



ROUND TABLE
ON RESPONSIBLE SOY

A photograph of a man in a light-colored shirt and dark overalls, leaning over a field of green plants. He is looking down at the plants with a focused expression. The background shows a vast field under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Sustainable Supply Chains

The role of certifications

What are the benefits of RTRS certification?

- It is a management tool and a sustainable strategy globally recognized and applicable worldwide.
- Applicable to the production of soy and corn for multiple purposes: human consumption, animal feed, biofuels.
- Available for producers of any kind and size: individual or group certification.
- A solution for global sustainability goals: markets committed to responsible supply chains.
- It is a credible tool that ensures process transparency: a rigorous and robust verification and certification system. Audits are conducted by independent Certification Bodies, which are in turn audited by recognized Accreditation Bodies.
- It ensures that soy is produced in environmentally-correct, socially-appropriate and economically-viable process, deforestation and conversion-free.



RTRS global certified producers 2021

49,918

Producers certified against the RTRS Production Standard worldwide.

COUNTRY	PRODUCERS	GROUPS	TONS	HECTARES
Brazil	198	14	3,636,118	967,864
Argentina	43	-	606,402	193,211
India	49,669	4	242,507	120,440
Paraguay	7	-	132,803	38,809
Uruguay	1	-	21,241	11,741
Total	49,918	18	4,639,071	1,332,065





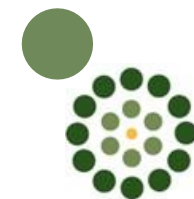
RTRS Production in Argentina in 2021



193.211 ha

606.402 tons

43 producers





RTRS in Chaco region in 2021

Province	Town	Producer	Nature Reserve (ha)	Tons	HA
Chaco	Las Piedritas	Suri Yaco S.R.L.	140	2604	1105
Total			140	2,604	1,105
Salta	Rosario de la Frontera	Cusillos S.R.L.	4648	11214	3030
	Metan	Viluco S.A.	102	4720	1447
	Las Lajitas	Viluco S.A.	660	1373	547
Total			5410	17,307	5,024
Santiago del Estero	Isca Yacu	Agroalas S.R.L.	0	6913	2223
	Bobadal	Agroalas S.R.L.	0	1393	448
	El Palomar	Antoine Jean Marie Dechamps	20	5095	1700
	Rapelli	Garmat S.A.	135	13601	3450
	Ahí Veremos	Suri Yaco S.R.L.	162	2315	652
	Sachayoj	Suri Yaco S.R.L.	512	2638	1190
	Jimenez	Viluco S.A.	0	7901	2499
Total			829	39,856	12,162
Tucumán	Las Cejas	Agroalas S.R.L.	0	429	138
	Garmendia	Agroalas S.R.L.	0	2062	663
		Antoine Jean Marie Dechamps	135	3308	990
	Burruyacu	Cusillos S.R.L.	1212	7538	1999
		Rafael Alfredo Peralta Rodriguez	94	1498	441
	La Cocha	Viluco S.A.	23	8279	2381
	Las Cejas	Viluco S.A.	131	4124	1202
Total			1595	27,238	7,814
Total			7974	87,005	26,105





RTRS Chain of Custody certification 2021

The RTRS Chain of Custody system continued to grow in 2021:

At the end of the year, 45 new sites in Argentina, Brazil, India, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Paraguay and The Netherlands were certified against the Chain of Custody Standard.

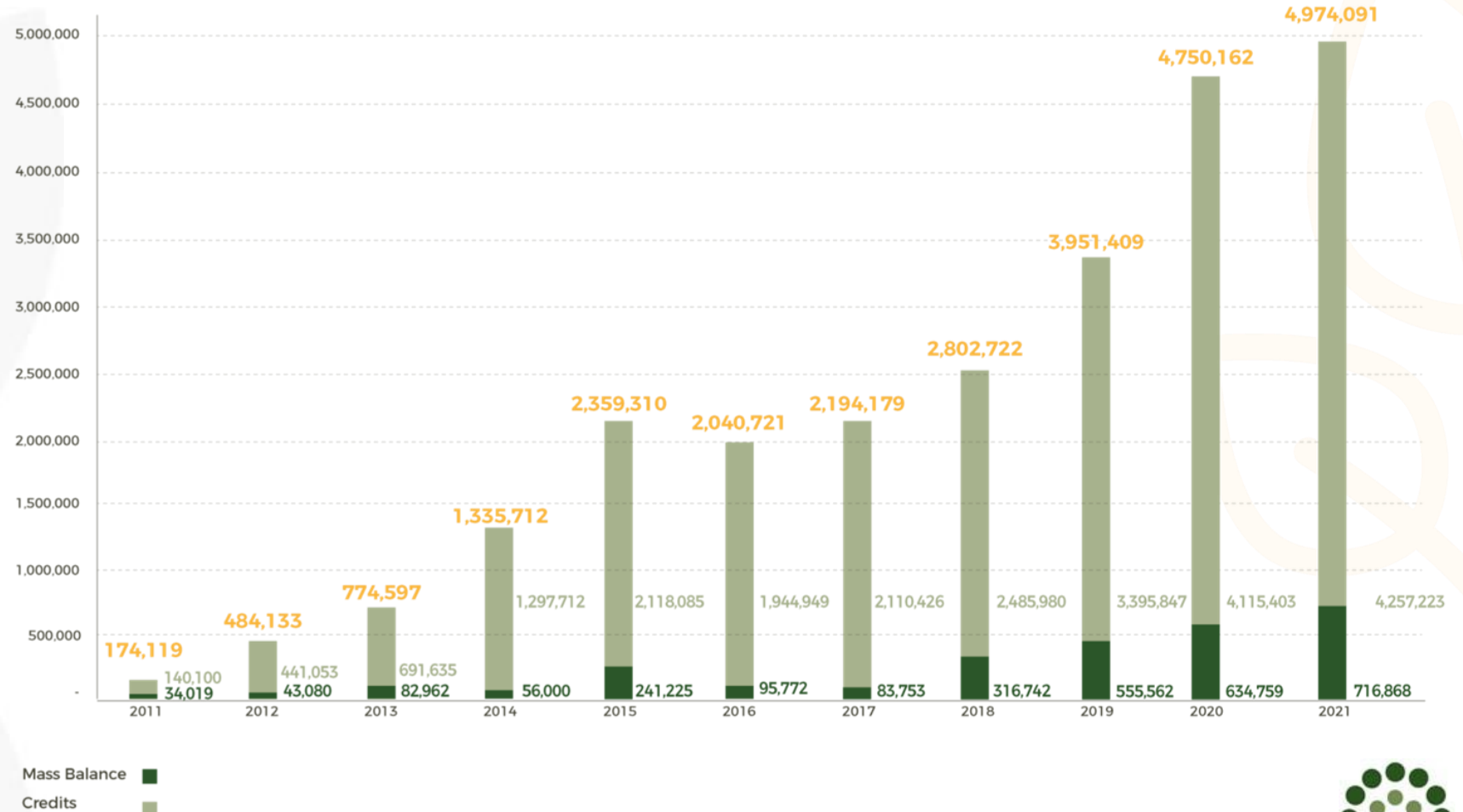
In total, there were 184 sites certified to receive, process and trade RTRS-certified physical soy in 13 countries in America, Europe and Asia; 127 storage plants, 56 processing facilities, 35 ports, 1 transshipment facility and 25 trading offices which are Chain of Custody certified.





Evolution of RTRS certified material uptake - 2021

In 2021, uptake of RTRS certified material increased by 5% compared to 2020. Of the total certified material adopted (4,974,091), 716,868 tons were physical flow and 4,257,223 RTRS Credits Supporting Responsible Soy. Both indicators represented an increase in soy adoption relative to 2020, There was a 12% increase in physical flow, and a 3% increase in uptake of Credits Supporting Responsible Soy.





RTRS Standard for Responsible Corn Production V1.0



- Add-on tool to the RTRS Standard for Responsible Soy Production.
 - Developed through a multi-sectorial process.
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- It requires compliance with only 14 criteria in addition to the criteria mandated by the Standard for Responsible Soy Production.
 - It enables capitalizing on sustainability gains achieved by certifying soy.
 - It continues a sustainable production process by extending soy certification to corn.
 - It expands the supply of crops produced in a responsible manner.



A row of international flags flying in front of a modern glass building. The flags include the European Union flag, the German flag, the Spanish flag, the French flag, and the United Kingdom flag. The building has a curved facade with many windows. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Deforestation-free
supply chains: what
will future
legislation entail?**



Deforestation-free supply chains: role of voluntary international certification schemes

In November 2021, the European Union Commission proposal for a Regulation on deforestation-free products was issued.

The regulation proposal clearly describes Due Diligence requirements as well as obligations operators are expected to comply with. Within this framework, although **certification** is not recognized as a green lane for companies to comply with their upcoming mandatory Due Diligence requirements, **it may be used in the risk assessment procedure**, though it should not substitute the operator's responsibility regarding due diligence.

Voluntary international certification schemes: complementary tools to accomplish DD objectives

This confirms the understanding about the **contribution and potential of voluntary certification schemes** which should be interpreted in a broader context, as a **complementary instrument in a mix** of more comprehensive and representative multisectoral approach.



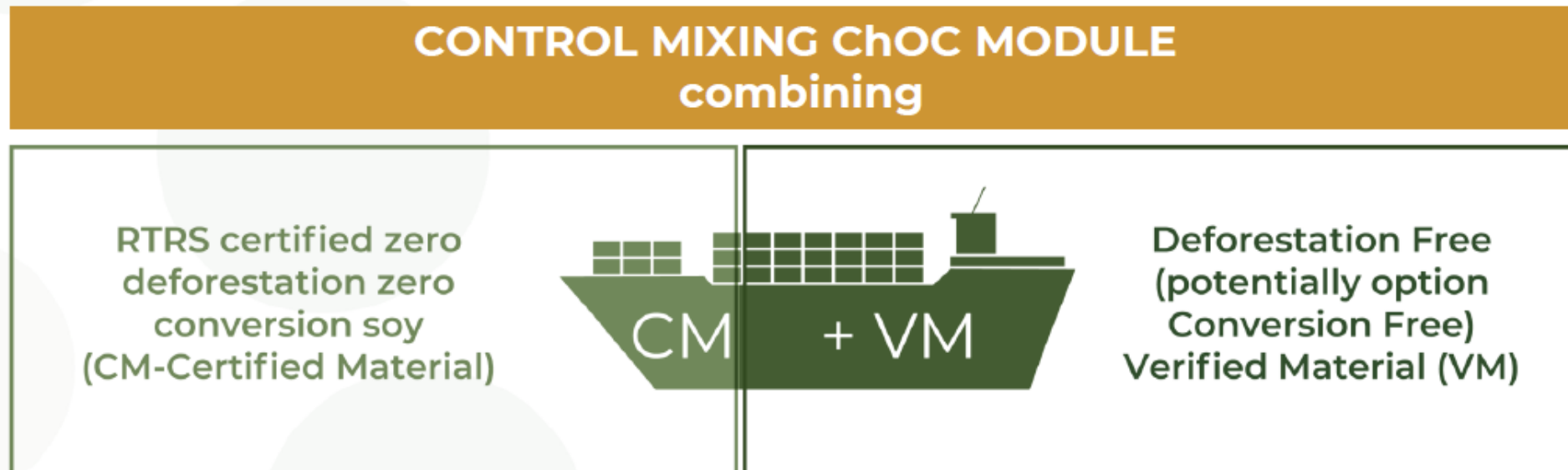
Positive contribution to be made by certification schemes to the objectives of the Regulation

- Supports the inclusion of certification schemes in the risk assessment exercise.
- Emphasizes the value of certification to accompany the soy value chain towards high environmental and social requirements and to raise the credibility of soy commodities' sustainability. RTRS offers:
 - A holistic approach to sustainability
 - An ambitious cut-off date
 - Robust verification
- Invites the Commission to set out minimum requirements to be met by certification schemes.
- Calls for the same due diligence requirements to apply to all commodities regardless of country of origin.
- Explains how certification schemes can contribute to the EU's partnerships with production countries.
- Invites EU policymakers to consider these arguments for other legislative initiatives too.

DEVELOP A NEW CHAIN OF CUSTODY MODULE: DEFORESTATION FREE VERIFIED MODULE

(to meet EC Due Diligence requirements)

- i. RTRS certified soy, plus
- ii. Non-RTRS certified soy that meets and complements the Deforestation Free DD requirements (data collection, risk assessment and mitigation), etc. as established in the European Union Commission proposal for a Regulation on deforestation free products, as well as the UK forest risk commodities due diligence provisions. (Potentially, Conversion Free, if feasible, give the option to verify Conversion Free)





RTRS Meeting Point 2022 "Seeding Common Ground"

November 22, 2022

Bayer Crop Science Campus, Monheim am Rhein, Germany

To join us in Germany visit the meeting point website to learn more about the event and register: responsiblesoy.org/meeting-point-rtrs-2022



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