



**Sustainable Coconut Sourcing**  
Sri Lanka

# COCONUT WATER, MILK AND CREAM

## SRI LANKA

### Sustainability Impact at Source



### Our impact on farmer's livelihood and beyond

Coconut is a beloved vegan dairy alternative that shines in refreshing drinks, creamy yoghurts, baby food, and more, through its nutritious water, milk, and cream.

Sri Lanka is widely recognized as the primary source of liquid coconut products. Since 2014, **Tradin Organic has been sourcing organic coconut ingredients, partnering with local farmers and processing facilities.** An extensive network of farmers employs natural practices and compost to grow and harvest coconuts, following the **principles of regenerative organic agriculture.** Next to their homes, coconut trees mingle with vibrant mango, banana, and black pepper plants, tended by the families. Larger plantations integrate strategic intercropping with fruit or cashew trees and even cows for fertilization, fostering a thriving ecosystem. With coconut leaves and husks generously scattered around the trees, nature rewards them with a **remarkable harvest 8-10 times a year**, and farmers receive an organic premium for their exceptional products.



### Going Beyond Organic

- **Creating resilient, equitable, and environmentally-secure food system**
- **Driving sustainable and market driven development at source**
- **Measurable social and environmental impact for farmers, workers, and communities worldwide.**
- **Contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

**1380**

hectares of organic certified land

**100+**

smallholder farmers

**311**

permanent employees

**6-8**

coconut harvests per year

**45**

farmers Fairtrade certified

**39%**

female employees in management positions



# Full traceability and High-Quality

From Farm to Factory to Customer



Our integrated supply chain and close collaboration on the ground help us ensure full traceability, organic integrity and high-quality coconut liquids from Sri Lanka. We ensure the traceability is tracked until the farmer/field level and lot segregation is very well controlled at processing facility when the nuts arrive by trucks. The sorting, de-husking and then processing of the nuts require a lot of manual labour, and the safety of the workers is a prime focus in the facilities.



## Social and Environmental Impact

### Animal welfare and integration

- Cows play a key role in the organic fertilization of the coconut fields. Farmers usually tie a long leash to a tree so the cows can roam a section of the field, moving the animal(s) to a new section regularly.
- The harvesting of the coconuts is done manually using a pole to tap the top of the tree to make only the ripe nuts fall out. We are not aware of any involvement of animals, such as monkey, in harvesting or any other farmwork.

### Certifications

- The market price for coconut products in Sri Lanka is determined through governmental auction, but our farmers are paid an organic premium on top of this price. If the coconut product is sold with Fairtrade, they get an additional premium.



### Community development

- The processing plants are creating many jobs for local villagers, paying good wages, bonuses, and benefits such as medical check-ups every half year. Safety is a top priority through BRC or SMETA audits at the facilities.
- Some farming areas are very rural where villagers have no drinkable water. One of the facilities located a tap in front of the factory to provide unlimited drinking water to all. Other community activities are organized such as seedling distribution, donations, school supplies to local children and a blood donation project.

