



Government Regulation keeps many companies busy: verified, traceable, legal, deforestation-free soy will soon become a requirement in the EU, UK or US. Responsible companies however not just avoid risk (areas) but also support conservation and responsible land management in ecosystem conversion frontiers. Tools and approaches from voluntary origin such as RTRS can deliver on the new government requirements and add environmental and social benefits to the physical soy stream and/or to producing landscapes. Especially if used in combination with other tools such as capacity building and landscape restoration.

Such an approach is facilitated through the **Soy Chaco** project: companies can contribute to maintaining an important landscape in Argentina by supporting farmers that produced DCF responsible soy and by supporting nature conservation and restoration.

Your options through **Soy Chaco** for now are:

- (1) buying targeted credits in Argentine Chaco,
- (2) doing this through longer term agreements if possible,
- (3) supporting landscape restoration, and/or
- (4) exploring options for multiple commodity credits.

We will explain this below.

Argentina is expected to have verified EU/UK Compliant physical soy ready before implementation. **Soy Chaco** supports responsible production and nature conservation now and lays the basis for a fully compliant DCF responsible physical soy supply over time.

SOY CHACO SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION AND RESTORING FORESTS



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Argentina is the world's 3rd producer of soy, the 1st exporter of soybean oil and the 2nd of soybean meal. For many years it already provides more than a quarter of Europe's soy use. A lot of this comes from the Pampas in the central part of Argentina, but a substantial part comes from an area that needs more support to conserve its biodiversity, its water resources and soils: the Gran Chaco.

The Chaco is the largest forested ecoregion on the continent after the Amazon and the largest dry forest ecoregion in South America. A large part of the Chaco is located in Argentina, the rest in Bolivia and Paraguay. It is a unique area in terms of biodiversity, and key to conservation as well as mitigating and adapting to climate change. The area is important to the jaguar, giant anteater and other iconic species.

The **Soy Chaco** project focuses on Argentina, supporting DCF responsible soy production and uptake, nature conservation and targeted restoration of crucial nature areas.

Soy Chaco is an initiative of IUCN NL, Solidaridad, Fundación Vida Silvestre, Cefetra and Dutch Dairy and works closely together with RTRS as well as related service providers to companies.

Soy Chaco is inviting companies to step onboard to support the project. How?

We can match your company with responsible producers directly, or help your credit buyer - or credit trader - to do so. We can guide you to use your credit purchase strategically, supporting best producers from the Chaco and making a difference. For general questions contact: heleen.vandenhombergh@iucn.nl

1. **Soy Chaco** seeks to support at least 250.000 tonnes/ 75.000 hectares, of responsible soy and 7000 ha of on-farm forest in the coming years. You can support this by buying > 10.000 RTRS credits (or as much as you can) from certified producers in one of the 4 Chaco provinces in Argentina (Chaco, Salta, Tucuman, Santiago del Estero). You can directly use the RTRS platform to buy from these areas, or use a clearing service.
2. **Soy Chaco** aims to give producers 2-5 year prospects to ensure the impact. You can add much value by embarking upon longer term contracts with producers for them to start, maintain or expand their area of RTRS or CRS certified production.
3. **Soy Chaco** aspires to restore 20.000 hectares in a crucial forest conservation area. Add value and contribute financially to a landscape restoration project, to support protected areas and future production capacity in the Chaco area.
4. **Soy Chaco** wants to support responsible commodity production in the Chaco overall. Explore the potential for multiple commodity credit & incentive packages (cattle/soy/carbon).

We think investing in Soy Chaco is a good story to tell and we can help you tell it to your clients.

We know that connection of sustainability action to the physical trade has become more important to market players. Our local partners are also involved in platforms to help achieve legal and deforestation/conversion free physical soy streams. For those companies sourcing a part of their soy from Argentina, **Soy Chaco** may help future-proof your business, and, over time:

(a) build up EU/ UK/ US compliant plus responsible soy sourcing

(b) practice good business by investing part of your sustainability budget in conservation/restoration in a biodiversity hotspot.



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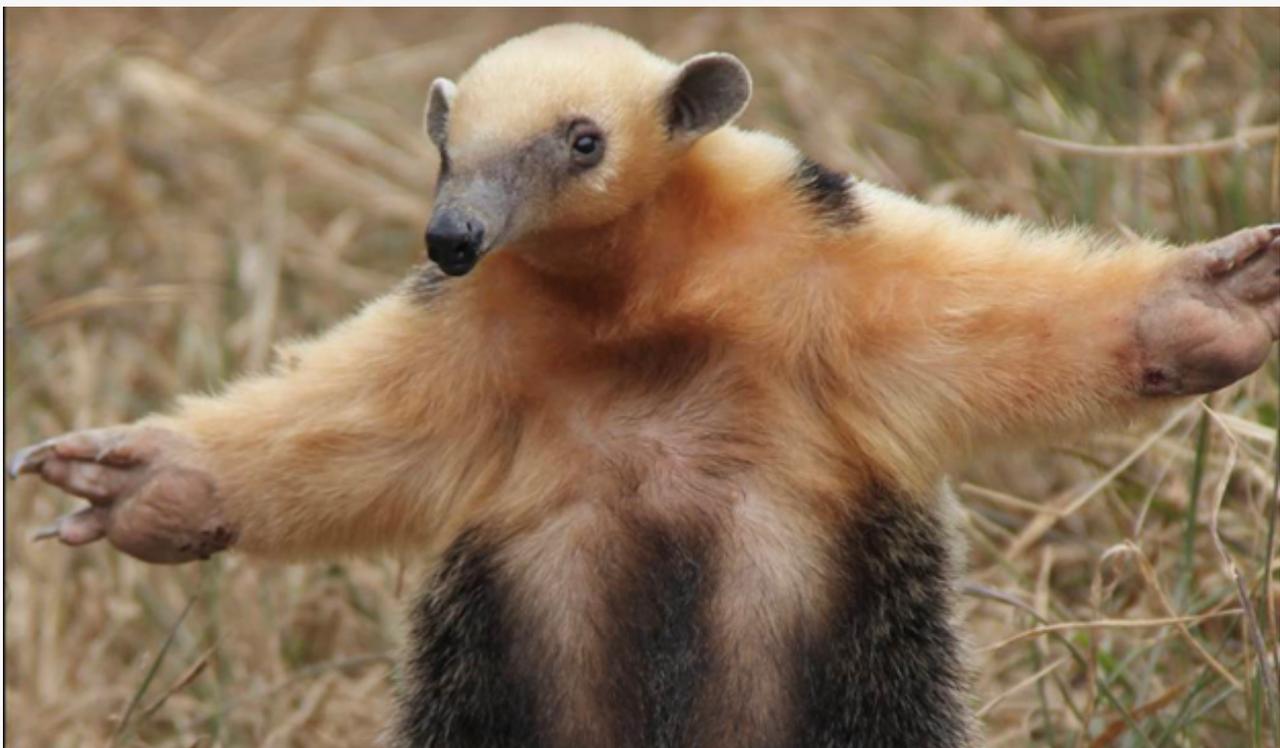


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