CT-AF-011 — Natural Rubber Agroforestry

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Description

Covers natural rubber production through agroforestry systems that integrate Hevea brasiliensis with native tree species and diversified understory. Colombia's rubber sector is concentrated in post-conflict departments where agroforestry models serve dual purposes of economic reactivation and ecosystem restoration.

Colombia Context

Colombia's rubber sector is centered in Caqueta, Meta, Guaviare, and Santander — departments heavily affected by armed conflict where rubber agroforestry is promoted as a legal livelihood alternative under PNIS crop substitution. The national rubber chain (Cadena Productiva del Caucho) has approximately 15,000 hectares under cultivation, small by global standards but strategically important for post-conflict economic reactivation. The TVC provides partial alignment for rubber agroforestry when integrated with native species and demonstrating net carbon sequestration. The NDC 2030 AFOLU land-use change targets support expansion of productive agroforestry systems as an alternative to cattle ranching on deforested land.

EUDR Relevance

Natural rubber is one of seven EUDR-regulated commodities. Colombian rubber exporters must demonstrate deforestation-free production since December 31, 2020, with Article 9 geolocation requirements at plot level. The relatively small scale of Colombian rubber production means compliance infrastructure is underdeveloped compared to coffee and cacao, creating both a challenge and an opportunity for early-mover traceability solutions.

CTH Data Coverage

CTH does not currently have CLP, Sustenttia, or REIN Hub coverage in the rubber sector. Given the EUDR compliance requirement and the post-conflict development context in Caqueta and Guaviare, this represents a potential high-impact coverage gap for future CLP cohort targeting.

Green Finance Alignment

Partially aligned with TVC agropecuario criteria — full alignment requires native species integration and net sequestration documentation. CBI Forestry criteria may apply when agroforestry systems demonstrate deforestation-free status. Limited current green finance flow to rubber in Colombia, but EUDR compliance pressure is expected to drive investment in traceability and sustainable production infrastructure.


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