

Origin: The Philippines

AAK

Rainforest Alliance Certified Coconut

Supporting livelihoods

Conserving landscapes

Building climate resilience

Advancing human rights

Sustainability benefits of coconut



Long-living crop

Coconut trees can produce for many years.



Whole crop use

Oil, water, husk, and shell can all create value and reduce waste.



Agroforestry compatible

Coconut trees can be grown alongside other crops, supporting biodiversity.



Climate-resilient

Coconut trees thrive in drought, salinity, and poor soils and their roots help protect shorelines from erosion.

But did you know?

The majority of the world's coconut trees are estimated to be past peak productivity. This means farmers face diminishing income from declining yields and have limited bargaining power. Realizing the sustainability potential of coconut depends on resilient, traceable supply chains that support smallholder growers.

Certified for change

The coconut supply chain is complex and multilayered, making traceability a challenge. Rainforest Alliance certification is designed to help address these issues.

- Coconut farmers are trained in agricultural practices that protect the environment, rejuvenate trees, improve yields, and support better livelihoods.
- Certified farms undertake to respect human rights and work toward better livelihoods for farmers and workers, addressing child and forced labor, and promoting gender equality and non-discrimination.
- Rainforest Alliance also requires that producers do not use wildlife for processing or harvesting of any crops, including prohibiting the use of primates for coconut collection.

Coconut oil from the Philippines has a **69% lower carbon footprint** than that from Indonesia, and **37% lower** than that from India.

Source: Agri-footprint 6.3

Akocare Coconut RA SG™

is the Personal Care industry's first Rainforest Alliance certified segregated coconut oil with full traceability from the farm in the Philippines to the factory gate in Sweden.



Helping transform the coconut industry – *how AAK is leading the way*

AAK was one of the founding signatories of the 2020 Sustainable Coconut Charter.

Developed to define coconut sustainability and align the industry around shared priorities, including supporting smallholder livelihoods, improving supply chain traceability, preventing deforestation, and mitigating climate change.

As the initiative evolved, AAK played a key role in its transition into a formal organization, taking a seat on the executive steering committee of the new Sustainable Coconut Partnership, established in 2023. The Partnership aims to accelerate responsible coconut production and market transformation at scale by establishing industry-wide best practices and impact programs, including seedling distribution.

By the end of 2024, AAK had supplied over 10,000 coconut seedlings for replanting. The program is now being scaled up to provide 50,000 coconut seedlings per year over the next four years.

A total of 210,000 seedlings is estimated to provide 60 kt CO₂e of carbon removal potential.

In May 2026, AAK became the first company to achieve Gold Level in the Sustainable Coconut Charter's Assurance audit.



Gold status provides concrete, independently assessed evidence of supply chain quality, and offers the following assurances:

Verified traceability

An audited view of sourcing origins and risks, giving customers greater transparency.

Audited due diligence

Comprehensive risk management that reduces exposure to supply chain disruptions and supports primate-free harvesting.

Confidence in continuous improvement

The annual audit framework ensures AAK's sustainability performance is actively monitored and continuously advanced.

Related ingredient:

Akocare Coconut Oil™

- Traceable to one mill in the Philippines
- Supports eco-friendly formulations
- Vegan-friendly

