rural livelihoods

* Integrated Landscape Management refers to initiatives that are strengthening landscape governance and connections between local communities and more responsible buyers and other investors, based on environmental sustainability criteria defined for the landscape.

hectares of global farmland certified against our sustainability standards

projects directly benefiting farmers, forest communities, and nature

5,000

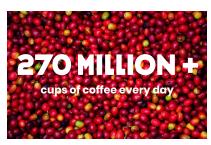
companies that work with the Rainforest Alliance to source certified ingredients and improve their business practices

44,000

products with the Rainforest Alliance Certified™ seal or UTZ label available for purchase

UTZ and Rainforest Alliance merged in 2018. The UTZ and Rainforest Alliance certification programs continue to run in parallel until the transition to our new certification program begins in 2020. All data is accurate as of December 2019. Certification data includes both Rainforest Alliance and UTZ Certified farms, with totals calculated using estimates of how many farms are certified by both programs.

Companies buy enough Rainforest Alliance or UTZ certified coffee, tea, and cocoa to make*:





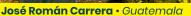


* Totals are calculated based on first buyer sales volumes in 2017–2019. Assumes 120,000 cups of coffee per metric ton, 500,000 cups of tea per metric ton, and 25,000 100-gram bars of milk chocolate with 40 percent cocoa content per metric ton.

MEET THE TEAM

ainforest Alliance staff share a common goal: to make positive, systemic changes that will contribute to a world where people and nature thrive in harmony. Yet each of us brings unique talents and experiences to our global team, including expertise in agriculture, climate change, biology, forestry, human rights, law, business, and more. Empowered by a rich diversity of cultural and professional backgrounds, we keep each other inspired, motivated, and optimistic about our future.







Inge Verburg • Netherlands



Justin Valdes • USA

CORE VALUES

Our core values are at the very heart of who we are as an organization. Like the points of a compass, they guide us—and our little green frog-toward a better future for people and nature.

- Impact
- Change
- Collaboration
- Openness Trust

age of the average Rainforest Alliance employee

countries with Rainforest Alliance

employees, on six continents

444

employees



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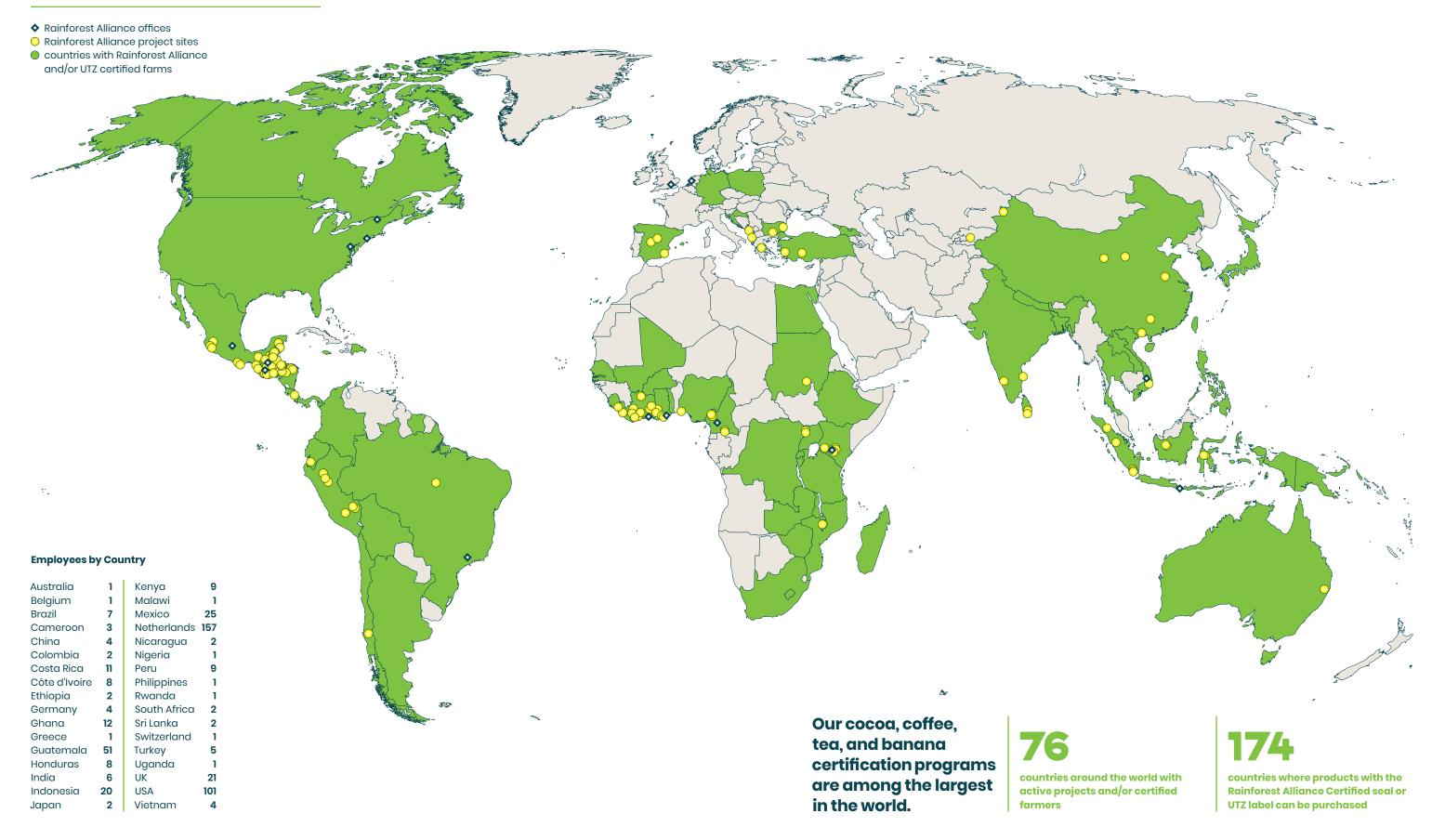
Gender Breakdown of Staff

women men All Staff: 252 women (57%) 192 men (43%)

Senior Managers: 21 women (41%) 30 men • • • • • • • • • • • (59%)

All staff figures are current as of December 31, 2019

WHERE WE WORK



WE THRIVE TOGETHER

- 1 We build together. Forewoman Yuriria Hernandez Velasco saws boards at a woodworking shop in Mexico. A consortium of local forest communities owns the workshop, where furniture, flooring, doors, and other products are made from sustainably harvested timber.
- 2 We grow together. A worker harvests bananas on Platanera Río Sixaola in Costa Rica. Rainforest Alliance Certified since 1992, the farm demonstrates what can be achieved for workers and nature through a deep commitment to continuous improvement.
- **3 We learn together.** Cocoa farmers gather for field training in Côte d'Ivoire. Training in more sustainable farming, social, and environmental practices helps farmers achieve certification.
- 4 We protect together. The border between a severely degraded landscape in Belize (left) and a community forestry concession in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve (right). The MBR's concessions have achieved astonishing forest conservation through sustainable enterprise.
- **5** We nurture together. Workers apply compost to young tea plants on a farm in India. An independent study found that trained tea farmers apply compost and pluck tea leaves more frequently, which enhances quality and yield. (Waarts, Ge, Ton, and Jansen, 2012)
- **6 We flourish together.** A worker prepares hazelnuts for de-husking on a farm in Turkey. Since its launch in 2014, our hazelnut program has made important steps in tackling sustainability issues related to low productivity, child labor, and poor working conditions for farm workers.



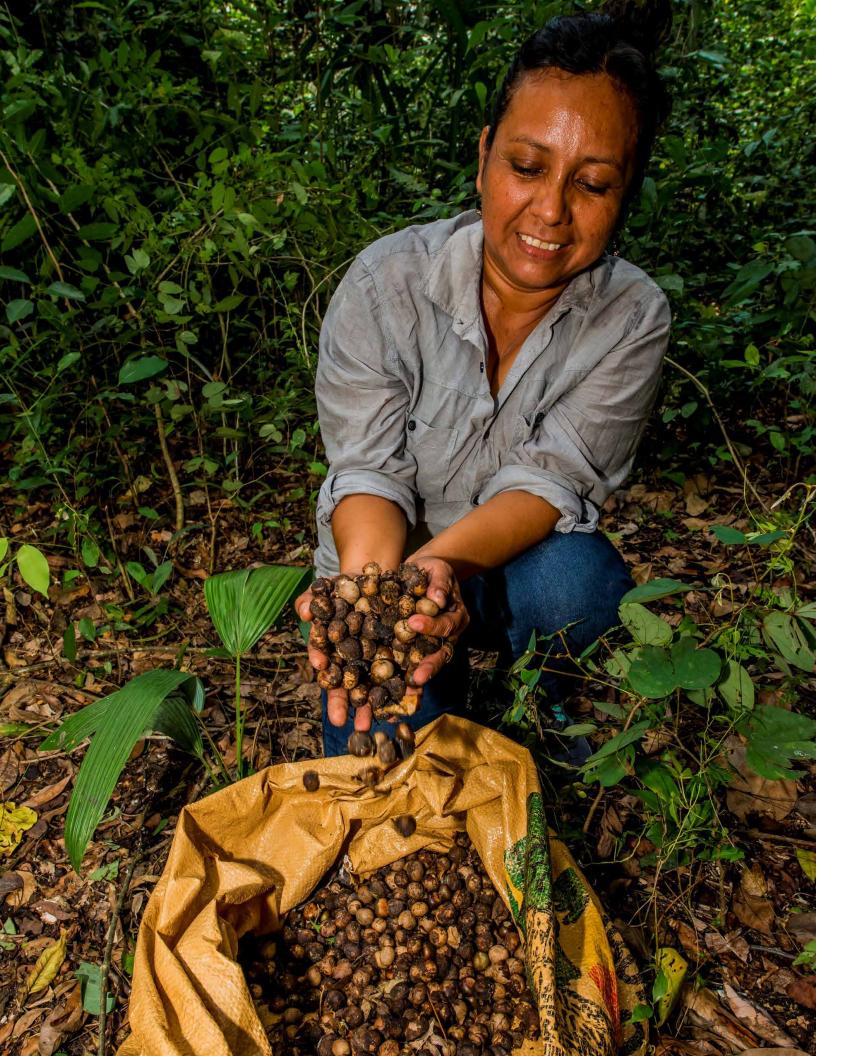












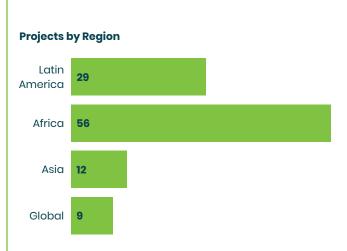
JOINING FORCES WITH FARMERS AND FOREST COMMUNITIES

y joining forces with farming and forest communities, we can drive deep-rooted change on some of the most urgent challenges of our time—from deforestation and the climate crisis to entrenched poverty and human rights abuses.

We have seen firsthand that people and nature can thrive in harmony. That's why our work on the ground focuses on cultivating flourishing rural economies that can boost local livelihoods while safeguarding the environment. Together, we're implementing proven and scalable solutions—and testing new and more innovative strategies—to advance sustainable farming and forest management across important production landscapes in more than 70 countries.

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projects bringing direct benefits to farmers, forest communities, and nature



SUPPORTING FARMERS THROUGH OUR ASSOCIATED TRAINERS NETWORK

Training has long been the backbone of our certification programs and the secret to their success on the ground. And now we're building the Associated Trainers Network, which brings together skilled local trainers—who have been assessed by the Rainforest Alliance—to better support farmers at each step of their journey towards certification. 2019 saw the expansion of our network to Ghana and Indonesia, following successful rollouts earlier in Cote d'Ivoire and Kenya. Looking ahead, we plan to take the initiative worldwide with further network launches planned for Latin America, Asia, and Africa in 2020.



INDONESIAN FARMERS ACT TO SAVE LAKE POSO

ith its rare orchids and striking birds, Lake Poso, in the heart of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, is a nature lover's paradise. A vital natural resource, the lake also supports the livelihoods of the cocoa-farming communities dotted along its shores. But now, scientists are sounding the alarm about severe pollution—caused in part by irresponsible agriculture.

The Rainforest Alliance has worked with cocoa farmers in the lakeside district of Pamona Seletan since 2015. Violent clashes between ethnic groups ravaged the region between 1998 and 2007—but a decade on, former enemies have found unity in sustainability. Since achieving certification, the Karya Bersama cooperative's 500 farmers have seen yields increase by as much as 20 percent. And now they are leading the charge to clean up Lake Poso—helping to

expand our sustainable agriculture program to five more villages and to develop a natural resource management plan. Four hundred smallholders are learning techniques, like organic composting, that can improve productivity while also protecting the watershed from toxic agrochemical runoff.*

Sin Simpotu, a 41-year-old farmer, has taken an active role as a sustainability leader and was elected "local community champion" for her village. Tasked with building community consensus on responsible land use and water protection, Sin hopes to inspire other farmers, especially women, to embrace conservation.

* The project is financially supported by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, a joint initiative of l'Agence Française de Développement, Conservation International, the European Union, the Global Environment Facility, the Government of Japan and the World Bank. The fund's fundamental goal is to ensure civil society is engaged in biodiversity conservation.

"I realized we have to protect nature because nature provides many things for us. We grow together with nature; we need to protect it for our younger generations."

SIN SIMPOTU

farmer and local sustainability champion from Bo'e village near Lake Poso

USING TECHNOLOGY FOR BETTER FARMING

mallholder farmers all over the world are contending with a range of threats to their livelihoods, from droughts and floods to proliferating plant diseases and plummeting yields. To make matters worse, farmers in remote areas don't have access to the kind of in-person coaching that could improve their farms' climate resilience and profitability—and contribute to the well-being of their families and communities.

Enter digital innovation—more specifically, our ground-breaking initiative FarmGrow, which puts mobile technology to use as never before. FarmGrow brings our agricultural experts together with farmers, traders, and manufacturers to create seven-year plans tailored to meet the specific needs of a farm—and makes the plans available on mobile devices. What's innovative about the initiative—and potentially life-changing for farming families—is that the data collected on farms flows back to the farmers, so they can use it to refine and adapt their plans.

Each plan also includes a profit-andloss statement, which no other farming app features, to help farmers plan for on-farm investments.

In 2019, FarmGrow expanded from 1,200 cocoa-farming households in Indonesia to include 3,300 more in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire. Farmers are signing on enthusiastically (in fact, 20,000 farmers are expected to join the program by the end of 2020), in large part because the farm plans can increase yields as much as three-fold. To accommodate varying literacy levels, the plans make heavy use of pictographs to guide farmers. All suggested interventions and investments are based on data the farmers input themselves, like current farm conditions and investment capacity.

To tap into the most advanced technology available, the Rainforest Alliance held an international competition in 2019 to develop a remote-sensing data function for the FarmGrow app, since satellite, radar, or drones can capture data more quickly and precisely than farm coaches can. The winning products are currently being piloted with cocoa farmers in Ghana, with an eye to reaching 120,000 cocoa farmers in Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Indonesia, and Ecuador.

* FarmGrow is funded by the Netherlands Space Agency.



4,500+

farmers in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Indonesia who participated in FarmGrow in 2019

20,000

farmers who will be supported by FarmGrow by the end of 2020

DEVELOPING NEW TOOLS FOR BETTER LIVELIHOODS

We are seizing the opportunities that digital technology presents to scale up our proven approaches to improving farmer livelihoods.

In addition to our robust digital programs underway, we are currently testing ways to benchmark the living income gap in Ghana and Ivory Coast; this information will then be used to support companies that want help close that gap by making extra payments to farmers. We will likely use a blockchain platform to enable these financial transfers, and also to verify payments all the way to individual farmers (not just coops), and increase traceability. We are also working on a way to use blockchain to bring consumers closer to farmers by, for example, allowing consumers to tip farmers when buying a cup of coffee.



OUR RESPONSE TO THE AMAZON FIRES

n August, the world watched in horror as catastrophic fires engulfed the Amazon. Scientists warn that this man-made crisis—part of a surge in illegal deforestation concentrated in Brazil—is pushing

this precious ecosystem toward the brink of collapse. As the world's largest and most biodiverse rainforest, the Amazon is not only critical for the Earth's climate stability, it also feeds our collective imagination about the natural world. An international outcry gave rise to an inspiring global mobilization to defend the Amazon. The Rainforest Alliance was suddenly flooded with interview requests and questions from our social media followers about how people could help. We immediately launched an

emergency fundraiser on Instagram to raise urgently needed money for Amazon-based organizations fighting the crisis on the ground.

The fundraiser went viral and raised more than US \$1.2 million—100% of which went directly to the frontline organizations—six in Brazil, two in Peru, two in Colombia, and the Indigenous leadership federation representing all nine Amazon nations—which are now part of our new pan-Amazon alliance. The initiative also facilitated

a more closely coordinated crisis response across this immense region; we helped scale up their emergency response by funding essential fire-combat resources for community fire brigades, including firefighting equipment, protective clothing, and all-terrain vehicles.

We also provided urgent logistical and security support for Indigenous leaders whose communities are on the front lines of the deforestation crisis—and who possess unique traditional ecological knowledge in forest management. Notably, our emergency fund has enabled the science team at Instituto de Pesquisa Ambiental da Amazônia to extend its rapid-response fire alert system, SOMAI, across Indigenous lands in the Brazilian states of Pará and Amazonas. The web-based platform collects geo-referenced data and sends real-time alerts (on fires, droughts and other threats) to local communities via a mobile app.

\$1.2
MILLION
raised for frontline organizations by our emergency call for donations

Several partners are also actively tackling the root cause of the fires-deforestation for agricultural expansion. In Brazil, for example, IMA-ZON is leading a national campaign against land-grabbing by making the economic case against reckless land use to responsible business leaders. Our emergency fund is also supporting Projeto Saúde e Alegria to expand its acclaimed sustainable forest management program in the Tapajós-Arapiús RESEX—a 655,000-ha reserve in western Pará. Home to 26 Indigenous communities, the reserve was established in 1998 to protect the traditional livelihoods and cultures of its residents and ensure the sustainable use of its natural resources. Thanks to our Amazon fund, our partner has been able to intensify its forest restoration work, including the reserve's community nursery and seed banks for forest-friendly fruits and trees.



OUR AMAZON ALLIANCE

Brazil

- Imaflora
- Instituto Homem e Meio Ambiente (IMAZON)
- Instituto de Pesquisa Ambiental da Amazônia (IPAM)
- Instituto SocioambientalProjeto Saúde e Alegria (PSA)
- COIAB (the umbrella federation of Indigenous communities in the Brazilian Amazon)

Peru

- DAR Perú
- Aidesep Pueblos Indígenas

Colombia

- OPIAC
- Fundación para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Sostenible in Colombia

Pan-Amazon

 COICA (the pan-Amazon federation of Indigenous leaders)



"The Amazon is a diverse system, and we need diversity in business as well. The forest is beautiful, but there are people living there and making their living there. We can reconcile these two."

ANE ALENCAR

IPAM Amazonia's director of science during our Instagram Live



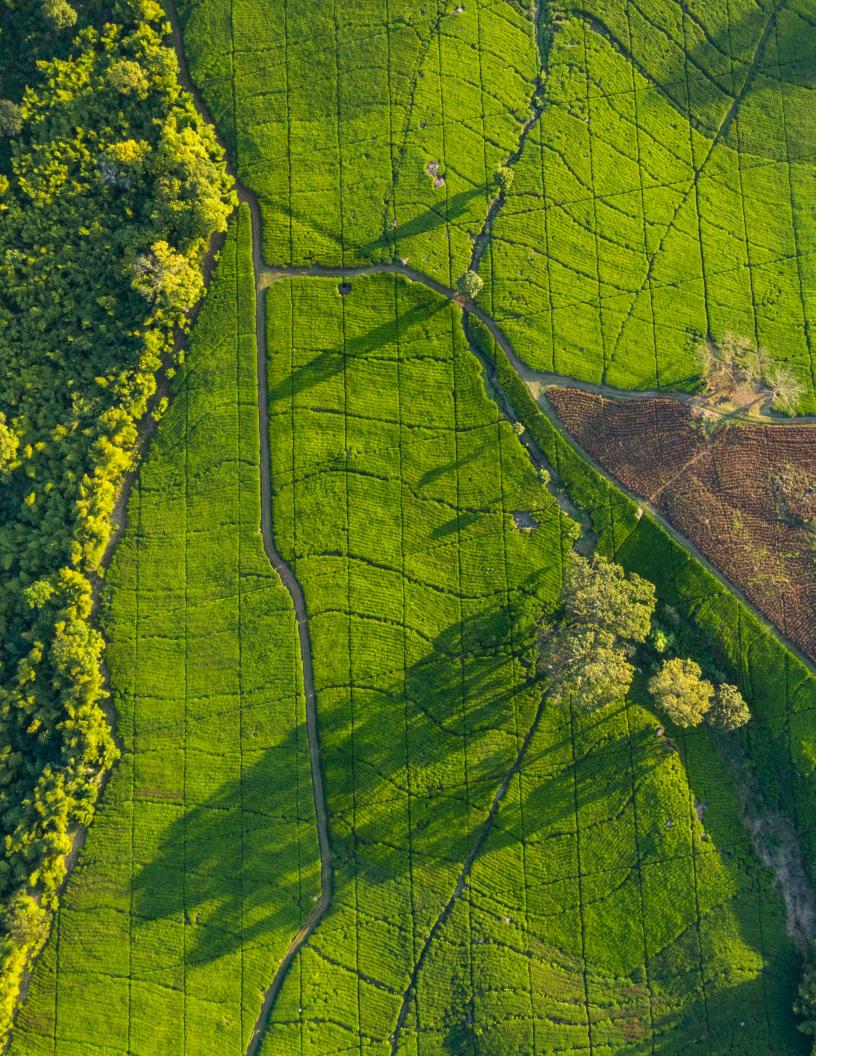


IPAM Amazonia, an organization focused on real-time monitoring in the Brazilian Amazon, created Alerta SOMAI, a mobile app that allows Indigenous people to report fires and deforestation in their territories as they occur. Our emergency fundraiser supported expanding access to the app for Indigenous communities on the frontline of the deforestation crisis.





Victor Moriyama, a Brazilian photojournalist and New York Times correspondent, kindly allowed the Rainforest Alliance use of his images to promote our Amazon Alliance and draw further worldwide attention to the crisis.



MAKING RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS THE NEW NORMAL

e are driving deep-rooted change on some of the most pressing social and environmental challenges of our time. And with the global climate crisis accelerating more rapidly than scientists predicted, transforming business practices is more critical to our collective future than ever before. Big businesses have the power and resources to implement sustainability solutions on a massive scale and trigger a cascade of positive change from the field to the boardroom.

By taking concrete steps to source more responsibly, companies create market demand for more sustainably produced goods. This demand, in turn, supports farmers and foresters who invest time, labor, and resources to adopt methods that protect workers, ecosystems, and communities. In this way, businesses can catalyze positive change across entire landscapes and foster better livelihoods of millions of rural people.

Growing Sustainability

Through our certification program, we're driving meaningful change in commodity sectors in which we believe we can make the biggest difference for people and nature.

See our Certification Impacts Report for more detail.

OUR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INCLUDES:























Scaling Up Our Landscape and Community Work with Companies

As a complement to our certification work, we partner with companies, communities and governments to address specific sustainability challenges at the landscape level. In southwest Ghana, we are working with cocoa farmers to stop deforestation in a program supported by Olam Cocoa and UK aid, Partnerships for Forests. The program includes native tree planting and training in sustainable farming methods that boost crop productivity and income. In addition, there is a focus on promoting entrepreneurship to foster job creation and inclusive growth, as well as encouraging more responsible business to support thriving communities. Together, these initiatives reduce pressure on farmers to expand into forests.

In Ecuador and Guatemala—two of the world's leading banana-producing countries—in collaboration with local partners, we've provided training to 4,000 banana farmers in safer, climate-smart methods to fight pests and prevent crop diseases. The training to dramatically reduce the use of toxic pesticides in banana farming in these two countries is part of a broader initiative benefiting ecosystems and community health alike, funded by the Walmart Foundation.







Guiding Companies on Their Sustainability Journey

The Rainforest Alliance has developed a range of initiatives to provide structured guidance to support businesses along their respective sustainability journeys. These initiatives are designed to complement crop and forestry certification with comprehensive evaluation tools that companies can apply to their supply chains and production landscapes.

The Accountability Framework, launched in June 2019, provides companies and governments with a clear roadmap to eliminating deforestation and human rights abuses from commodity supply chains.

Built on the consensus of 11 leading

environmental and social NGOs, including the Rainforest Alliance, the Accountability Framework aligns a wide range of existing monitoring tools and standards—creating a clear path toward more responsible supply chains, from field to shelf.

The Rainforest Alliance is also co-leading the development of a new initiative with several global partners to drive sustainability at scale. LandScale is a standardized assessment framework for businesses, governments, and civil society groups seeking to evaluate sustainability performance at the landscape level. In 2019, we released the first version of this framework for public consultation and began testing it in different field contexts.

Tailored Supply-Chain Programs

The Rainforest Alliance provides customized support, ranging from monitoring and evaluation to traceability services, to select companies seeking to achieve sustainability goals within certification and beyond. We have worked with Nescafé since 2012 on its coffee sustainability program, which spans 12 countries. In 2019, our evaluation and monitoring team collected data from the activities of 100,000 farmers and provided analysis to inform Nescafé's future sustainability initiatives.

In West Africa, top global chocolate traders and manufacturers have responded to complex and entrenched challenges in the cocoa sector by developing CocoaAction, a voluntary, industry-wide sustainability strategy. The Rainforest Alliance has trained more than 50 auditors in Côte d'Ivoire—the world's largest producer of cocoa—to collect data based on CocoaAction indicators in support of Nestle and Cargill commitments to the strategy. In 2019, we also began testing additional sustainability indicators related to production costs and shade-tree cover.

Risk assessment is another area of concern for companies pursuing responsible sourcing. The Rainforest Alliance is assisting Jacobs Douwe Egberts (JDE) with its Common Grounds sourcing strategy by providing supplier risk analysis, monitoring, and evaluation services. The com-

pany is working toward its goal of 100 percent responsibly sourced coffee and tea by 2025.

For major companies seeking to increase supply-chain transparency, the question of traceability is of utmost importance. Since 2016, the Rainforest Alliance has supported Unilever's efforts to achieve its traceability commitments on palm oil. To that end, our team has developed an innovative platform that tracks the company's palm oil supply all the way back to the mill—a critical first step toward eliminating deforestation in the sector. In 2019, we developed a plan to advance our partnership beyond traceability in support of Unilever's other sustainability goals.





REIMAGINING CERTIFICATION: AT THE HEART OF OUR STRATEGY

oon after its founding in 1987, the Rainforest Alliance developed third-party certification as a strategy to fight deforestation and improve rural livelihoods. Today, our certification programs connect companies, consumers, farmers, and forestry businesses committed to protecting the health of ecosystems, workers, and communities. In this way, we've harnessed market forces to improve land management and business practices.

In 2018, we began the process of reimagining our agricultural certifi-

cation strategy to address today's most urgent environmental and social challenges. This year, we began drafting a new standard for the Rainforest Alliance 2020 Certification Program.

The new standard, to be published in June 2020, will incorporate input from more than 1,000 people in nearly 50 countries, representing over 200 organizations, from farmers, companies and NGOs to governments and research institutes. Our new system will begin to move beyond a strictly binary "pass/fail" model to an approach that promotes and incentivizes continuous improvement (critical criteria will remain pass/fail). Smart meters—mechanisms to monitor performance over time—will support farmers in setting long-term sustainability goals and measuring progress against those goals. Audits will begin in June 2021.

In addition, data is at the heart of our new certification system, allowing us

to harvest key insights into production and the supply chain. Auditors will also use new technology, like satellite imagery, to capture data that cannot be easily detected in a single auditing visit, making audits more rigorous and efficient. Similarly, risk maps will encourage producers to focus on the issues that matter most in their landscapes and socioeconomic contexts.

Finally, our new certification system requires companies to invest in and reward more sustainable production. Until now, a disproportionate burden of certification has fallen on producers' shoulders—without adequate financial compensation for the time, labor, and financial investments required to improve their farms. The responsibility of sustainability transformation must be shared along the entire supply chain, and the foundation of that is a better price for a more sustainable product.









ADVOCATING IN SUPPORT OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

he Rainforest Alliance fortifies a range of sustainability interventions through targeted advocacy efforts. In both international and national arenas, we advance policies, regulations, and investments that incentivize and support efforts by farmers and forest communities to manage their land in a way that protects ecosystems and community well-being.

A Forestry Code that Benefits People and Forests in Côte d'Ivoire

Taï National Park in Côte d'Ivoire is the last remaining primary rainforest in West Africa. This year, we partnered with sustainability organization IMPACTUM to hold briefings and consultations with the government, local NGOs, and local communities on the national forestry code. As a result, the code now allows cocoa farmers—many of whom live on the edge of the park, as well as those in Cavally and Goin Debe forest reserves—to own the trees on their property. This means farmers can earn extra income by planting fruit-bearing trees, which protect cocoa trees, build resilience against drought, and generally improve local ecosystem health. The code also requires the inclusion of women in local governance, as well as forest and natural resource management.

Tackling Deforestation with the European Union

The European Union (EU) imports 80 percent of the world's cocoa, 60 percent of its coffee, and 25 percent of palm oil—all commodities whose production drives significant deforestation. This year, the Rainforest Alliance provided input for the EU's Communication on Stepping Up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests. We are now working to influence any resulting legislation so that it encourages investment and due diligence by companies and governments—and protects smallholder farmers.

Supporting Land Rights for Guatemala's Forest Communities

Nine forest communities in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve have maintained a near-zero deforestation rate in the vast "working forest" concessions they've managed for almost 20 years. That rate is 20 times less than other parts of the reserve. This year, the Rainforest Alliance, which has worked closely with these communities to sustainably manage their forest concessions since the late 1990s, held briefings and consultations with the local and national government agencies to encourage the extension of the community land leases. At the end of 2019, we celebrated the news that the first community lease up for consideration, Carmelita, received a 25-year extension—a hopeful sign that the other communities will also be able to continue their superb forest management into the future.

OUR SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM: BUILDING CAPACITY FOR **CHANGE**

any of the social and environmental challenges linked to cocoa, coffee, and tea are so deeply entrenched that tackling them requires a sector-wide approach. Our Sector Partnerships Program* fosters closer collaboration across these sectors in nine priority countries around the globe. The program includes efforts to empower women farmers in Nicaragua, stop

deforestation in Ghana, and help rural communities adapt to climate change in Malawi. Our commitment is to amplify the voices of farmers—especially smallholders and women who are often excluded from decision making. To that end, we support strengthening of the advocacy capacity of local farmer associations, labor unions, and NGOs so they can work more effectively with companies and governments to influence policies and drive change from the ground up.

is supported by an €18 million grant from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented in collaboration with them.





* The Sector Partnerships Program (2016–2020)

3 SECTORS





laws, policies, and sector programs influenced in 2019

advocacy initiatives

strengthened Civil **Society Organizations**

strengthened multistakeholder platforms and coalitions

All indicators are based on the outcomes reported by our staff and partners and collected through the program monitoring system. Unless indicated otherwise, the numbers cover the period from the start of the program in 2016 through 2019.

9 COUNTRIES AROUND THE GLOBE



6 PRIORITY ISSUES







Climate change adaptation and water management

Promoting farmer groups and smallholder interests









REVIVING KENYA'S COFFEE **INDUSTRY**

ith its acidic soil, and just the right amount of sunlight and rainfall, the highlands of central Kenya long enjoyed the perfect conditions to grow an intense and full-bodied arabica. But now, the country's once-thriving coffee industry faces serious challengeswith climate change, aging coffee trees, and socioeconomic inequity all contributing to low productivity.

Thanks to new research supported by our Sector Partnerships Program, the Kenya Coffee Producer's Association (KCPA) has proposed a strategy to tackle these issues: national reform of the country's cooperative system.

Over 60 percent of Kenyan coffee is produced by smallholders. These farmers rely on their local cooperative for training and to process the raw fruit of their coffee plants into beans—two crucial elements that determine the quality and, in turn, the price paid for their produce. But many cooperatives are now struggling to provide these essential services due to chronic mismanagement and weak regulatory enforcement. Women and young farmers are also systematically excluded from cooperative leadership. The KCPA is calling for a major revision of the legislation regulating these associations, known as the "Cooperatives Act."

Having supported KCPA in developing its policy recommendations, the Rainforest Alliance also helped its staff strengthen their advocacy skills. So far, the early results look promising; KCPA has quickly gained recognition as the authoritative voice of coffee farmers' interests throughout Kenya. Thanks to this newfound standing within the sector, KCPA has been able to meet with top members of the Kenyan government and lobby officials on several key issues—from helping farmers adapt to climate change to inclusion initiatives to empower women and youth.



RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS



ne individual acting alone cannot make much of an impact on systemic global problems. But independent research shows that a minority of committed people can drive significant social change. For this reason, we work to inform and engage the public about environmental and social challenges related to their everyday choices as consumers—as well as those that pose a threat to our collective future.

Our efforts culminated in August and September, when we responded to the crisis of deforestation and fires in the Amazon rainforest by launching an emergency fundraiser on Instagram for frontline groups. The crowdfunding campaign went viral, and we raised USD \$1.2 million in less than three weeks for Amazon frontline partners in Brazil, Peru, and Colombia. [See page 18 for more about our frontline partners and how they are using these funds]. Our work to engage new audiences around the world helped us inform and inspire a significantly broader audience than ever

Social Media Growth

Our social media following grew by 48 percent over the previous year, reaching a combined audience of 1.45 million followers. The number of interactions on our channels topped 1.78 million—an increase of 54.5 percent.

Our annual #FollowTheFrog marketing campaign engaged new audiences in an ongoing dialogue about how their choices as consumers can change the culture of consumption to make a positive impact on farmers and forest communities around the world.

48%

increase in our social media following

54.5%

increase in our social media interactions

1.7 MILLION+

combined interactions across all platforms











International Media Coverage



18.600+

mentions of the Rainforest Alliance and its programs in media around the globe

were positive or neutral

Including:











New Brand

In 2019 we launched a vibrant new brand identity to better represent our new organization and strategy, which emerged following the 2018 merger of the Rainforest Alliance and UTZ. Our frog mascot-chosen for its role as an indicator of ecosystem health-got a makeover for our logo and for our new Rainforest Alliance Certified™ seal, which will be launched in 2020.



The Rainforest Alliance Thought Leadership in the Media

"The future of global food supply and livelihoods of millions of people depend on bolder action from governments and industry to invest in forests and other natural climate solutions."

MARTIN NOPONEN



"OPINION: The climate change frontline: farmers and forest communities." April 30, 2019

"...policy makers and business leaders must create and enforce policies to prevent deforestation..."

HAN DE GROOT

SCIENTIFIC **AMERICAN**

"Forests Are a Low-Tech but High-Impact Way to Fight Climate Change" April 1, 2019



Events

In 2019 we actively participated in hundreds of global and local events with the goal of advancing policies and business practices that improve rural livelihoods and ecosystem health, including:

- Amazonia Bevond The Crisis (co-organized by the Rainforest Alliance)
- The Only Way is Up (International Living Wage and Living Income conference, co-organized by the Rainforest Alliance)
- **UN Climate Change Conference**
- Climate Week NYC
- The Economist Sustainability Summit
- Financial Times Global Food
- African Fine Coffee Conference
- Sintercafé International Coffee
- **Amsterdam Declarations** Partnership Meetings
- European Cocoa Forum

WHO MAKES UP **OUR ALLIANCE?**

here is power in our numbers: Our vast alliance brings together farmers, foresters, companies, scientists, and consumers to address some of the most pressing social and environmental challenges of our time.

Our global movement grows every year. Here are just some of those who partnered with us in 2019.

2 MILLION+

certified farmers

company partners in our sustainability programs

social media followers who #FollowTheFrog

170.000 newsletter subscribers

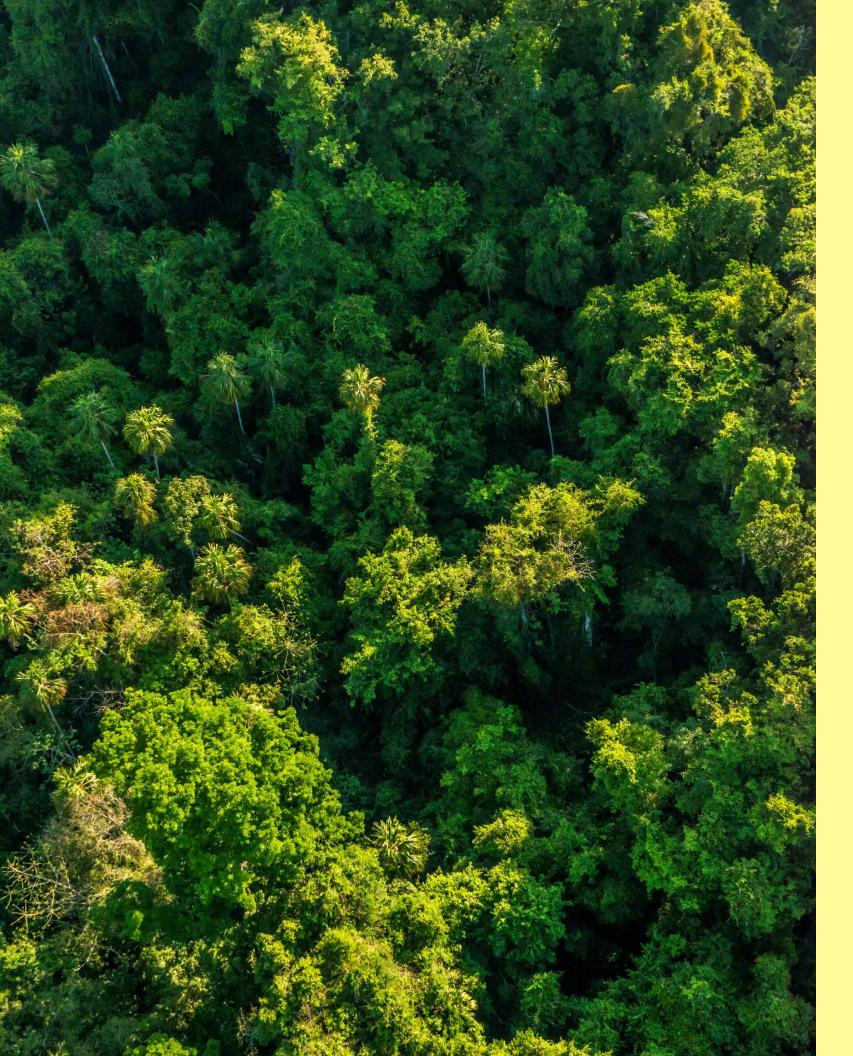
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people who donated to the **Rainforest Alliance**

foundations, corporations and government agencies funding our on-the-ground programs

coalitions and platforms that we take part in

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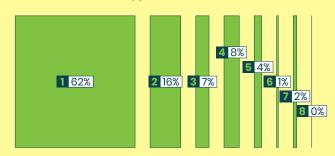


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REVENUE AND SUPPORT

1 Royalty Revenue \$42,933,463 2 Government Grants and Contracts 11.302.896 3 Foundations and Corporate Grants 4,918,760 4 Major Donors and Individuals 5,659,057 5 Other Contract Revenue 2.494.157 6 Special Events – Net 710,345 7 In-Kind Contributions 1,130,601 8 Other 332,247

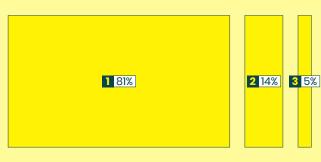
Total Revenue and Support



EXPENSES

Program Services
 Management and General
 Fundraising

Total Expenses



OTHER ACTIVITY

Foreign Currency Translation

(\$229,249)

DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS*

RA-Cert - Net \$573,052

ASSETS

\$69,481,526

\$51,008,089

\$63,362,637

9,026,843

3,327,705

Change in Net Assets \$6,462,692

Net Assets, Beginning of Year \$34,324,630

Net Assets, End of Year \$40,787,322

Rainforest Alliance Holding Inc

Rainforest Alliance Holding, Inc. is an international non-profit organization, organized on January 1, 2018 in the State of Delaware to serve as the common parent non-profit corporation providing centralized governance and oversight over Rainforest Alliance, Inc. and Stichting Rainforest Alliance. The above financial summary represents the consolidated revenue and expense for 2019 for the merged organization.

* During 2018, the Rainforest Alliance sold its assets in connection with its RA-Cert line of business. This sale represented a strategic shift in the Rainforest Alliance's operations and as such was recorded as a discontinued operation in the consolidated statement of activities and changes in net assets.



HOW THE RAINFOREST **ALLIANCE IS FUNDED**

e finance our work and sustainability programs through diverse sources of income. The largest of them are participation royalties from certification, grants from governments and foundations, and individual donations.

Participation Royalties

Participation royalties* are paid by companies that buy and sell goods produced on Rainforest Alliance Certified™ or UTZ certified farms. The Rainforest Alliance uses the royalties to support and sustain our certification programs. We invest these royalties in developing standards and policies, training farmers and auditors, managing a quality control system for auditors, tracing certified products throughout the supply chain, measuring impact, and more.

Grants and Contracts

Foundation, bi-lateral government, and multi-lateral government agency grants as well as corporate grants and contracts fund a variety of our on-the-ground programs to accelerate the adoption of more sustainable agricultural and forestry practices throughout the world.

These grants also fund global partnership initiatives designed to advance new solutions to systemic sustainability challenges. These partnerships demonstrate the power of working as an alliance. Examples include the Accountability Framework initiative and LandScale (see page 24 for more information about these initiatives).

Grants and contracts cover direct project costs as well as operating

Donations

The Rainforest Alliance has a long and robust history of individual philanthropic relationships. Individual donations to the Rainforest Alliance range from \$5 to more than \$1,000,000. These contributions come from people committed to taking action on some of the most pressing

social and environmental challenges of today. They play a critical role in making our work possible as they fund a spectrum of the Rainforest Alliance's organizational needs-from general operations to distinct sustainability programs in agriculture and forestry.

Other contract revenue

We work with international companies in agriculture and forestry on tailored programs to make their supply chains more sustainable Each of these programs is funded by the company that the program is for (see page 25 for more information about them).

Special Events

Our annual Gala is attended by generous donors and business representatives. We invest the revenue from this event in our work and sustainability programs.

In-Kind Contributions

We also receive donations of goods and services such as legal advice, space, and consulting.

* The equivalent of "participation royalties" in the UTZ program is "volume-based fees."

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