Van Loon Group

Deforestation and biodiversity - Policy

Why is this an issue for the Van Loon Group?

It is important to prevent deforestation and preserve biodiversity because of the many ecosystem services that depend on them, such as food supply, climate regulation and water purification. This not only threatens the climate but also has direct consequences for economies and communities. This is relevant to Van Loon Group because the cultivation of plant-based raw materials for animal feed, such as soya and palm (oil), is often associated with deforestation and loss of biodiversity.

Scope

The policy on deforestation and biodiversity focuses on the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of ecosystems within the Van Loon Group's value chain. The emphasis is on the responsible use of animal feed by livestock farmers within our own supply chains.

Our policy

Regarding the use of soya and palm in animal feed, we adhere to the requirements of the European Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). In addition, we strive to protect and enhance biodiversity within our direct sphere of influence. In doing so, we focus on promoting sustainable land use and preventing deforestation and other activities that may harm biodiversity.
To achieve these goals, we work closely with supply chain partners, such as livestock farmers and animal feed suppliers. We encourage livestock farmers to promote local biodiversity, for example by creating flower strips or by reducing the use of pesticides, antibiotics and excessive fertilisers. Furthermore, within our own supply chains, we require that soy and palm oil be 100% RTRS-, RSPO- or equivalent certified.

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