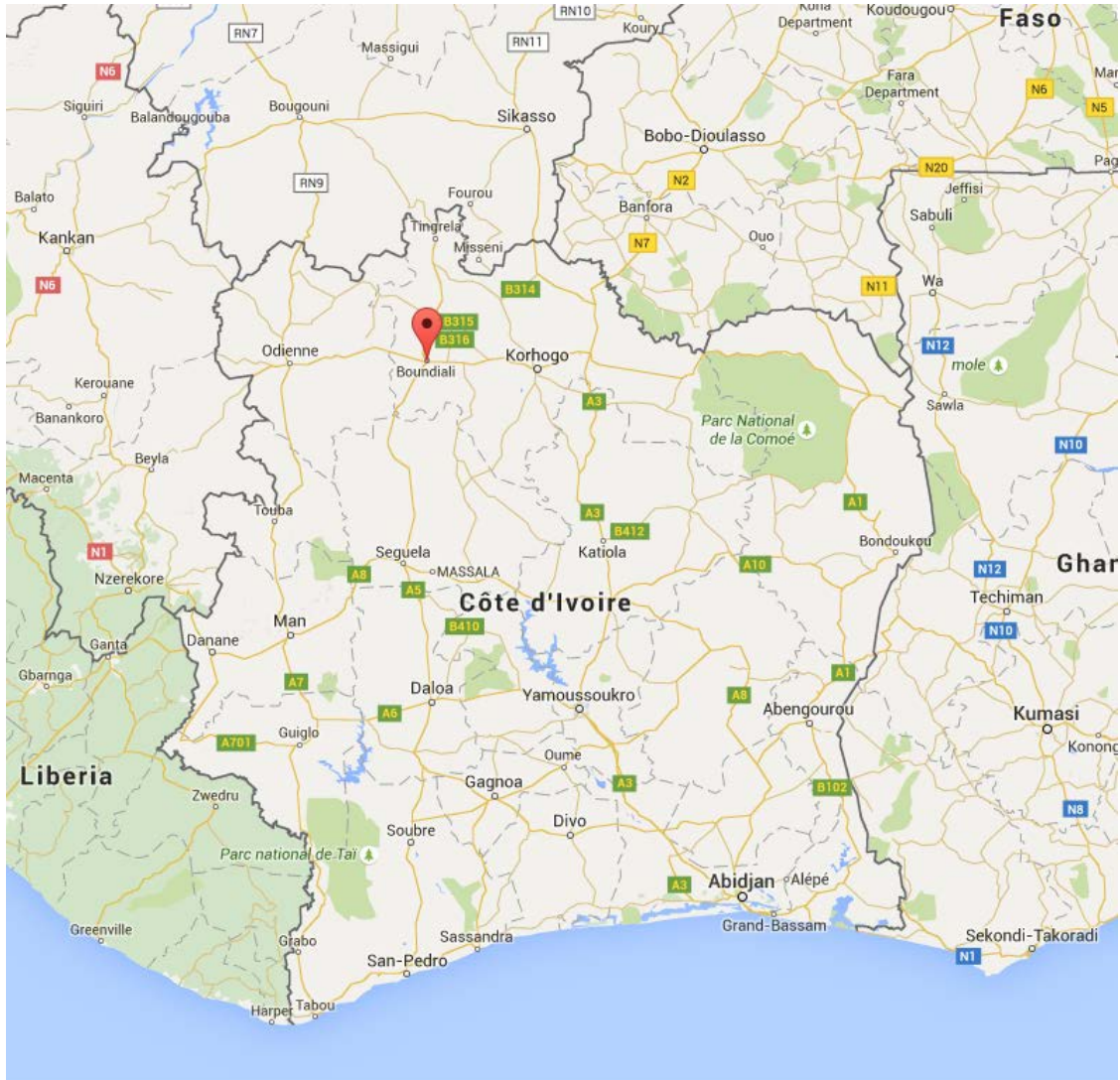


VERIFICATION OF COTTON MADE IN AFRICA IN IVORY COAST

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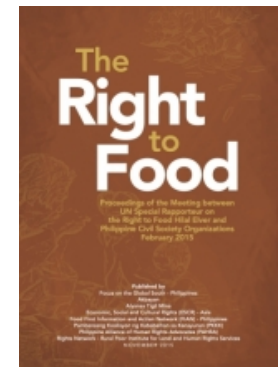
VERIFICATION AREA



IMPACT OF CERTIFICATES



- useful tools to address private sector responsibility with regard to ecological, social and economic sustainability
- cannot guarantee improvement of food security and poverty reduction



FINDINGS DURING VERIFICATION TRIP

Benefits of verification for cotton farmers

- transparency, trainings, „donations“ like school furniture
- CmiA-standard is open for smallholders (development standard)

Problematic aspects

- cotton = only access to necessary agricultural resources (f.ex. seeds, pesticides, credits)
- nationwide „zoning“ strengthens monopoly of companies
- farmers carry high risks (late information about pricing system, problems with storage and transport)
- bad organisation of farmers and low educational level weakens their bargaining power

VILLAGE IN COTTON REGION



INTERVIEW WITH VERIFIERS IN THE FIELD



NEED FOR ACTION: PESTICIDES



PROTECTION DU COTONNIER SUR SEUIL EN CÔTE D'IVOIRE - PHASE I
Edition 2012

IVOIRE COTON **CIRA**
Auteur : Dr OCHOU O. Germain

OBSERVER 30 PLANTS PAR GROUPE DE 5 PLANTS CONSÉCUTIFS

Plants attequés par les jassides	Plants attequés par les pucerons	Foyers de plants attequés par les acariens	Plants attequés par les chenilles phyllophages	Chenilles des boutons floraux, des fleurs et capsules
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DÉCISION DE TRAITER

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ALLIGATOR
400 g/l de Penflorfen
HERBICIDE DE PRE-LEVÉE

... POUR UN SOL PROPRE!

MACRO PROTECT

GLYPHADER
l'efficacité!

HERBICIDE NON SELECTIF

ABSORBE PAR LE FEUILLAGE

MACRO PROTECT



NEED FOR ACTION: CHILD LABOUR



CONCLUSIONS

Long term solution

- Mandatory regulations needed worldwide – as long as consumers are not willing to pay more for sustainably produced agricultural products

Right to Food is common responsibility

- States have duty to protect and fulfill human rights and the private sector not to harm them (primacy: food-fodder-fiber-fuel)

For the short term

- Complement certification systems with Right to Food-Criteria (ZEF-WHH)
- Strengthen local civil society (esp. Farmers' Organisations)