



## **Requisites for signing a verification agreement with the Rainforest Alliance**

Those businesses that wish to be verified by the Rainforest Alliance must guarantee their compliance with the following requisites:

1. Be legally established in accordance with each country's relevant legislation.
2. Be involved in tourism activities (tourist businesses from various sectors).
3. Have been in operation at least one year.
4. Have the legal rights to rent and/or use the property where the tourism business operates.
5. Abide by all the local and national laws applying to the operation (labor, tax, environmental, social protection, asset protection and patent laws).
6. Share marketing and management information, as well as implement a monitoring mechanism to measure relevant environmental, social and economic impacts of the business for the program.
7. Have minimum means of communication -- such as email, fax and/or telephone -- to ensure reliable communication.
8. Have the commitment of the operation's administration in order to fully participate in the program.
9. Name a representative responsible for implementing and following up on the sustainability management plan.
10. Sign a Verification Agreement to participate in the program and abide by its stipulations.
11. *For tour operators:* Submit a list of your suppliers (lodging companies).

Should the Rainforest Alliance ascertain that any of these requisites have not been fulfilled, it reserves the right to cancel the agreement along with any marketing and communications benefits until the situation has been corrected.