

Sustainability workshop schedule – Part 1



What we mean by sustainability?



What are key sustainability aspects in the beverage and food sector?



How can we address sustainability risks?



How can we identify sustainability risks?

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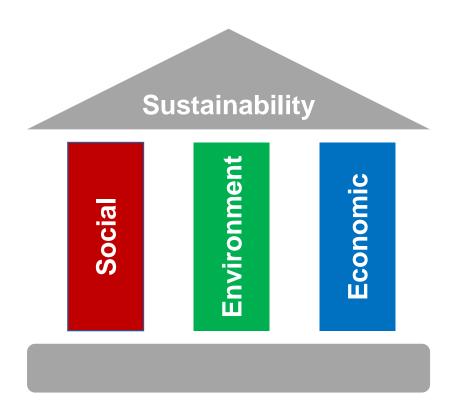
Brundtland definition

The United Nations Brundtland Commission defined sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

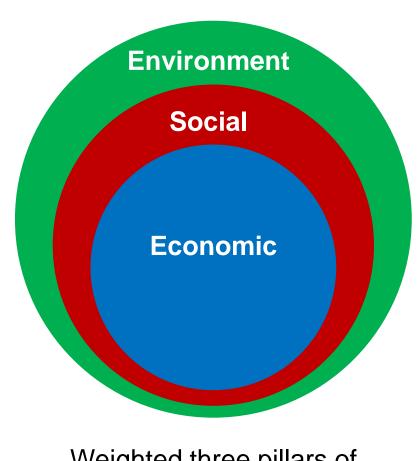


Models & concepts of sustainability





Three pillars of sustainability



Weighted three pillars of sustainability

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What are key sustainability aspects in the beverage and food sector?





Sustainability challenge in the food sector



Resource protection

Climate change

Use of pesticides

Water consumption

Producer prices

Biodiversity

Food waste

Human rights

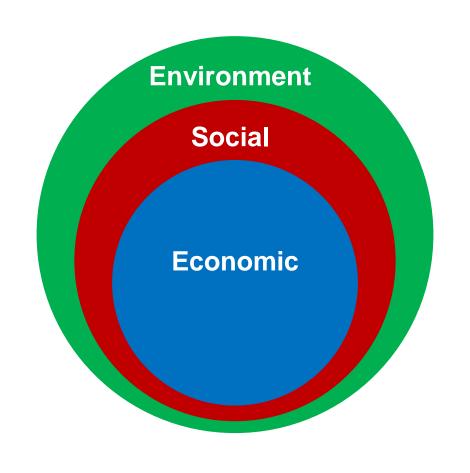
Animal welfare

Working conditions

Sustainable production

Health

Packaging

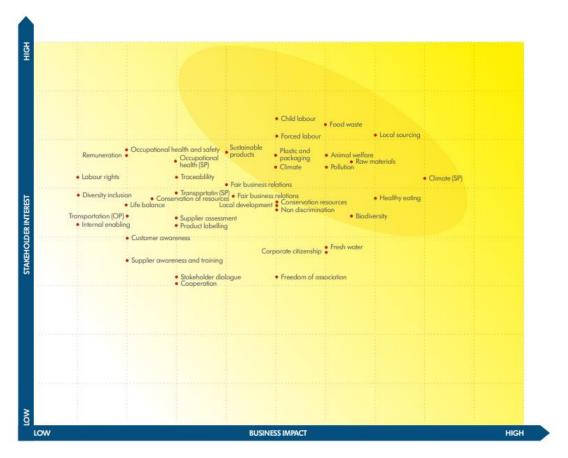


How do we choose relevant aspects?



Materiality analysis

- Method to identify requirements and expectations of internal and external stakeholders
- The internal and external requirements are summarized in a materiality matrix



vgl. Lidl UK, 2021

Key sustainability challenges





Climate change



Water



Biodiversity losses



Human rights



Packaging



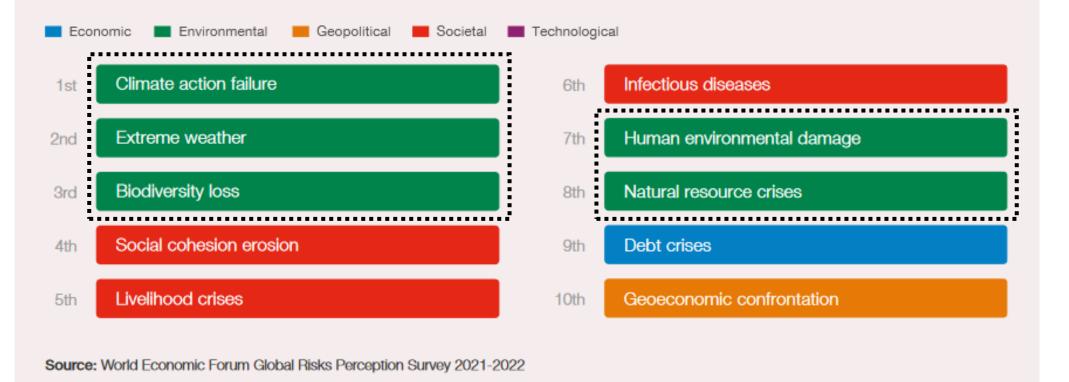




Key sustainability challenges



"Identify the most severe risks on a global scale over the next 10 years"

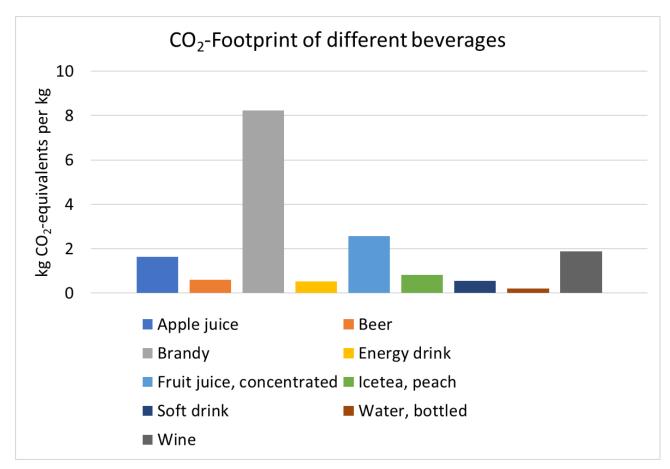


Climate risks



Climate risks in the food sector

- Food production is both a cause of climate change, but is also negatively affected by it
- ➤ In industrialized countries, the food sector is responsible for 15 to 31% of total GHG emissions



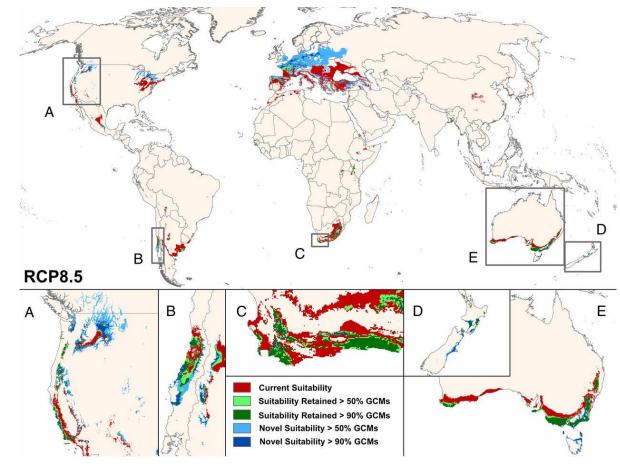
More information at: https://denstoreklimadatabase.dk/en

Climate risks



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- Food production is both a cause of climate change, but is also negatively affected by it
- Influence of climate change on agricultural production is highly dependent on region, crop type, as well as irrigation
- Selection of the crop variety, growing region as well as management may change significantly as a result



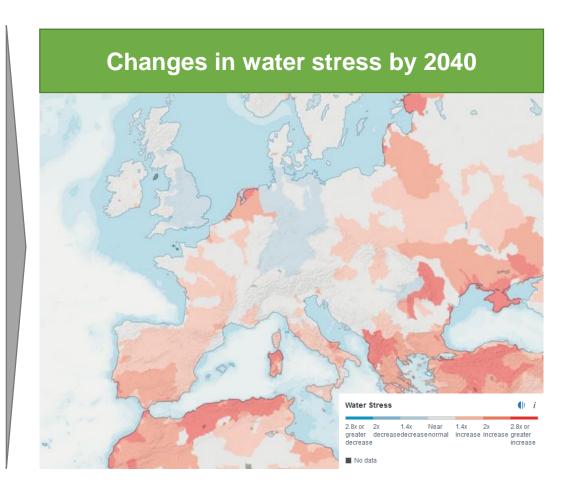
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Water risks



Water risks in the food sector

- ➤ Definition of water risks: Situation in which "damage related to water is likely in the future" (WWF, 2019).
- Globally, water risks are increasing strongly
- These vary greatly at the local level
- ➤ The German food retail sector is exposed to a high risk in this respect → It consumes an average of 47 liters of water per euro of sales

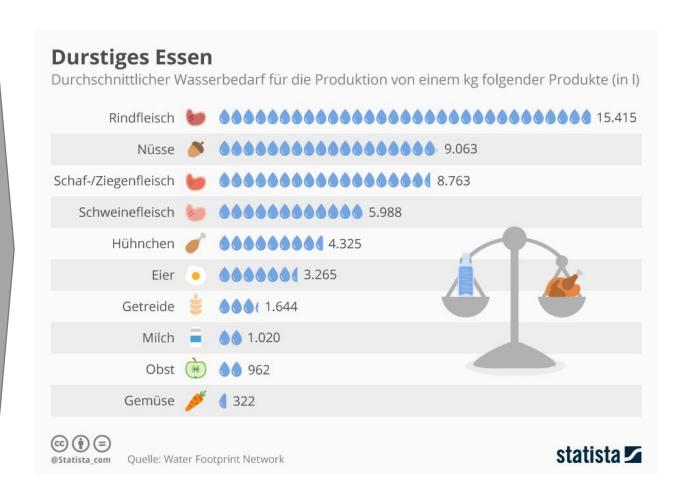


Water risks



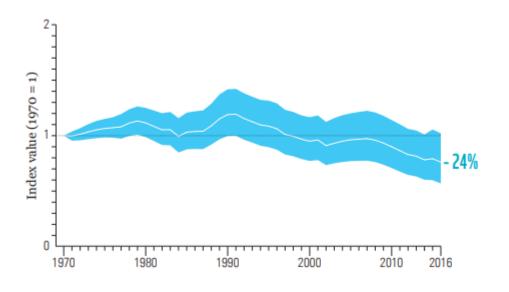
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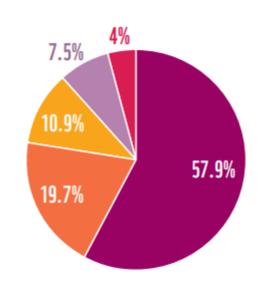
- Agriculture is responsible for 70% of water use worldwide
- At the same time, it is highly dependent on water availability
- Depending on the product and region, water consumption differs significantly



Biodiversity risk















Land-use change

Species overexploitation

Invasive species and disease

Pollution

Climate change

Vgl. WWF 2020

Human right risks in the supply chain



Human rights risks in the supply chain are very diverse:

- Workers' rights (e.g.: Violation due to excessive working hours, low wages, unsafe or unhealthy working conditions)
- ➤ Gender discrimination (e.g.: unequal treatment of men and women)
- > Child labor
- > Forced labor

Kasten: 1. Landkonflikte und Menschenrechtsverletzungen durch Sojaanbau in Südamerika

Brasilien ist der zweitgrößte Sojaproduzent der Welt mit 115 Millionen Tonnen jährlich und einer AnbauDer Sojaanbau begann in Mato Grosso in den 1970er Jahren und erstreckt sich mittlerweile auf fast 10 Mil-

Kasten: 2. Sojaanbau gefährdet Recht auf Gesundheit

In den letzten dreißig Jahren ist in vielen Ländern Südamerikas der Sojaanbau für den Export drastisch angestiegen und dort eines der wichtigsten Exportprosat angepasst. Die Landwirt*innen reagieren darauf, indem sie pro Hektar mittlerweile mehr als doppelt so viel Glyphosat ausbringen wie noch vor einigen Jahren.

Kasten: 3. Antibiotikaproduktion ohne Abwasserbehandlung als Ursache für die Ausbreitung von Antibiotikaresistenzen

Rund 90 Prozent der Wirkstoffe, die als Antibiotika auf den Weltmarkt gelangen, werden in Indien und antibiotikaresistenten Keimen reinigen? Bisher sehen offenbar weder Pharmaimporteure noch Fleisch- und

Kasten: 4. Arbeits- und Menschenrechtsverletzungen in der Fleischindustrie Süd-Oldenburg

Spätestens seit verschiedenen Medienberichten im Jahr 2013 sind die prekären Arbeits- und Lebensbedingungen der migrantischen Arbeiter*innen in der Fleisch-

20 Kilogramm haben (ALSO 2018: 11). Der in der Region ansässige Hausarzt Dr. Florian Kossen berichtet von einem weiteren Fall: Ein bulgarischer Werkvertrags-

Vgl. Germanwatch 2020

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How can we identify sustainability risks?

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Drivers of sustainability issues



Increasing pressure from various stakeholders:

Internal stakeholders

CSR Departments

External stakeholders

- NGOs (Oxfam, Greenpeace, WWF, etc.)
- Politics
- Consumers

******	2018	2022	*****
TESCO	23%	61%	•
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Sainsbury's	18%	55%	•
	1%	49%	•
REWE	1%	48%	•
Morrisons	5%	42%	•
JUMBO	0%	35%	•
Ahold Delhoize	5%	28%	•
#PLUS	11%	14%	•
E	1%	11%	•
ASDA	-	9%	•
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Vgl. Oxfam 2022

Growing pressure from political stakeholders





"From farm-to-fork": goals until 2030

- Reduce use and risk of chemical pesticides by 50%
- Reduce use of more hazardous pesticides by 50%
- Reduce nutrient losses by min. 50%
- Reduce fertilizer use by min. 20%
- Reduce total antimicrobial sales by 50%
- Farm 25% of the agricultural area with organic agriculture

Increasing demands from consumers

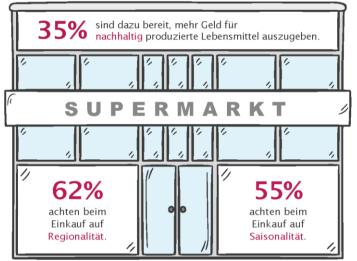


Ein Trend wird zum Lebensstil:

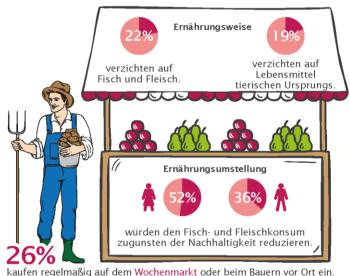
71%



der Deutschen legen bei der Ernährung und beim Lebensmitteleinkauf Wert auf Nachhaltigkeit.



Source: DGQ 2021



Increasing awareness on the consumer side

- Consumers place more value on sustainability and are willing to pay more for it
- ➤ Share of organic food is steadily rising → sales increased from 22% in 2020
- ➤ At the shelf, however, decisions are often still made primarily on the basis of price and quality criteria
- Organic food accounts for only 6.4% of total sales

What are we assessing?









Product / ingredient

X

Region of origin

X

Supplier

Task



Consider in your group what possible relevant "ingredient – region of origin" combinations of your beverage are and where sustainability risks might occur.

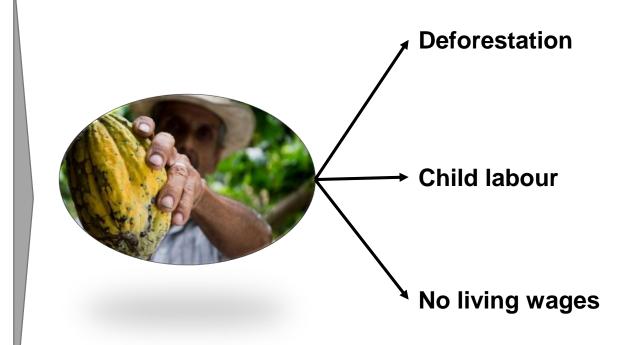


Generic identification of sustainability risks



Critical raw materials

- Various so-called "critical raw materials" are known for their sustainability risks
- These products are often addressed regardless of origin
- > These include:
 - > Cocoa
 - > Tea
 - > Palm oil
 - > Soy



Identification of climate risks



Climate risks for the food sector

Various climate risks threaten the food retail industry:

- Greenhouse gas (GHG)
 emissions triggered by the
 range of products sold
- Impact of climate change on production processes

Assessment of the GHG emissions:

- Calculation of the CO₂ footprint of the distributed products
- Calculation usually performed by external consultants or based on existing databases
- Identification of hot spots in product portfolios and supply chains

Analysis of climate change impacts:

- Potential future impacts of climate change on agricultural processes can be calculated
- Based on crop growth and climate models
- Currently focus rather on GHG emissions

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Identification of water risks

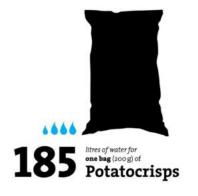


Water risks for the food sector

- Determination of water consumption via water footprint
- Water consumption of products strongly influenced by agricultural processes
- Assessment of water risks at both product and country of origin level necessary







EXTREMELY HIGH BASELINE WATER STRESS

1. Qatar 6. Libya 10. United Arab Emirates 14. Pakistan

2. Israel 7. Kuwait 11. San Marino 15. Turkmenistan

3. Lebanon 8. Saudi Arabia 12. Bahrain 16. Oman

4. Iran 9. Eritrea 13. India 17. Botswana

5. Jordan

Identification of water risks at product level



Water risks at product level

- Water footprint is composed of three areas:
- Green water (rainwater)
- Blue water (irrigation water)
- Grey water (polluted water, e.g. through the use of fertilizers or pesticides)

Water consumption of the Avocado cultivation (I/t)

Country	Green	Blue	Grey
Israel	231	698	70
Mexico	746	266	99
Spain	579	204	143

Region-specific water footprint data for a wide range of sectors are available at: https://waterfootprint.org/en/resources/waterstat/product-water-footprint-statistics/

Identification of water risks at country of origin level



Water risk of different countries

- ➤ In addition to the water footprint at the product level, water stress at the country or regional level is crucial
- This can be determined by means of the WRI Aqueduct Tools
- ➤ This part divides the water stress into 5 categories from *low* to *extremely-high*

Water risk of selected countries

Country	Overall water risk	
Israel	Extremly-high	
Mexico	High	
Spain	High	

- ➤ Israel has both the highest demand for irrigation water and the highest water stress
- > Consequence: Very high water risk

Identification of biodiversity risks



Reasons for global biodiversity loss

- > Central causes of biodiversity loss are:
 - Land use change
 - Overexploitation of species
- ➤ Main causes: agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- Protection of biodiversity hotspots central point for biodiversity conservation

Environmental Performance Index (EPI)

- Yale Universitys EPI evaluates and compares the environmental performance of 180 countries
- > A wide range of indicators are recorded:
 - > Air quality
 - Climate Change
 - ➤ Biodiversity & Habitat
 - Ecosystem Services
 - > Etc.

Identification of biodiversity risks



Biodiversity & Habitat

- Indicator assesses measures taken by countries to conserve natural ecosystems and protect biodiversity
- > Composed of various subindicators:
 - Protection of terrestrial biomes
 - > Representativeness of protected areas
 - > Etc.

RANK	COUNTRY	SCORE
1	Botswana	91.6
2	Zambia	90.4
3	Poland	89.0
4	Germany	88.8
5	France	88.3
6	United Kingdom	88.0
7	Belize	87.9
8	Spain	87.6
9	Lithuania	87.5
10	Belgium	87.4
11	Bhutan	87.2
12	Estonia	87.0
	Zimbabwe	87.0
14	Latvia	86.7
15	Slovenia	86.4
16	Gabon	86.0
17	Czech Republic	85.7
18	Austria	85.5
	Luxembourg	85.5
20	Romania	85.0
	Slovakia	85.0

161	Papua New Guinea	27.3
162	Fiji	25.1
163	Madagascar	25.0
	Uruguay	25.0
165	Djibouti	23.0
166	Lesotho	22.5
167	Afghanistan	21.9
168	Lebanon	21.8
169	Singapore	20.9
170	Mauritius	19.3
171	Mauritania	19.2
172	China	19.0
173	Bahrain	18.9
174	Solomon Islands	15.3
175	Turkey	15.1
176	Cabo Verde	14.3
177	Barbados	12.6
178	Marshall Islands	11.4
179	Micronesia	6.9
180	Maldives	6.5

Identification of biodiversity risks



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Ecosystem Services

- Indicator says something about the loss of key ecosystems and the services they provide
- Is composed of several subindicators:
 - Loss of tree cover
 - Loss of grassland
 - > Loss of wetlands

ANK	COUNTRY	SCORE		
1	Bahrain	100.0	161	Nicaragua
	Iceland	100.0	162	Guatemala
	Malta	100.0	163	Cambodia
	Micronesia	100.0	164	Singapore
	São Tomé and Príncipe	100.0	165	Laos
	United Arab Emirates	100.0	166	Viet Nam
7	Niger	97.7	167	Côte d'Ivoi
8	Tajikistan	97.6	168	Ghana
9	Mauritania	97.2	169	Liberia
10	Eritrea	97.1		Madagasc
11	Saudi Arabia	96.9	171	Malaysia
12	Turkmenistan	96.2	172	Guinea
13	Burkina Faso	95.5	173	Sierra Leor
14	Cabo Verde	93.7	174	Portugal
15	Afghanistan	93.6	175	Dominica
16	Iraq	91.8	176	Qatar
17	Kyrgyzstan	91.1	NA	Kiribati
18	Iran	88.8		Marshall Is
19	Seychelles	84.3		Samoa
20	Armenia	81.5		Tonga

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Identification of human right risks



Human right risks in the supply chain

- Human rights risks in particular are highly dependent on the regions, sectors and suppliers considered
- ➤ The use of indices allows only a first rough risk assessment
- Involvement of the specific supplier and on-site audits are often essential

Risk identification using the example of forced labor

- Identification of the risk of forced labor can be based on the product/sector or on the country of origin
- Based on the product: <u>List of Goods</u>
 <u>Produced by Child Labor or Forced</u>
 <u>Labor (ILAB, US Department of Labor)</u>
- Based on the country of origin: Global Slavery Index

Identification of risks related to the product

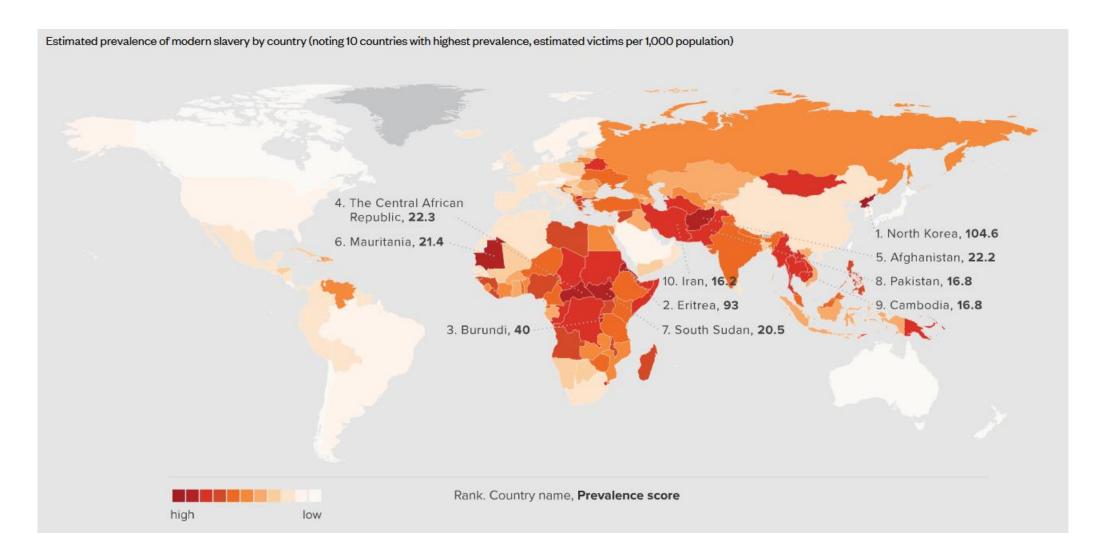


COUNTRY/AREA	CHILD LABOR	FORCED LABOR	CHILD LABOR & FORCED LABOR
Afghanistan	Carpets, Coal, Poppies, Salt		Bricks
Angola			Diamonds
Argentina Blueberries, Bricks, Cotton, Garlic, Grapes, Olives, Strawberries, Tobacco, Tomatoes, Yerba Mate (stimulant plant)			Garments
Azerbaijan	Cotton		
Bangladesh	Bidis (hand-rolled cigarettes), Bricks, Footwear, Furniture (steel), Garments, Glass, Leather, Matches, Poultry, Salt, Shrimp, Soap, Textiles, Jute (textiles)		Dried Fish
Belize	Bananas, Citrus Fruits, Sugarcane		
Benin	Granite (crushed)		Cotton
Bolivia	Bricks, Gold, Silver, Tin, Zinc	Cattle, Peanuts	Brazil Nuts/Chestnuts, Corn, Sugarcane
Brazil	Bananas, Beef, Bricks, Cashews, Ceramics, Cocoa, Corn, Cotton, Fish, Footwear, Hogs, Manioc/ Cassava, Pineapples, Poultry, Rice, Sheep, Sisal, Tobacco	Garments, Timber	Cattle, Charcoal, Coffee, Sugarcane
Burkina Faso	Granite		Cotton, Gold

COUNTRY/AREA	CHILD LABOR	FORCED LABOR	CHILD LABOR & FORCED LABOR
Nepal			Bricks, Carpets, Embellished Textiles, Stones
Nicaragua	Bananas, Coffee, Gold, Gravel (crushed stones), Shellfish, Stones (pumice), Tobacco		
Niger	Gold, Gypsum (mineral), Salt, Trona (mineral)	Cattle	
Nigeria	Gold, Manioc/Cassava, Sand		Cocoa, Granite, Gravel (crushed stones)
North Korea		Bricks, Cement, Coal, Gold, Iron, Textiles, Timber	
Pakistan	Glass Bangles, Leather, Surgical Instruments	Cotton, Sugarcane, Wheat	Bricks, Carpets, Coal
Panama	Coffee, Melons		
Paraguay	Beans, Bricks, Cabbages, Carrots, Corn, Fish, Goats, Hogs, Lettuce, Manioc/Cassava, Melons, Onions, Peanuts, Peppers, Pornography, Poultry, Sesame, Sheep, Stones (limestone), Sugarcane, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Yerba Mate (stimulant plant)		Cattle
Peru	Bricks, Coca (stimulant plant), Fireworks, Fish	Brazil Nuts/Chestnuts, Timber	Gold

Identification of risks related to the country of origin





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How can we address sustainability risks?



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Addressing sustainability risks



Establish standards

- Critical raw materials or product-country combinations must be certified
- > This is done by means of:
 - Labels which focus on one subject area
 - Labels that cover several topics

Promote alternatives

- Use of more sustainable alternatives
- Sourcing raw materials from countries that do not pose critical sustainability risks

Drive change

- > Empowering consumer
- Compensate
- Mitigating the environmental and social impacts of selected value chains

Certification of critical country of origin-product combinations



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Establish standards

- Standards provide specifications on various sustainability topics
- Standard differs according to focus as well as robustness of requirements
- They are only partially displayed on the product
- Compliance with the standards is checked by external auditors
- In case of repeated failures, the certification is withdrawn from the producers

Standards and consumers

- On the <u>Siegelklarheit</u> homepage alone, over 120 seals are listed
- ➤ Of these, 39 are in the food sector alone
- It is often not clear which topics are covered by the seals and to what extent

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Certification of critical country of origin-product combinations





Ingredient: Cocoa



Product

Known sustainability risks

- Human rights risks
- Biodiversity risks

What labels would you use to address these risks?







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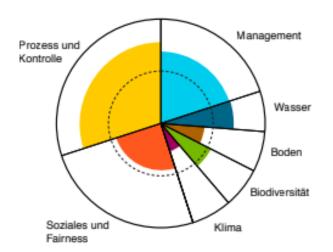
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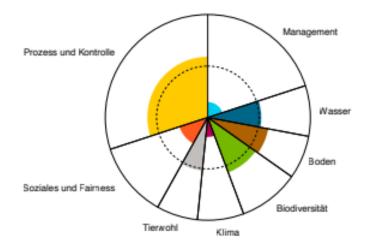


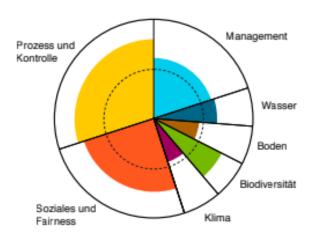














Comparison of different labels by WWF CH available at:

https://www.wwf.ch/sites/default/files/doc-2017-10/2015-11-Hintergrundbericht-Lebensmittellabel-de.pdf

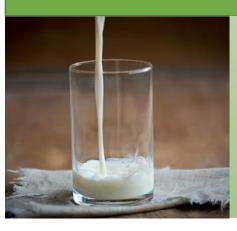
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Vegetarian / Vegan milk alternatives



- The share of milk alternatives is growing significantly
- These are based on different raw materials (soy, oats, almond)
- ➤ The environmental impact can differ significantly (Tello et al. 2021)

Milk and milk alternatives	CO ₂ Footprint in kg CO ₂ eq.
Cow milk	1,40
Oat milk	0,50
Soy milk	0,75

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fufo.2021.100080

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Selection of the country of origin using the example of water



- ➤ The water risk of avocados differs significantly depending on the country of origin
- ➤ The future development of the water risk should also be included in this consideration

Country of origin	Irrigation water consumption in I t-1		
Israel	698 (Baseline)		
Mexico	266 (-62%)		
Spain	204 (-71%)		

Drive change



Drive change

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Quelle: Too Good To GO, 2022

Drive change



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Compensation

- Offsetting in CO₂ management only envisaged as last step (after avoid and reduce)
- Current trend in food retailing to offset emissions from a wide variety of (not always sensible) products



Drive change



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Sustainable packaging

- ➤ Use of single-use bottles is one of the most important environmental hot spots in wine production
- > Use of reusable containers as a sustainable alternative





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