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**COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

Fondo Biocomercio (Biotrade Colombia Fund) is a NGO addressed to give financial services to those enterprises in the way to accomplish the Biotrade Principles and Criteria. Also, we give them technical supports through networking and we participate in policies making related to promotion of biotrade in Colombia

**UEBT MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS**

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Dates</b> <i>Historical/expected</i>
Membership status granted	2008-05-28
Annual report 1	2010-12-30
Annual report 2	
Annual report 3	
Annual report 4	

Documents annexed for public use?

Yes

No

If so, number of annexes: 0

Description of the annexed documents:

## **PROGRESS IN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE UEBT**

Through the UEBT membership Fondo Biocomercio Colombia is committed to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria.

### **Implementation of the commitment to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria**

We evaluate and promote the implementation of BioTrade Principles and Criteria in our customers. This promotion consists in recommendations based on business plans and field visits assessments. We monitor their advances and the problems they have to achieve these goals. Additionally, we train government's staff, universities' teachers and students, entrepreneurs and public in general to disseminate the knowledge about biotrade, and its advantages to sustainable use and competitiveness.

### **Activities undertaken to promote UEBT and Ethical BioTrade**

- Under our own scheme of Principles and Criteria evaluation, the average obtained by our 67 customer enterprises is 70% of fulfillment.
- Training to local environmental authorities (CDMB) about P&C, mechanisms to assess the enterprises achievement of P&C, and tools to develop biodiversity conservation in farms, among others.
- Technical guidance to some specific enterprises in environmental and social aspects (CB Group, Biomar, Naidi).
- Lectures about biotrade and its P&C to universities' teachers and students (Universidad El Bosque, Universidad Nacional), to forest managers and forest researchers (Guadua seminar) and to public in general (Jardín Botánico de Bogotá).
- Document comparing among Addis Ababa Principles for Sustainable Use, Biotrade P&C and logical framework of the Biotrade National Programme
- Document about biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in the customers enterprises
- Document comparing the guidelines to sustainable use from Instituto Humboldt - Fundación Natura - Fundación Omacha with Biotrade P&C
- Guide: how to make an ethical code for biotrade enterprises (in prep.)
- Guide: how to put in place Biotrade Principles in enterprises, including conservation values and forest functions (in prep.)

### **Funds invested in Ethical BioTrade Projects**

US \$ 118.000

## **SERVICES OF UEBT AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

One of the objectives of UEBT is that Affiliate Members provide support, technical guidance and advice to UEBT Trading Members in their particular area of expertise.

Besides the above mentioned (evaluation and technical guidance to our customers enterprises, training to different institutions, which keep being a priority in 2011), Fondo Biocomercio is planning to provide to environmental local authorities a tool to evaluate and guide the enterprises about the environmental regulations they should achieve. Additionally, we are planning to run a census to at least 100 biotrade enterprises across the country in order to identify who and how they are working under Biotrade P&C. This census will allow us to identify what the main constrains are to accomplish sustainability, and how our network can support or guide them.

### **Delivery mechanism**

- Financial services: in addition to some legal documents, enterprises must present a business plan including environmental and social aspects
- Networking support services: enterprises should demonstrate interest in participating in this support process, and to respond a questionnaire which will allow us to identify what kind of support is more suitable.