

## Société Internationale de Plantations et de Finance de Côte d'Ivoire (SIPEF-CI)

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### Profile of [SIPEF-CI](#)

Founded	1997
Locations of mills:	<a href="#">Ottawa-Soubre</a> and <a href="#">Bolo</a>
Production volumes (2018):	308,392 metric tons of oil fruits (FFB = fresh fruit bunches)/year
Number of employees:	Approx. 2,400
RSPO-certified since:	2018
RSPO membership no.:	1-0178-15-000-00
Total RSPO area:	45,175 hectares
RSPO smallholding area:	27,243 hectares divided between about 14,000 smallholders. Of these, about 9,000 smallholdings are chartered. 100% will be chartered in 2021.

### [RURALITY program](#) run by Nestlé and Pro Fair Trade



Four Earthworm employees have been assisting SIPEF-CI since 2015. The program has helped improve and entrench relations between SIPEF-CI and the smallholders. Meetings, training and other events are held on a regular basis. As a result,

- Harvest planning has been improved by ensuring that information about FFB planning and transportation is communicated in the various villages in a timely manner;
- The farmers have been trained in the use of GPS for cartography;
- The supply chain is more transparent.



The RURALITY program also supports smallholders in growing food crops for their own needs. Platforms have been set up in three regions to help cocoa, palm oil and rubber farmers plant corn, okra and beans.

## Results since 2018

### Before



Indiscriminate burning of EFB (= empty fruit bunches, namely the fibers that remain after the fruit has been removed).

### After



EFB are now distributed for use as organic fertilizer in the plantations.



Oil leaked out and scrap was indiscriminately discarded in the garage.



Order has been restored in the garage, the workers have been made aware of how to handle waste properly, and a waste disposal area was built.



Waste water from palm oil mills was fed directly into nearby rivers at extremely high temperatures without prior treatment.



Today the waste water from palm oil mills runs through four successive ponds. This anaerobic treatment cleans the waste water, which can then be used to fertilize the plantations.