



Sumar Ltda.

SUELOS Y MANOS AMAZONICOS RACIONALES

“SUMAR LTDA” Hereby, certifies that:

THE CHILD LABOR DOES NOT EXIST IN BAURES IN ANY ACTIVITY NEITHER AT THE CACAO HARVEST, NOR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY.

The cacao wild beans collected for all our products are from Baures, a village into the Bolivian Amazon forest. The cacao beans are hand collected by the local people who live in the surrounding communities next to, or within the forest. The harvest is done every year from January to March, in a natural frame of respectful for the human rights. Child labor does not exist, and the cacao beans are sold in a fair price.

As the cacao “Islands” are in middle of the rainforest, these lands are a state protected area and they have been declared by local regulations as “lands of popular ownership”. It means that as they protect the forest environmental sustainability the families are the only owners of this resource. They pick what they can or what they need. The result of this policy is that there is not exploitation, there is not child labor, there is not forced work or slaves, and the collectors are free to set the beans’ price.

Sumar Ltda. Is member of BIONATIVA BOLIVIA, a Bio Trade organization which is under the UEBT (Union for Ethical Bio Trade) principles:

1. The sustainable use of native biological resources.
2. Promotion of productive strategies and activities that support sustainable use and conservation in areas with high biodiversity value.
3. The generation and equitable sharing of economic benefits with local and indigenous communities.

In this regard, Sumar Ltda. grants that the resources has been sourced with ethical and respect.

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