





Background:

India Produces about 2.0 million tones of Castor seed, meets more than 90% of World's demand of Castor Oil thereby enjoying dominant position in the World Castor Scenario. India's exports of Castor oil and derivatives are estimated above INR 10,000 crores (US\$ 1.4 Billion) per annum. The Global Castor derivatives market estimates to be over US\$4.00 Billion is highly dependent on India.

World Castor Sustainability Forum (WCSF) facilitates the development of a sustainable and traceable supply chain of castor while improving the economic, social, and environmental performance of the castor supply chain. The aim is to improve productivity and sustainability in the castor supply chain in India, thereby enhancing economic self-sufficiency and livelihoods of smallholder producers. This is accomplished by educating the farmers on sustainable and modern farm practices to enhance yield, reduce cost and raise the income per Ha. Promote intervention around soil health improvement, efficient water use, and water conservation. Enabling better health and safety practices, while respecting human rights and ensuring a no-child labour policy.

Objectives

- Promotion of gender equality and women empowerment in agriculture.
- Worker's welfare, safety, and support for enabling environment for fair wages.
- No child labours.
- Improved productivity and reduction in the cost of cultivation.
- Training and capacity building of farmers on sustainable and modern farm practices.
- Promote intervention around soil health management, efficient water use and water conservation.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), and Safe use of Crop Protection Products (CPP).
- Promotion of low-chemical uses and climate-smart agricultural practices
- Efficient use of water resources and maintaining soil fertility
- Adoption of good waste-management practices
- Bio-Diversity and Energy Management
- Waste & Pollution Management
- Ecological Balance



The culture of sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practices is so ingrained in the conscience of SEA that it is almost like breathing this concept.

“SWAS” AS WE SAY IN SANSKRIT

S – SOIL

W – WATER

A – AIR

S – SUN

Mission of WCSF

WCSF commits to fostering environmental stewardship, economic resilience, and social equality within the castor industry. By promoting good agriculture practices, WCSF aims to elevate the quality and sustainability of castor production, ensuring a thriving ecosystem, fair livelihoods for farmers, and responsible sourcing for global markets. Grounded in transparency, innovation, and community engagement, WCSF seeks to be the benchmark for sustainable castor production in India, driving positive impact across the value chain and advancing towards a greener, more equitable future.

Vision of WCSF

We aspire for WCSF to become the foremost model of excellence in the castor supply chain, emphasizing the utmost importance of environmental responsibility, social accountability, and economic viability.

Scope:

World Castor Sustainability Forum (WCSF) shall include the following:

- Policies for the development and certification of Castor products as notified by World Castor Sustainability Forum (WCSF).
- Sustainability Standards for Castor supply chain.
- Accreditation of certification bodies.
- Certification of Castor products through Certification Bodies.

Objectives:

In the last 7 years, more than 30,000 castor farmers are trained on GAPs and Sustainable practices. The average productivity in model farms has increased and is 50 % higher than that of non-project farmers year on year. From 68 model farms in the year 2016-17 to 600 model farms in the year 2023-24. The project has a ripple effect on even non-project farmers as they started adopting the project's best practices, thereby enhancing their productivity and overall production of castor seed in the country.

Model Farms Integrated the three key principles of sustainability

- Better social
- Environmental
- Economic performance of castor farms and farming families.



The work welfare model also engages with communities for overall care.

- Promoting culture for Workers' welfare, safety, and support for enabling Environment for fair wages
- Sensitizing community about No child labour
- Issuing certificate of Sustainable farm practices to participating farmers.
- 'castor sustainability support certificate" to supporting partners.
- Tracing of carbon footprint in the castor.



Principle 1

Overall Continuous Improvement and Transparency

- Continual Improvement plan is in place
- Transparency in terms of documentation and information about social, environmental and legal aspects
- Transparent method of communication

Principle 2

Compliance with Legal Requirements and Laws Demonstrable awareness of applicable laws and regulations

- Compilation and documentation of applicable laws
- Legal use rights to the land are clearly defined and demonstrable
- Legal use rights to the land do not diminish the legal or customary rights of other users unless their free, prior, and informed consent is obtained

Principle 3

Good Plantation Practices

- Best Management Practices (BMPs) are in place
- Sustainable expansion and development of new plantation
- Natural vegetation areas around natural water courses are maintained or re-established Implementation of integrated plantation management techniques to avert adversely impact on the environment and human health obtained

Principle 4

Good business Practice and Commitment to Long-term Economic and Financial Viability

- Economic and financial viability plans are in place
- Transparent and fair pricing, contracts, and processing plants management

Principle 5

Responsible Community Relations, Fair Labour and Employee Conditions

- Assessment of the social situation
- Fair labour conditions, safety, and health
- Better employment conditions and capacity building

Principle 6

Conserve, Protect and Enhance Natural Resources, Environment, Biodiversity and Ecosystem

- Natural resources management plan is in place
- Efficiency in the use of energy and renewable resources
- Minimized pollution and emissions including greenhouse gases Efficient and responsible waste management

WCSF Governing Council

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Membership:-

- **Ordinary Membership:** These organizations adopting the code & chain of custody and supporting the cause of Castor sustainability.
- **Associate Membership:** Supporting the cause of Castor sustainability.
- **Admission Fee & Annual Subscription:**
- Forum year is from 1st April to 31st March. Full amount is payable irrespective of the date of joining. Payment should be remitted by Demand Draft/Cheque/Swift/ Code /Wire Transfer payable at Mumbai favouring "World Castor Sustainability Forum".

Membership Fee Details:

MEMBERSHIP (April- March)	Admission Fee	Annual Subscription	Sub Total	GST @18%	Total
Ordinary Membership (India)(INR)	50,000/-	1,00,000/-	1,50,000/-	27,000/-	1,77,000/-
Associate Membership (India) (INR)	25,000/-	50,000/-	75,000/-	13,500/-	88,500/-
Ordinary Membership (Foreign) (US \$)	1000/-	2000/-	3000/-	540/-	3540/-
Associate Membership (Foreign) (US \$)	500/-	1000/-	1500/-	270/-	1770/-

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