

Some information on Naturland

Members

Founded in 1982 in Gräfelfing near Munich (Germany) Naturland is registered as a non profit organisation. In Germany 2.240 Naturland farmers are cultivating approx 158.000 hectares. In 1989 Naturland has started its international commitment. World wide 55.000 farmers mostly organised in smallholder-cooperatives cultivate more than 115.000 hectares following Naturland standards.

Objectives

- Promotion and support of organic agriculture
- Development of consistent standards for all sectors of organic agriculture
- Training of members in cultivation and certification issues
- Support to investigation and development of organic agriculture
- Cooperation with developing countries considering social aspects
- Consumer information about organic agriculture

IFOAM Accreditation

The Naturland logo stands for reliable and recognized certification. Naturland was the first German organic certifier to attain IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) accreditation in 1997 and to be accredited according to European Norm DIN EN 45011/ISO 65 in 1998.



The cultivation guidelines intend to facilitate the conversion to organic agriculture and Naturland wishes the farmers every success in applying them.

Organic Farming in the Tropics and Subtropics

CULTIVATION GUIDELINES

of 20 different crops



With the financial support of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) Naturland could publish the cultivation guidelines for tropical and subtropical crops

The guidelines are also available in Spanish:

banana
brazil nut
cashew nut
coco
cocoa
coffee
cotton (new edition 2004)
date palm (only in English)
hibiscus
macadamia nut
mango
papaya
peanut
pepper
pineapple
rice (only in English)
sesame
sugar cane
tea
vanilla

On 10 up to 40 pages, according to the crop described, the most important information about cultivation, details on the production process as well as product specifications are given.

Each guideline is supplemented with a comprehensive introduction of the principles of organic agriculture.

The guidelines are available in digital format (pdf) and can be ordered from Naturland for a charge of EUR 15. The whole package is available for EUR 150. The guidelines are free of charge for Naturland members

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Manual for Quality Assurance

A Guideline for
**INTERNAL CONTROL
SYSTEMS (ICS)**
in Smallholder Organisations

3rd revised Edition, October 2010

Fifteen years of experience in the inspection of producer co-operatives, comprising in some cases several thousand members, have gone into this manual. The manual is now available in its second, revised edition.

It is a standard work to all who are dealing with internal control systems. The manual can be purchased through Naturland. Smallholders organisations pay EUR 15, others EUR 30. It is free of charge for Naturland members.