

Groupe Blattner Elwyn

Natural rubber
assessment

Total score:

0.8%

Latest update: November 2019

Next scheduled: November 2020

Landbank 14,019 hectares

Activities: Natural rubber cultivation and processing

Locations: Democratic Republic of the Congo (Tshopo, Equateur, Kongo Central)

Headquarters: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Related companies: Also assessed on [SPOTT Palm Oil](#) and Timber and Pulp (<https://www.spott.org/timber-pulp/groupe-blattner-elwyn/>)

Website: <http://www.gbedrc.com>

Total:

1 / 118

0.8%



> Sustainability policy and leadership

0 / 8 0%

1. Sustainable natural rubber policy or commitment for all its operations?

✘

0 / 1 Source

2. Sustainability natural rubber policy or commitment applies to all sourcing excluding smallholders?

✘

0 / 1 Source

3. High-level position of responsibility for sustainability?

✘

0 / 1 Source

4. One or more members within the board of the company have responsibility for sustainability?

This indicator is disabled as the company is not publicly listed

5. Percentage or number of women board members?

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6. Percentage or number of women in senior management team?

✘

0 / 1 Source

7. Member of multiple industry schemes or other external initiatives to reduce negative environmental or social outcomes associated with natural rubber production?

✘

0 / 1 Source

8. Collaboration with stakeholders to reduce negative environmental or social outcomes associated with natural rubber production?

✘

0 / 1 Source

<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Sustainability report published within last two years?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Climate risks assessment available?	X	0 / 1	Source



> Landbank, maps and traceability

1 / 11 9.1%

<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Lists countries and operations? DRC	✓	1 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 12. Total land area managed/controlled for natural rubber (ha)? The company provides separate figures for subsidiaries' land, but the data is undated and does not allow for the calculation of total landbank	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Total natural rubber planted area (ha)? 13,209 - The company provides separate figures for subsidiaries, however the data is undated, and calculated for the productive and unproductive areas of the following subsidiaries (excluding sharecropping areas): B.L.E; S.C.A.M; S.C.C. BINGA and S.C.C. BOSONDJO	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 14. Scheme smallholders/outgrowers planted area (ha)? The company reports it has 2,405 ha under village cooperatives however it is unclear if these are scheme smallholders	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 15. Unplanted (areas designated for future planting) (ha)? 810 - The company only reports areas "under development", and this data is undated	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 16. Conservation set-aside area, including HCV area (ha)? The company only reports reserve areas for one of its palm oil subsidiaries	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 17. Maps of estates/management units?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 18. Number of company owned natural rubber processing facilities? 4 - The company reports that it has four natural rubber factories however the data is undated	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 19. Names and coordinates of company owned natural rubber processing facilities?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 20. Management plans for natural rubber production are available for all estates/management units?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 21. Commitment to traceability of the whole supply chain?	X	0 / 1	Source





> Deforestation and biodiversity

0 / 10 0%

2 media reports

<input type="checkbox"/> 22. Commitment to zero deforestation or zero conversion of natural ecosystems?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 23. Commitment to zero deforestation or zero conversion of natural ecosystems applies to all sourcing excluding smallholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 24. Evidence of monitoring deforestation?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 25. Amount of illegal/non-complaint deforestation recorded in own operations?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 26. Implementing a landscape or jurisdictional level approach?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 27. Commitment to biodiversity conservation?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 28. Identified species of conservation concern, referencing international or national system of species classification?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 29. Examples of species and/or habitat conservation management?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 30. Commitment to protect areas from illegal activities?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 31. Commitment not to use genetically modified organisms?	✘	0 / 1	Source



> HCV, HCS and impact assessments

0 / 6 0%

1 media report

<input type="checkbox"/> 32. Commitment to conduct High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 33. High Conservation Value (HCV) assessments available?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 34. High Conservation Value (HCV) management and monitoring plans available?			

	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 35. Commitment to the High Carbon Stock (HCS) approach?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 36. Commitment to conduct social and environmental impact assessments (SEIAs)?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 37. Social and environmental impact assessment (SEIAs) undertaken, and associated management and monitoring plans?	X	0 / 1	Source



> Soils, fire and GHG emissions

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<input type="checkbox"/> 38. Commitment to no planting on peat of any depth?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 39. Landbank or planted area on peat (ha)?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 40. Implementation of commitment to no planting on peat of any depth?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 41. Commitment to best management practices for soils and peat?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 42. Evidence of best management practices for soils and peat?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 43. Commitment to best/sustainable tapping practices?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 44. Evidence of best/sustainable tapping practices?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 45. Commitment to zero burning?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 46. Evidence of management and monitoring fires?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 47. Details/number of hotspots/fires in company estates/management units?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 48. Time-bound commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 49. GHG emissions intensity?	X	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 50. Report GHG emissions from land use change?			

	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 51. Methodology used to calculate GHG emissions?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 52. Progress towards commitment to reduce GHG emissions intensity?	✘	0 / 1	Source



> Water, chemical and pest management

0 / 17 0%			
■ 53. Time-bound commitment to improve water quality (BOD and COD)?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 54. Progress towards commitment on water quality (BOD and COD)?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 55. Treatment of effluents from processing facilities?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 56. Percentage of processing facilities with closed-loop water treatment system (100%)?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 57. Time-bound commitment to improve water use intensity?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 58. Water use intensity?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 59. Progress towards commitment on water use intensity?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 60. Commitment to protect natural waterways through buffer zones?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 61. Implementation of commitment to protect natural waterways through buffer zones?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 62. Reducing odours from natural rubber processing facilities?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 63. Commitment to minimise the use of chemicals, including pesticides and chemical fertilisers?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 64. Commitment to no use of World Health Organisation (WHO) Class 1A and 1B pesticides?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 65. Commitment to no use of chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention and Rotterdam Convention?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 66. Implementation of commitment to reduce chemical usage?			

	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 67. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 68. Chemical usage per ha or list of chemicals used?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 69. Waste management system in place to avoid negative impacts?	✘	0 / 1	Source



> Community, land and labour rights

0 / 29 0%

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■ 70. Commitment to human rights?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 71. Commitment to human rights applies to all sourcing excluding smallholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 72. Commitment to respect indigenous and local communities' rights?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 73. Commitment to respect legal and customary land tenure rights?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 74. Commitment to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 75. FPIC commitment applies to all sourcing excluding smallholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 76. Details on Free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) process available?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 77. Examples of local stakeholder engagement to prevent conflicts?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 78. Details of process for addressing land conflicts available?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 79. Commitment to support the inclusion of women across natural rubber operations, including addressing barriers faced?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 80. Commitment to mitigate impacts on food security?	✘	0 / 1	Source

<p>81. Progress on commitment to mitigate impacts on food security?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>82. Commitment to provide essential community services and facilities?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>83. Progress on commitment to provide essential community services and facilities? The company provides examples of facilities and services that have been provided to communities. The company states that it has three organisations which allow it to reach rural communities in terms of health, education and basic infrastructure: Rural Congolese Health (SRC), Rural Congolese Development (DRC), and Rural Education for All (ERT). However this information is undated</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>84. Commitment to provide business/work opportunities for local communities?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>85. Commitment to respect all workers' rights?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>86. Commitment to Fundamental ILO Conventions or Free and Fair Labour Principles?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>87. Commitment to eliminate gender related discrimination with regards to employment and occupation?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>88. Percentage or number of temporary employees? 4,948 (41%) - This is the calculated figure for all agribusiness operations (cocoa, rubber and palm oil). This data is undated</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>89. Percentage or number of women employees?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>90. Commitment to pay at least minimum wage?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>91. Progress on commitment to pay at least minimum wage?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>92. Reporting of salary by gender?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>93. Commitment to address occupational health and safety?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>94. Time lost due to work-based injuries?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>95. Reduction of time lost due to work-based injuries?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>
<p>96. Number of fatalities as a result of work-based accidents?</p>	<p>✘</p>	<p>0 / 1 Source</p>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 97. Zero fatalities as a result of work-based accidents?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 98. Provision of personal protective equipment and related training?	✘	0 / 1	Source



> Certification standards/Sustainability initiatives

0 / 5 0%			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 99. Member of the Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber (GPSNR)?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 100. Submitted self-declaration form for the Sustainable Natural Rubber Initiative (SNR-i)?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101. Commitment to become 100% certified under voluntary sustainability certification scheme?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 102. Certified under voluntary sustainability certification scheme?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 103. Percentage area (ha) FSC certified?	✘	0 / 1	Source



> Smallholders and suppliers

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 104. Commitment to support smallholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 105. Programme to support scheme smallholders / outgrowers?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 106. Percentage of scheme smallholders / outgrowers involved in programme?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 107. Programme to support independent smallholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 108. Percentage of independent smallholders involved in programme?	✘	0 / 1	Source
<input type="checkbox"/> 109. Percentage of supply from smallholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source

■ 110. Percentage of supply coming from agroforestry?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 111. Process used to prioritise, assess and/or engage non-smallholder suppliers on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 112. Number or percentage of non-smallholder suppliers assessed and/or engaged on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 113. Suspension or exclusion criteria for non-smallholder suppliers?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 114. Process used to engage smallholder suppliers on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 115. Number or percentage of smallholder suppliers engaged on compliance with company's policy and/or legal requirements?	✘	0 / 1	Source



> Governance and grievances

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■ 116. Commitment to ethical conduct and prohibition of corruption?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 117. Progress on commitment to ethical conduct and prohibition of corruption?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 118. Whistleblowing procedure?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 119. Own grievance or complaints system open to all stakeholders?	✘	0 / 1	Source
■ 120. Details of complaints and grievances disclosed?	✘	0 / 1	Source