



COOPATHS / COOP.A.T. HS (Coopérative Agricole Toumtounda du Haut Sassandra)

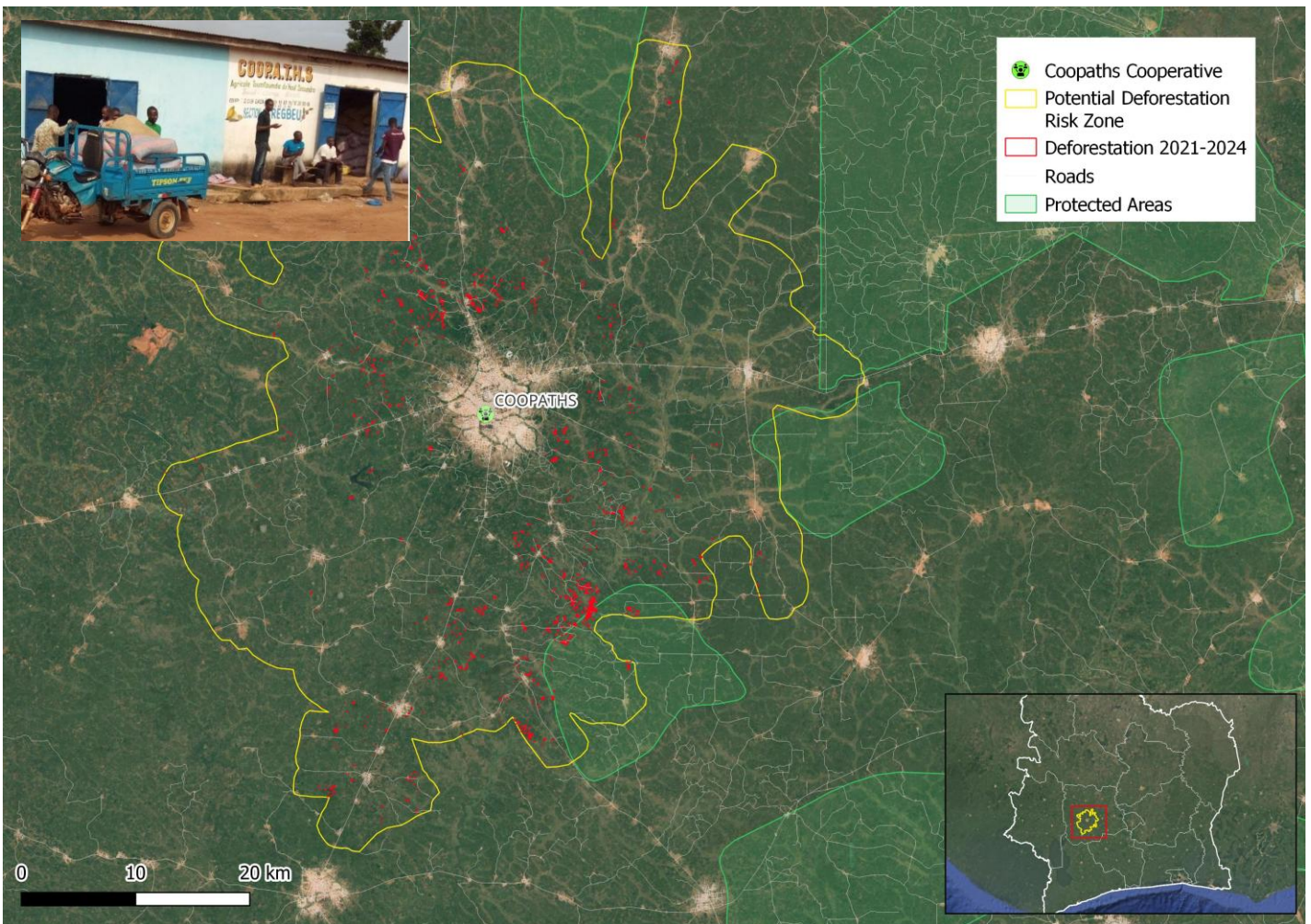
Location: Haut-Sassandra, Daloa; Sassandra-Marahou

Biome: Tropical & Subtropical
Moist Broadleaf Forest (Côte d'Ivoire)

Coordinates cooperative: 6.86980; -6.4515

Cleared Area			
421	hectares	Period clearance: 2021-2024	Type of vegetation: Eastern Guinean forests

Imagery: Cocoa deforestation risk zone linked to Mondelēz Tier-2 supplying cocoa cooperative COOPATHS in Haut-Sassandra, Daloa; Sassandra-Marahou district (Côte d'Ivoire)



Source: AidEnvironment, based on publicly available information for Côte d'Ivoire, including deforestation data from January 2021 till December 2024 from [Hansen et al., 2013](#). "High-Resolution Global Maps of 21st-Century Forest Cover Change."; OSM Administrative boundaries and roads; WDPA Protected areas. **Note:** While there is double the size of native vegetation loss in this "deforestation-risk zone", AidEnvironment has only included in the "deforestation 2021-2024" layer the loss of forest in confirmed cocoa production areas which is classified as forest by the FAO. [Photo](#) (2018) of cocoa unloading at COOPATHS cooperative.

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Screenshot of part of Mondelēz [cocoa supplier list 2021](#), indicating that cocoa cooperative COOPATHS is an active Tier-2 supplier to Mondelēz, via Tier-1 supplier ECOM.



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Ownership & Business relationship

COOPATHS **Mondelēz response:**

The company did not respond after repeated requests in November 2025.

Certification status



COOPATHS Rainforest Alliance certificate (RALI24-027963) **expired** for the period between 29 Sept 2024 and 28 Sept 2025 (1). The cooperative seems to have a **valid** Fairtrade USA certification between 21 November 2023 to 20 May 2027 (2).

Case description

AidEnvironment detected 1,995 hectares (ha) of native vegetation (Tropical & Subtropical Moist Broadleaf Forest) clearing between January 2021 and December 2024 in the deforestation-risk buying zone of the cocoa cooperative Coopérative Agricole Toumtoumda du Hautassandra (COOPATHS, also referred to as COOP. A.T. HS), of which **421 ha** intersects with confirmed cocoa producing area. This is a conservative estimation of forest loss as COOPATHS cooperative is in an exclusively cocoa producing area, with hardly any other crop production. The vegetation cleared is classified as forest under the FAO definition and EUDR definition (3).

The cooperative has a valid Fair Trade USA certification between November 2023 and May 2027 (2). Moreover, while the cooperative seems to have been previously UTZ/Rainforest Alliance certified (for instance between 2023-2024), its current certification status is “expired”, meaning that “the validity date of the license has passed, and the license has not been renewed” (1). Rainforest Alliance however communicated with AidEnvironment (November 2025) that it is “*normal practice in Côte d’Ivoire for cooperative certificates/licenses to expire annually*” and that “*new certificates are issued once cooperatives successfully pass the audit for the upcoming crop season—in this case, the 2025/2026 season*”. COOPATHS cooperative reported **757 members** (45 women, 757 men) to Rainforest Alliance and an estimated production volume of 1,060,692 KG in 2024-2025, of which 92% (977,156 KG) was sold as certified cocoa (4).

The cooperative is listed as a Tier-2 supplier of Mondelēz in 2021, via Tier-1 supplier ECOM (5). Since Mondelēz does no longer publicly disclose its cocoa suppliers list since 2021, for recent trade years we can only assess the cooperatives (Tier-2) that have continued to supply key Tier-1 suppliers of Mondelēz, including Barry Callebaut, Cargill, ECOM, and Olam. Trase has listed ECOM as a buyer of COOPATHS between 2019 – 2021, and Cargill since 2022 (6). The estimated “buyers farmer base” of Cargill from COOPATHS was 638 suppliers in 2023 (*Ibid*).

The clearing occurred after Mondelēz’ pledge for deforestation-free cocoa with a 31 December 2020 cut-off date and includes clearance within the boundaries of protected areas (Vavoua and Zagoreta). The nearest of these protected areas is located within 19 km of the cooperative.

Mondelēz may not be able to achieve negligible risk in their due diligence efforts under its own company commitments or the EUDR when indirectly buying cocoa beans from COOPATHS, through cocoa traders such as ECOM and Cargill.

- (1) Rainforest Alliance List of Certificate Holders, online: <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/business/certification/certificate-search-and-public-summaries/>, viewed in October 2025.
- (2) SCS Global Services, online: <https://www.scsglobalservices.com/certified-clients/certificates/current/11440612;https://cdn.scsglobalservices.com/certificates/12/1B1629D0-05B3-2F43-8A93-D834C6F706A1.pdf>, viewed in October 2025.
- (3) EU Forest Observatory, online: <https://forest-observatory.ec.europa.eu/forest>, viewed in October 2025.
- (4) Pers. Comm. Rainforest Alliance, 28 November 2025.
- (5) Mondelēz public Cocoa [Tier-1 and Tier-2 Supplier List](#) (2021), viewed in October 2025.
- (6) Trase facilities map Côte d’Ivoire, online: <https://trase.earth/explore/facilities-data/map?facilityTypeld=cote-d-ivoire-cocoa-cooperatives>, viewed in October 2025.