

## SUSTAINABLE RICE PLATFORM

### ASSURANCE SCHEME FEE STRUCTURE

#### 1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

- 1.1. This document sets out the fee structure for the revised SRP Assurance Scheme 2.0. These fees contribute partially to SRP's total costs in maintaining and managing the Assurance Scheme, with the balance met through contributions from SRP annual membership dues and SRP authorized training fees.
- 1.2. The registration fee structure comprises two components: 1) Auditing services of SRP Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation and 2) Auditing services for the SRP Chain of Custody Standard.
- 1.3. This document is for use in conjunction with the SRP Assurance Scheme v 2.0 document.

#### 2. CAB Fees (paid by CAB to SRP)

- 2.1. A CAB is an entity that can conduct audits and assessments as a basis for issuing a third-party statement confirming fulfilment of specified compliance requirements by the audited party. CABs are authorized by SRP to conduct third-party assessment under the SRP Standards.
- 2.2. Before undertaking such assessments, CABs must first build capacity by assigning at least one SRP Scheme Manager and one in-house trainer to demonstrate the availability of in-house staff with knowledge of the SRP Assurance Scheme.
- 2.3. CABs are charged a CAB Evaluation Fee of EUR 500 as initial registration fee and an Evaluation Fee of EUR 250 per in-house-trainer. Evaluation by SRP is initiated upon payment. These fees are non-refundable in case of unsuccessful evaluation.
- 2.4. The CAB annual License Fee is EUR 2,000, with the first-year fee prorated from the joining date. There is also an annual EUR 50 Auditor Registration fee per auditor. The first CAB Fee is payable by CAB after the evaluation and approval process is completed. Subsequent CAB Fees are payable against an annual invoice for the respective calendar year issued at the beginning of the year (January).
- 2.5. CABs wishing to extend their SRP assurance services must be re-evaluated prior to approval; the same CAB Evaluation Fee applies as per 2.1.

- 2.6. Auditors with dual qualifications for both the SRP Farm Standard and the SRP Chain of Custody Standard will be registered separately for each qualification, incurring an annual fee of EUR 100 per registration.

*Table 1: Fee Table for CABs*

Description	Fee	When
Evaluation of CAB Application	EUR 500	One-time upon application
Evaluation of Scope Extension	EUR 500	One-time upon application
Evaluation of in-house trainer	EUR 250	One-time upon application
CAB License Fee	EUR 2000	Annually*
Auditor Fee per service	EUR 50	Annually**
Auditor Fee with dual qualification	EUR 100	Annually**

\* prorated from joining date.

\*\* fee based on number of registered auditors in the system

### 3. Producers/Producer Group Fees & Chain of Custody Sites Fee (paid by Client to CAB)

- 3.1. All value chain actors are encouraged to join SRP as members and benefit fully as partners in a global multi-stakeholder alliance. As a minimum, it is required that the entity commissioning the farm audit must be a fully paid-up SRP member. CAB will check outstanding membership payment status before audits can be initiated. If the audit has occurred and SRP membership fees remain outstanding, CAB shall suspend the verification statement and notify the client immediately.
- 3.2. Fees are charged to the SRP sponsor organizations (e.g. buyer, miller, trader), not to producer groups or individual producers, unless they are established as a legal entity. In this case, the Producer Group or individual producer must join SRP and contract directly with the CAB to commission and cover costs of the audit.
- 3.3. CAB may set their own fees for verification audits and any other services offered.
- 3.4. A flat fee of EUR 2.00 per hectare applies for producer registration fee, regardless of farm size, to be invoiced to the client by the CAB together with the verification audit fee.
- 3.5. A flat fee of EUR 250 per site applies for CoC site registration fee, regardless of site size or operational type, to be invoiced by the CAB together with the verification audit fee.
- 3.6. SRP will invoice both these fees to CABs annually based on the registered production area and sites for the previous calendar year as recorded in the SRP database platform.

3.7. A sponsor organization may commission a third-party audit on behalf of a producer or producer group by contracting an SRP-approved CAB. The sponsor organization may be a private sector, not-for-profit or other organization including individual producer or producer group that are (a) constituted as a legal entity; and (b) are a paid-up SRP member. The sponsor organization is responsible for payment to SRP of assessment and audit fees, together with any other applicable fees as contracted with the approved CAB.

Description	Fee	Annual fee per unit
Farm registration fee	EUR 2.00	per ha
Site registration fee	EUR 250	per site