

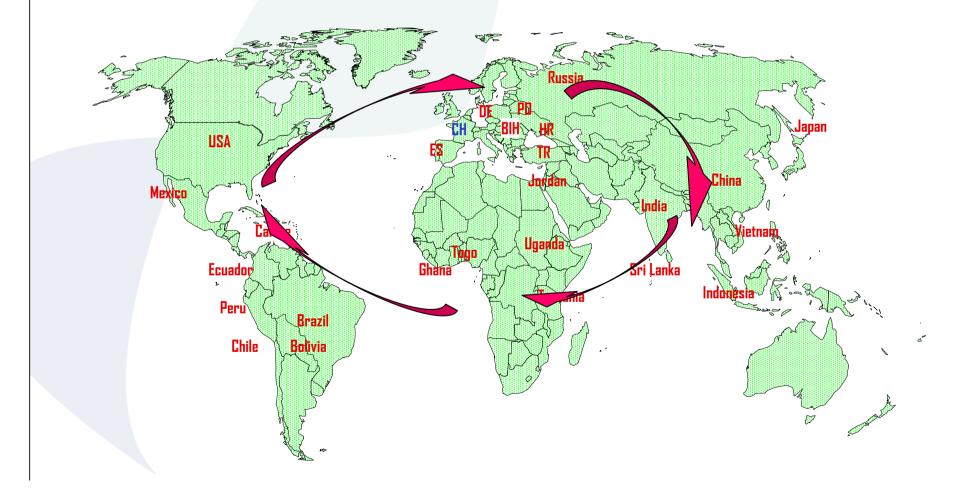
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The problematics of certification and control for GIs

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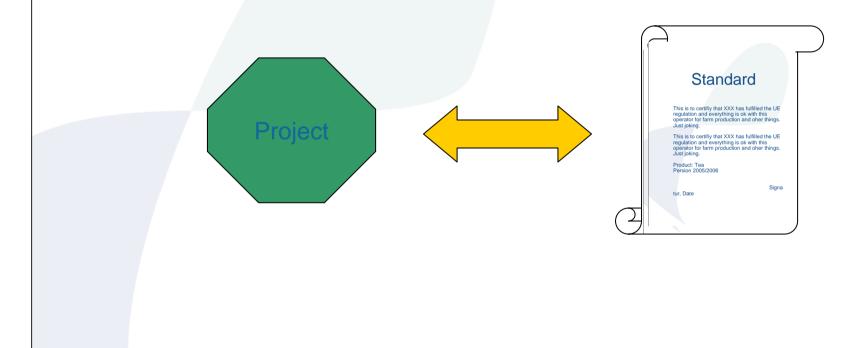
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Certification of eco-friendly products and social accountability Experiences from our activities in 100 countries around the world



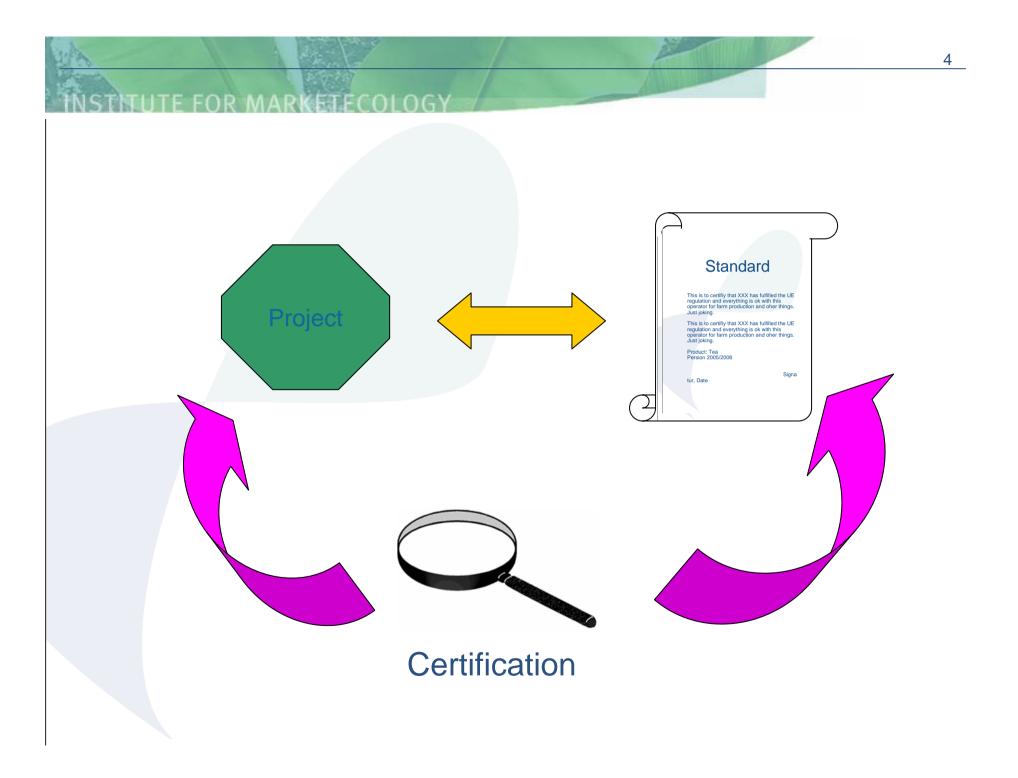
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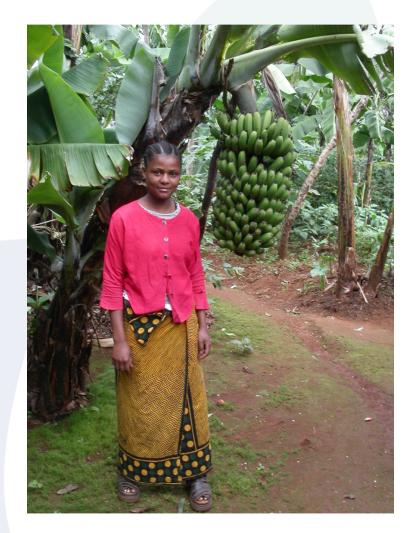


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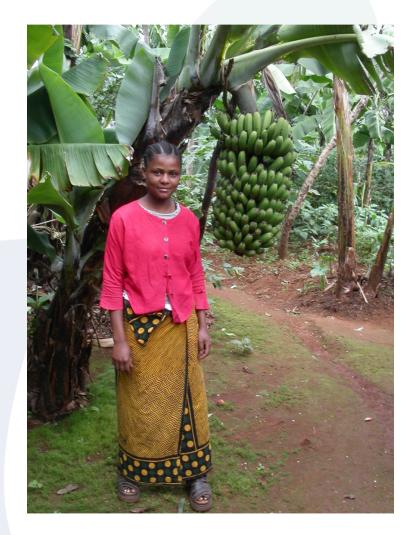


When certification is needed:



1. Certification is **needed** if a product shall be marketed on a regulated market

When certification is beneficial:



- 1. Certification is **needed** if a product shall be marketed on a regulated market
- 2. Certification is **beneficial** if it adds additional value for the buyer

(trusts that the product really is organic)



- Certification is partnership in quality development
- Certification mirrors the achievements of the operator
- Certification is not consultancy nor product development
- Certification is not police and power

Principles

Partnership in Quality

- Responsibility
- Qualification
- Performance
- Goals

reliable and trustworthy experts well trained and highly motivated professionals independent, unbiased and thorough sustainable and ethical practices







Group Certification

- Groups vary in size from 5 to +35'000 farmers
- Groups have an own set structure
- Groups have a functioning management
- Groups have an Internal Control System (ICS)
- Groups take responsible actions

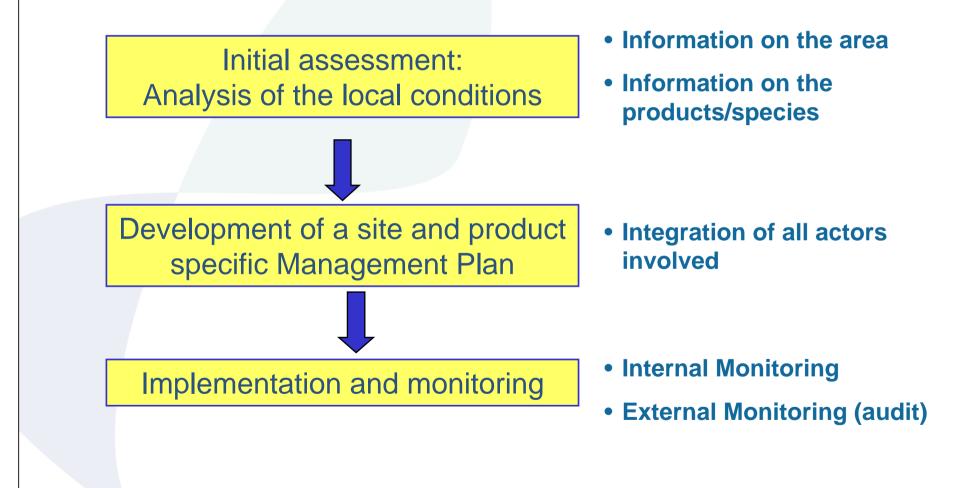


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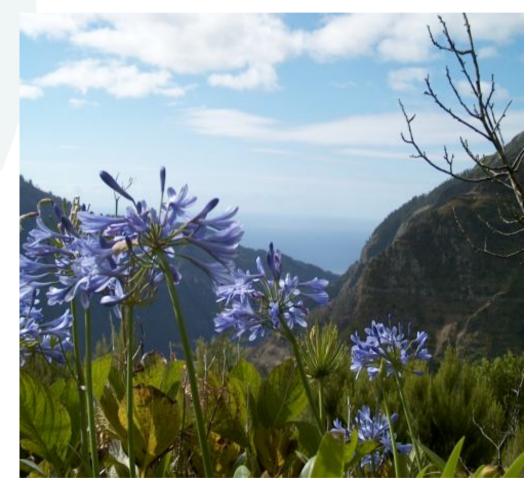


Definition of a Resource and Area Management Plan



Management Plan

- 1. Ownership, transparency and participation
- 2. Management of the area
- 3. Management of the products/species
- 4. Financial management
- 5. Auditing, certification and monitoring



1. Management of the Area



- 1. Identification
- 2. Size
- 3. Ownership
- 4. Stakeholders
- 5. Problem areas
- 6. Verification

"Conservation strategies must be developed in order to minimize the risk of a negative impact."

Identification of Area

Well defined area (maps!)

- 1. Borders of the identified area
- 2. Roads, infrastructure
- 3. Potential contaminations
- 4. Culture, history
- 5. Sociology, politics





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2. Management of Products/Species

The management practices are based on adequate identification, resource assessment and monitoring of the target products



Management of Products/Species (2)



- 1. Product identification
- 2. Recipes, methods
- 3. Uniqueness
- 4. Sourcing, prices
- 5. Problem areas
- 6. Verification

The product should be unique, well to be identified and traceable

3. Definition of Production Practices

Internal Production Manual

- Product specifications
- Production methodology
- Verification parameters
- Membership participation
- Management responsibilities
- Monitoring system
- Documentation and Traceability

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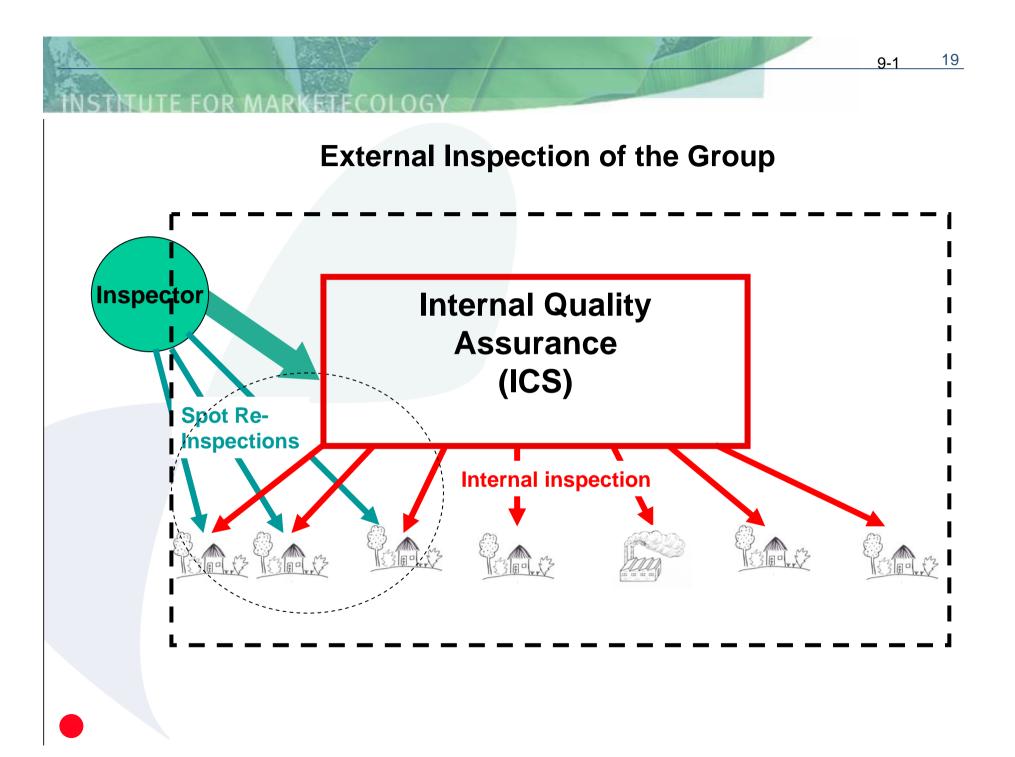
Management of Products/Species (3)

Ressource access and Benefit sharing

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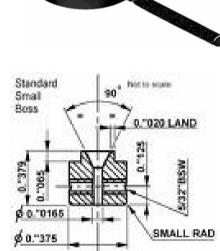
- Compliance with national laws and regulations
- Informed consent given by the source community
- Resource access and benefit sharing agreements
- Transparency and stakholder involvement





Internal Monitoring

- Defining monitoring system
- Setting quality assurance parameters
- Training of auditors
- Training of administrative staff
- Setting financial conditions
- Time plan for implementation
- Monitoring implementation
- Check on corrective actions





External Monitoring



- Periodic visits to the production area
- Verification of the products and the production systems
- Monitoring of the functioning of the internal quality assurance system (methods, records, actions taken...)
- Interviews with stakeholders (collectors, authorities, other users)
- Product flow and traceability controls

Quality Assurance and Traceability

is based on implementation of

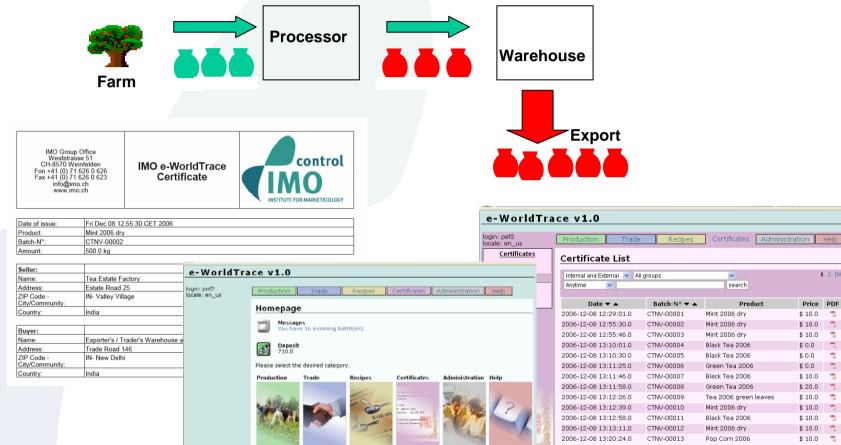
- an effective and credible certification scheme based on responsibility and trust
- a decentralized traceability system
 based on an individual monitoring system in each operation



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Authentication

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- Definition of area and products
- High organisational requirements
- Participatory process (ICS, ABS)
- Management manual, defined procedures
- Professional performance and reliability
- Fair play and social accountability
- Transparency and traceability

→ a challenge in many countries and situations!

Independent Control System international → national

Accreditation and Surveillance



Authorities



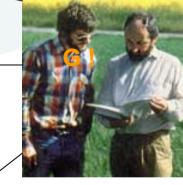
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Producers



Certifiers

Annual inspection, spot-checks, analyses, documentation

This is, what we DON'T want !

the Controllers of the Controllers' chain



