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UEBT RISK DATABASE SUPPORTING SUPPLY CHAIN DUE DILIGENCE

Identifying and managing risks for people and biodiversity along their supply chains is one of the commitments of UEBT membership. It is also a key aspect of supply chain due diligence, which is increasingly necessary to respond to legal requirements and consumer expectations. Yet few risk tools include the particular social, environmental, and economic risks related to specialty natural raw materials sourced by UEBT members.

The UEBT risk database provides a unique and reliable set of risk information tailored to the high-value, low-volume natural raw materials UEBT members work with. This database includes general country and specific natural raw material risks.

Natural raw materials specific risks relate to cultivation, wild collection, and local processing of individual raw materials and are based not only on reliable data sources, but also first-hand field observations of conventional practices.

What is the UEBT risk database for?

The risk database allows UEBT members to identify risks related to natural raw materials. This includes human rights and other social and environmental risks in supply chains. It provides information on a range of individual natural raw materials in different countries.

UEBT members can use the UEBT risk database to assess risks in their ingredient portfolio, to have a better understanding of their supply chains and as part of their supply chain due diligence programmes.



The focus of the risk database is on natural raw materials such as:

- Herbs
- Spices
- Nuts
- Flowers
- Fruits
- Seeds
- Roots
- Stems
- Barks
- Gums

The risk database provides information on:



Country risk

Scores based on diverse and reliable data sources



Natural raw material risk

Risk information based on field observations of conventional practices applied to the natural raw material



Risk score

Integrated human rights and responsible sourcing risk scores for individual natural raw materials in specific countries



How does it work?

The risk database covers two risk levels:

- **Country risk** An overview of ethical sourcing-related risks in countries around the globe. This information is available for all countries, updated annually and based on credible open-source information.
- **Natural raw material risk** Information on risks specific to the production of individual raw materials in a country, which over time can also be disaggregated at sub-national levels. This risk information will grow and be updated as more natural raw materials are added over the next years. It is based on local knowledge and field observations, and considers risks in conventional, uncontrolled supply chains of the natural raw material of interest.

What it looks like

Country	Hungary	
Plant name	Common camomile (<i>Matricaria chamomilla</i>)	
Production system	Cultivation	
Risk score	● Low	
	Country risk scores	Natural raw material risk scores (conventional production)
Biodiversity conservation and restoration	● Medium	● Low
Sustainable use of biodiversity	● Low	● Low
Human and workers' rights	● Medium	● Medium
Community well being and local development	● Low	● Low
Overall country and natural raw material risk scores	● Low	● Low

Above: Example of overall risk score and category risks.

	Country risk scores	Natural raw material risk scores (conventional production)
Biodiversity conservation and restoration	● Medium	● Low
Ecosystem degradation	● Medium	● Low
Protected areas	● Medium	● Medium
Species at risk and endemic species	● Low	● Low
Invasive species	● Low	● Low

Above: Details of the risk indicators and risk scores in the category "Biodiversity conservation and restoration".

What makes the UEBT risk database unique?

- Tailored to natural raw materials used by UEBT members
- Specific information on individual natural raw materials within countries
- Aligned with the Ethical BioTrade standard and other UEBT tools
- Allows combining assessment of natural raw material and country risks
- Regularly updated

How to access the database

To cover the costs of managing the database, the database is available as an annual subscription service. Special fees will apply for small and medium enterprises.



Risk categories

The database has four risk categories, and all are aligned with the UEBT standard:

- **Human and workers' rights** What are risks of infringement of human rights or poor labour conditions in production activities, and what are opportunities to contribute to improved working conditions?
- **Biodiversity conservation and restoration** What are risks that production activities take place in protected areas or contribute to degradation of habitats and the local flora and fauna, and what are opportunities to contribute to biodiversity conservation and restoration?
- **Cultivation and wild collection practices for sustainable use of biodiversity** What are risks that production activities contaminate or deplete natural resources in production sites, and what are opportunities to promote better production practices?
- **Community well being and local development** What are risks that production activities have negative impacts on local development and living conditions of local communities, and what are opportunities to contribute to local communities' well being and development?

Get started

Please contact impact@uebt.org to learn more

About UEBT

UEBT is a non-profit association that promotes sourcing with respect. Its mission is to regenerate nature and secure a better future for people through ethical sourcing of ingredients from biodiversity.



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