



**Category: Best Company for Natural Capital Stewardship**

**Please describe in not more than 300 words (in a Word or PDF document) why your company is deserving of your chosen award category.**

To protect natural capital and biodiversity, Minerva Foods works to combat illegal deforestation and support its cattle supply chain to implement regenerative livestock practices through the Renove Program.

Minerva Foods was a pioneer in expanding the monitoring of its direct suppliers to all Brazilian biomes and to the other South American countries where it operates. Geospatial monitoring tracks the situation of farms, ensuring that products are not related to illegally deforested areas or with environmental embargoes (punitive measures issued by inspection and control agencies that stop environmentally degrading production activities), overlapping with indigenous and/or traditional community lands and conservation units, and use of slave and child labor. Currently, 100% of direct suppliers are monitored in Brazil and Paraguay; in Colombia, more than 90% have already been reached; in Argentina, around 90%; and in Uruguay, more than 20%.

In 2021, Minerva Foods created the Renove Program to promote engagement with rural producers in the implementation of regenerative agricultural practices that increase productivity and income, in addition to bringing benefits to the environment through low carbon emissions and sustainable intensification of livestock activity. The program is based on three essential components for its execution: Capacity Building, Green Finance and Technical and Institutional Partnerships.

In addition, in its Commitment to Sustainability, the Company assumed the goal of monitoring 100% of its direct and indirect livestock suppliers in South America by 2030 through socio-environmental criteria. It also intends, as of 2030, to acquire at least 50% of the animals from supplier farms participating in the Renove Program.

Access more information at the pages:

Dedication to the planet:

<https://minervafoods.com/en/dedication-to-the-planet/>

Renove Program:

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Commitment to Sustainability:

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