## Form for Verification of Protection of Natural Areas with High Conservation Value

The purpose of this document is to attest that the KRAV standard 16.7.4, regarding Protection of Natural Areas with Conservation Value in KRAVs standard edition 2023 is fulfilled.

This verification document shall always be used together with a certificate of organic production in accordance with the EU regulation 2018/848.

The form shall be signed by someone outside the company being verified. Preferably it shall be signed by a qualified person at a certification body.

The extra requirement to be verified:

**16.7.4 Protection of High Conservation Value Areas**

Cultivation or other enduring changes in areas with natural ecosystems with a high conservation value (HCV\*) is prohibited. The standard must be verified for cultivation of those crops that KRAV consider to be at the highest risk for exploitation.

* You must verify that cultivation for the production of oil palm and soy has not taken place in the last five years. (K)
* You must verify that cultivation for the production of sugar cane, coffee, cocoa or coconut palm has not taken place since certification began. (K)

applies to cultivation of those crops in areas where KRAV considers there to be the highest risk for exploitation.

For oil palm and soy production, you must verify that cultivation has not taken place in the last five years.

For sugar cane, coffee, cocoa or coconut palm production, you must verify that cultivation has not taken place since certification began. (K)

\* as defined by HCV Resource Network. [www.hcvnetwork.org/](http://www.hcvnetwork.org/)

Please observe that KRAV recognizes a number of certification schemes that fulfill the KRAV standards for protection of natural areas with high conservation value. Information about these standards is available at [www.krav.se/extra-requirements-all-products](http://www.krav.se/extra-requirements-all-products). IFOAM-accredited standards are equivalent to these standards.

If the product is certified according to a scheme that KRAV recognizes, you do not need to fill in this form.

### The operator

Name of the company:

Contact person:

E-mail to the contact person: Phone:

Crop(s):

Location of primary production:

Year of production:

### Ways of verifying the fulfillment of the extra requirement:

**What way have you verified the extra requirement?

*Please mark which of the following options that were used for verification. Mark at least one option.***

* I have a good local knowledge, and can testify that there are no cultivation or other enduring changes in areas with High Conservation Values (HCV), caused by the land use for the actual crop or aquaculture.
* I have made a comparison between grower maps and maps over areas with High Conservation Values.
* I have visited the farms/areas where the crops/aquaculture are grown, and can verify that the land or the aquaculture have been farmed for more than five years.

### Attest

I attest that products from the operation complies with the KRAV standard 16.7.4 Protection of Natural Areas with Conservation Value.

Name:

Function:

Certification body or other entity:

E-mail or Phone:

Date:

Signature:

 ***This verification is valid 18 months from the date of signing.***