

Sustainability Sourcing Implications

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Sustainability and social responsibility policies and practices often complicate and impact day-to-day sourcing decisions. Learn how the Rainforest Alliance works with global companies to manage environmental, social, chain of custody and technical natural resource management issues.

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He has lived and worked in Costa Rica, Paraguay and Mexico, and has over 35 years field experience in approximately 50 countries in tropical, temperate and boreal forests. He is an expert in forest- and agriculture-related sourcing and supply issues, an experienced chain of custody, supply chain and forest auditor. He is a senior advisor to the WWF North America Forest & Trade Network, World Bank, Forest Stewardship Council, international High Conservation Value Network and many private sector businesses. Donovan has a M.S. in natural resources management and administration. He speaks Spanish, Portuguese, Guarani and English, and is a former Peace Corps volunteer and logger.