

EAZA Guidelines for ethical and environmental policies for suppliers and contractors



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EAZA encourages its Members to seek suppliers who reflect the values and mission of the Association and to encourage ethical and environmentally conscious behaviour in their partners.

As definitions of ethical business practice can vary between different types of suppliers and institutions, the responsibility for assessing the ability of a supplier to meet both business needs and a high ethical level rests with individual Members.

The following criteria can be used by Members to assess the environmental and ethical credentials of potential suppliers:

1. Mission and values of the EAZA Member reflected in their company, products and services
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3. Written policies that specify procedures to measure and ensure a continuously high level of ethical, environmental and sustainable business practice
4. Continuous demonstrable reduction of energy and water consumption, waste production, risk from hazardous materials and travel emissions

Recognized certifications in the areas of sustainability and ethical product choice can support an institution's choice in a supplier. Some of these certifications are:

1. Sustainability certifications (CO2 Neutral, ISO14001, various Green certifications)
2. Sustainable Palm Oil (food and cosmetic products)
3. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood products (wood, paper, decorative)
4. Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified fish
5. Fair Trade products (cocoa, nuts, coffee etc.)
6. Child labour free certifications (Good Weave, Child Labour Free, textiles, toys etc.)
7. Nationally certified Good Labour Practice schemes

With concerted efforts by the EAZA community to seek suppliers that strive for more ethically and environmentally minded choices, more suppliers will make these efforts to make themselves more attractive to potential clients. It is the hope of EAZA that in the long term EAZA Members will strive for fully sustainable and ethically conscious supply chains, from material harvesting to final purchase.