

# Best Practice Example to Address Deforestation in the Cocoa Sector

## Project Title

Transparence Cacao – Initiative for Sustainable Landscapes (ISLA) by Cémoi

## Summary

To preserve existing forest areas, current models of cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire need to be transformed. Transparence Cacao – ISLA aims to convince farmers to see the natural environment, including trees and the forest, as a potential source of revenue. It also seeks to help farmers become agricultural entrepreneurs who invest in their farms by producing more from the land that they have. The project provides training and coaching to cooperatives, establishes cocoa and forest tree nurseries, and establishes ethics committees.

## Duration

2016 – 2019

## Location

Southwestern Côte d'Ivoire near the northern boundaries of the Taï National Park (ISLA region)

## Partners

- Le Conseil du Café-Cacao
- World Agroforestry
- Ecotierra
- La Société de développement des forêts



## Objectives

- Reinforce management capacities of three cooperatives to become professional service providers for their members
- Strengthen the entrepreneurial competencies of 1,800 members of cooperatives
- Test and pilot rehabilitation and regeneration of 2,500 ha of cocoa farms, including introduction of agroforestry techniques
- Develop financing mechanisms to establish an enabling environment for cooperatives
- Establish three ethics committees to address environment and social issues

## Expected Outcomes

- Introduce agroforestry and rehabilitation as parts of a viable cocoa production system
- Diversify and increase farmer revenues
- Establish functioning ethics committees
- Inform and educate local communities on the country's new forestry code

For more information, visit <http://www.cemoui.fr/transparence/un-programme-unique>.

## Cocoa and Forest Initiative Launch

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