



GREEN PROCUREMENT POLICY

Política de Compras Verdes

Ecohouse Isla Fuerte · Colombian Caribbean

Green Tourism Certification · 2025 – 2026

1. Policy Statement

Ecohouse Isla Fuerte is a sustainable tourism project located on the Colombian Caribbean coast, committed to the conservation of its natural environment, the wellbeing of the local community, and the reduction of its environmental impact. As part of this commitment, Ecohouse adopts this Green Procurement Policy, establishing environmental, social, and ethical criteria for the selection of suppliers and the purchase of products, services, and materials.

This policy applies to all purchasing categories: food and beverages, cleaning and hygiene products, operational supplies, and any other materials required for the hotel's operation.

Ecohouse prioritises suppliers that:

- Are local or regional in origin, thereby reducing the carbon footprint of transport.
- Use minimal, returnable, or single-use plastic-free packaging.
- Practise sustainable production, fishing, or extraction methods.
- Are open to dialogue and continuous improvement on environmental matters.
- Hold sustainability certifications, where applicable.

2. Objectives

- Reduce the environmental impact associated with the hotel's supply chain.
- Support the local economy by prioritising suppliers from Isla Fuerte and the Caribbean region.
- Progressively eliminate single-use plastics from purchased supplies.
- Promote artisanal fishing practices, responsible agriculture, and clean production.
- Continuously understand and improve the sustainable practices of suppliers.

3. Selection Criteria by Category

3.1 Fish and Seafood

Ecohouse prioritises seafood from local artisanal fishing and certified aquaculture.

Criterion	Requirement
Origin	Preference for fish caught in the waters of Isla Fuerte or its surrounding area.
Fishing method	Low-impact artisanal methods: line, hook, artisanal net, or trap. No destructive techniques.

Species	Zero banned or at-risk species. Minimum catch sizes must be respected.
Undersized fish	Individuals below minimum size must be returned to the sea.
Seafood	Sourced from aquaculture with verifiable certification or traceability.
Packaging	No single-use plastic bags. Preference for coolers, crates, or reusable containers.
Transport	Minimum distance. Preference for direct delivery from the island or nearby points.

3.2 Fruit and Vegetables

Ecohouse sources its fruit and vegetables through multiple channels, always prioritising the most local and sustainable option available:

- Own production: the hotel's internal vegetable garden.
- Isla Fuerte farmers: direct purchase from local producers.
- Lorica market or nearest town: to supplement local supply.
- Wholesale supplier in a major city (last resort): only when local supply is unavailable.

Criterion	Requirement
Preferred origin	Isla Fuerte > Caribbean region > mainland Colombia. Imports only as a justified exception.
Seasonality	Preference for seasonal produce to reduce transport impact and support natural cycles.
Agricultural practices	Preference for producers using fewer agrochemicals or agroecological methods.
Packaging	Reusable crates. No single-use plastic bags. Reduction of unnecessary packaging.
Transport	Optimise order frequency and volume to reduce trips. Preference for consolidated deliveries.
Commitment	Suppliers willing to improve their sustainable practices in collaboration with Ecohouse.

3.3 Cleaning and Hygiene Products

Cleaning and hygiene products used at Ecohouse must be compatible with the grey water biological treatment system and have the lowest possible environmental impact.

Criterion	Requirement
Composition	Preference for biodegradable products, free from phosphates, aggressive chlorine, and highly toxic chemicals.
Certification	Environmental certifications from the product or manufacturer will be valued.
Concentration	Preference for concentrated products to reduce packaging volume.
Containers	Reusable gallons or containers. The supplier must be willing to collect empty containers for refilling or recycling.
Plastics	No single-use plastic containers. Progressive reduction of plastic in packaging.

Compatibility	Products must be compatible with Ecohouse's biological grey water treatment system.
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4. Supplier Evaluation and Selection Process

Ecohouse's supplier evaluation follows a four-step process:

Step 1 — Identification

When starting a new business relationship, or annually for existing suppliers, the supplier is asked to complete the Sustainable Supplier Questionnaire for their category (see Annexes).

Step 2 — Evaluation

Ecohouse management reviews the completed questionnaire and assesses the supplier against the criteria defined in Section 3. Suppliers with stronger environmental, social, and logistical performance are prioritised.

Step 3 — Dialogue and Improvement

If a supplier does not meet all criteria but is strategically important (due to local origin, for example), Ecohouse initiates a dialogue to agree on gradual improvements: plastic reduction, packaging changes, delivery frequency adjustments, etc.

Step 4 — Follow-up

Suppliers are reviewed annually. Records of completed questionnaires and agreed improvement commitments are maintained. Ecohouse reserves the right to change suppliers if no improvement is evidenced in the agreed areas.

5. Responsibilities

Responsible	Responsibility
General Management	Approve this policy, oversee its implementation, and make decisions regarding supplier changes.
Purchasing / Administration	Apply the questionnaires, maintain supplier records, and coordinate the annual review.
Head Chef	Ensure that food supplies purchased meet the sustainability criteria defined in this policy.
Maintenance Staff	Verify the environmental compatibility of cleaning and hygiene products purchased.

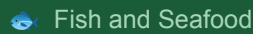
6. Validity and Review

This policy comes into effect in 2025 and will be reviewed annually. Updates will be approved by Ecohouse's General Management and communicated to the entire team and all active suppliers.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Role: General Management — Ecohouse Isla Fuerte

ANNEX 1 — SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIER QUESTIONNAIRE



Ecohouse is committed to making tourism in Isla Fuerte increasingly responsible towards the sea, the community, and the territory. This questionnaire helps us get to know our suppliers better. It is not a test — it is a conversation to work together towards a more sustainable island.

Supplier Information

Supplier name:

Product or service supplied:

Place of origin of the product:

Phone or contact:

1. Product Origin

Where does your product mainly come from?

- ☐ Isla Fuerte
- ☐ Caribbean region
- ☐ Another part of Colombia
- ☐ Imported

Is the product caught by you personally?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Partially

2. Fishing Practices

What fishing methods do you normally use?

- ☐ Line or hook
- ☐ Artisanal net
- ☐ Trap
- ☐ Other: _____

Are you familiar with minimum catch sizes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you respect minimum catch sizes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you aware of fishing bans (veda)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you avoid catching species under fishing bans?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What do you do with undersized fish caught in the process?

- ☐ I return them to the sea
☐ I keep them
☐ It depends on the species

Where do you normally fish?

- ☐ Close to the island
☐ Open sea
☐ Another location

Approximate distance: _____

3. Logistics and Packaging

How do you transport the fish to Ecohouse?

- ☐ Boat
☐ Motorbike
☐ On foot
☐ Other: _____

How do you normally deliver the fish?

- ☐ In an iced cooler
☐ In a crate
☐ In a bag
☐ Without packaging

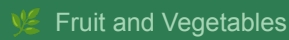
4. Commitment to the Sea

Is there anything you do to protect the sea while fishing?

Would you be willing to work with Ecohouse to improve your practices? How?

Supplier signature: _____ Date: _____

ANNEX 2 — SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIER QUESTIONNAIRE



Ecohouse seeks to work with suppliers who help maintain tourism that is responsible towards the environment and local communities. We want to understand how the products consumed by our guests reach us.

Supplier Information

Supplier name:

Company (if applicable):

City or region of origin:

Contact:

1. About the Products

Where do the fruit and vegetables you supply mainly come from?

- ☐ Caribbean region
- ☐ Mainland Colombia
- ☐ Imported

Are the products purchased directly from farmers?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ A mix of both

Do you try to prioritise seasonal produce?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No

Do you know whether your suppliers use more natural or lower-chemical agricultural practices?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

2. Transport

Where do the products normally depart from before delivery?

- ☐ Montería
- ☐ Cartagena
- ☐ Sincelejo / Tolú
- ☐ Other:

How do the products reach the dispatch point for Isla Fuerte?

- ☐ Truck
- ☐ Motorbike
- ☐ Small vehicle
- ☐ Other: _____

How often do you make deliveries?

- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ As ordered

3. Packaging

How are the fruit and vegetables normally packaged?

- ☐ Reusable crates
- ☐ Cardboard boxes
- ☐ Plastic bags
- ☐ A mix

Would it be possible to reduce or eliminate plastic bags in your deliveries?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

4. Commitment

Would you be willing to work with Ecohouse to improve sustainable practices?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

Comments: Is there anything you would like to share about how you select or handle your products?

Supplier signature: _____ Date: _____

LOCAL FARMER PROFILE

Sustainable Supplier Questionnaire — Isla Fuerte Farms

Ecohouse Isla Fuerte · Colombian Caribbean

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At Ecohouse, we believe the most sustainable kitchen starts on the farm. That is why we want to get to know the farmers of Isla Fuerte who supply us with fruit, vegetables, and herbs. This profile helps us understand how they work, what they grow, and how we can support each other.

i This is not an assessment or an exam. It is a conversation to get to know each other better and work together towards healthier farming on the island. Estimated time: 10 minutes.

1. Farmer Information

Full name: _____

Nickname or name known by on the island: _____

Phone or contact: _____

How many years have you lived on Isla Fuerte?: _____

How many years have you been farming?: _____

Do you have family members who also work on the farm?

- ☐ Yes — how many people? _____
- ☐ No, I work alone

2. The Farm

2.1 Location

In which area of the island is the farm located?

- ☐ Northern zone
- ☐ Southern zone
- ☐ Central zone
- ☐ Coastal zone
- ☐ Other: _____

Can you describe how to get to the farm or a nearby landmark?

2.2 Land tenure

The farm is...?

- ☐ Owned (by your family or in your name)
- ☐ Rented
- ☐ Borrowed from a family member or neighbour

- ☐ Communal or shared
- ☐ Other situation: _____

2.3 Size and layout

Approximate size of the farm: _____

How is the farm organised?

- ☐ All crops
- ☐ Part crops, part native forest or bush
- ☐ Part crops, part yard or garden
- ☐ Also has animals (chickens, pigs, etc.)
- ☐ Other layout: _____

How many different crops do you currently grow?: _____

3. The Crops

3.1 Crop inventory

Please complete the table below with the crops you currently grow:

Crop / Product	Approx. area	Own or shared?	Est. monthly production	Sell exclusively to Ecohouse?

3.2 Planting and harvest calendar

Indicate in which months you plant or harvest each product (mark with X or ✓):

Crop / Product	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

i You may mark planting months with X and harvest months with ✓, or use different colours if printing the form.

3.3 Production and sales

Who else do you sell to besides Ecohouse?

- ☐ Only Ecohouse
- ☐ Neighbours or acquaintances on the island

- ☐ In the village
- ☐ Other hotels or businesses
- ☐ Intermediaries who take the produce to the mainland

How often could you make deliveries to Ecohouse?

- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Every two weeks
- ☐ Depending on available harvest

4. Water Management

Where do you get the water to irrigate your crops?

- ☐ Rainwater (no additional irrigation)
- ☐ Own well
- ☐ Stream, canal, or natural source
- ☐ Rainwater stored in tanks or cisterns
- ☐ A combination of sources
- ☐ Other: _____

Do you have an irrigation system in place?

- ☐ No, I water by hand or rely on rainfall
- ☐ Drip irrigation
- ☐ Hose
- ☐ Other: _____

At what time of year do you have the most difficulty getting water for your crops?

- ☐ In summer (dry season)
- ☐ I don't have difficulties
- ☐ It depends on the crop

How do you manage when water is scarce?

5. Soil Fertilisation

What do you use to fertilise your crops?

- ☐ Compost or organic fertiliser that I prepare myself
- ☐ Animal manure (chicken, cattle, etc.)
- ☐ Commercial chemical fertilisers (bags, liquids)
- ☐ A mix of organic and chemical
- ☐ I don't use any fertiliser
- ☐ Other: _____

If you use chemical fertilisers, which ones do you normally use?

Product name(s):

Would you be interested in reducing chemical use and working more with natural fertilisers?

- ☐ Yes, I'd like to learn more
- ☐ I'm already doing this
- ☐ Not for now
- ☐ It depends on the crop

6. Pest and Disease Control

How do you manage pests or diseases in your crops?

- ☐ Chemical products (fungicides, insecticides, herbicides)
- ☐ Home-made natural remedies (garlic, chilli, soap, etc.)
- ☐ Manual control (hand-picking, pruning, etc.)
- ☐ Repellent plants or trap crops
- ☐ I don't have major pest problems
- ☐ A combination of methods
- ☐ Other: _____

If you use chemical products for pests, which ones do you normally use?

Product name(s):

Has any pest or disease caused significant losses recently?

7. Waste and Environmental Care

What do you do with crop residues and leftover plant material?

- ☐ I leave it on the ground as natural mulch
- ☐ I compost it or bury it
- ☐ I burn it
- ☐ I leave it at the edge of the farm or in the bush
- ☐ Other: _____

Do you have native trees or natural vegetation on or around the farm?

- ☐ Yes, I take care to preserve them
- ☐ Yes, but I have been clearing them to expand crops
- ☐ No

Do you burn waste or rubbish on the farm?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Yes, frequently

8. Relationship with Ecohouse

How long have you been selling products to Ecohouse?:

How has your experience working with Ecohouse been so far?

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ There have been difficulties

What could Ecohouse improve in its relationship with you?

Would you like Ecohouse to buy more products from you or more frequently?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ I'm happy as we are
- ☐ It depends

What products would you like to offer Ecohouse that you are not currently selling?

Would you be interested in receiving training or support in more sustainable farming practices?

- ☐ Yes, very interested
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Not for now

Thank you for being part of Ecohouse.

Your work on the farm is the first step towards responsible tourism in Isla Fuerte.

Farmer's signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed by (Ecohouse): _____

ANNEX 3 — SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIER QUESTIONNAIRE

Cleaning and Hygiene Products

At Ecohouse we seek to reduce the environmental impact of tourism. That is why we want to work with suppliers who are interested in improving their environmental practices. This questionnaire helps us better understand the products we use.

Supplier Information

Supplier name:

Company (if applicable):

City of origin:

Product(s) supplied to Ecohouse:

1. About the Products

Do any of the products you sell have environmental features?

- ☐ Biodegradable
- ☐ Low environmental impact
- ☐ Recyclable containers
- ☐ I'm not sure

Do the products contain strong or hazardous chemicals?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Some of them
- ☐ I'm not sure

Do you offer concentrated products that reduce packaging volume?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Sometimes

2. Packaging

How are the products normally packaged?

- ☐ Plastic containers
- ☐ Reusable gallons / bulk containers
- ☐ Bags
- ☐ Other: _____

Is it possible to reuse the containers or gallons?

- ☐ Yes

- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

Would you be willing to collect empty containers for reuse or recycling?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ It depends

3. Transport

Where are the products normally dispatched from?

- ☐ Montería
- ☐ Cartagena
- ☐ Other city: _____

How often do you make deliveries?

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Every two weeks
- ☐ As ordered

4. Sustainable Commitment

Would you be interested in working with Ecohouse to reduce plastics or improve the products used?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

Comments: Is there anything you would like to share about your products or environmental practices?

Supplier signature: _____ Date: _____