

Sustainable  
PROCUREMENT  
POLICY









In line with the Sustainability Policy, the O Canto group is committed to sustainable consumption, acquiring products and services in a responsible and conscious manner, taking into account environmental, social, and economic aspects. In this context, we present to guests and other interested parties the guidelines we follow for the implementation of our Sustainable Procurement Policy.

**Priority for local and regional products and services:** The acquisition of products and services from local suppliers is our preference. In addition to supporting the local economy, this practice helps reduce the distances traveled for product delivery and, consequently, lowers greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation.

**Sustainable certifications:** Preference is given to products that carry recognized sustainability certifications, such as organic, fair trade, and environmental management labels (e.g., ISO 14001). These certifications ensure that certain environmental and social standards are met.

**Evaluated and qualified suppliers:** We actively seek suppliers that adopt sustainable practices. In this way, we encourage more responsible and conscious practices throughout the supply chain, while maintaining the integrity and commitment of our Pousadas to sustainability. In this context, suppliers are evaluated according to criteria tailored to their type of product, considering a range of environmental, social, and economic aspects, such as:



### **Environmental:**

- Use of sustainable materials;
- Eco-friendly packaging;
- Energy consumption management;
- Water consumption management;
- Sustainable transportation and logistics;
- Proper waste disposal.



## Social:

- Decent working conditions and compliance with labor laws;
- Protection of workers' health and safety;
- Promotion and support of diversity and inclusion;
- Respect and promotion of human rights under any circumstances;
- Preference for organic and agroecological producers;
- Preference for local products and suppliers\*.

\*Suppliers are considered local when they are located within a pre-established radius, calculated based on the location and accessibility of the pousadas, as well as the availability of producers in the region. Thus, the radius varies according to the territory. At Pousada Literária de Paraty, the radius is set at 150 km, and at Pousada Tutabel - Tierra Brasil - the radius covers the microregion of the far south of Bahia (100 km to the north of our location, 290 km to the south, and eastward including all cities within this microregion).



## Economic:

- Paying fair prices for sustainable products;
- Advance or specific-term payments, in line with the financial policy, for local suppliers with lower working capital capacity;
- Support for the regularization of local suppliers.

**Waste reduction:** Suppliers who use sustainable, recyclable, or reusable packaging are prioritized in purchasing decisions. Whenever possible, we give preference to bulk purchases and products in economical packaging. In addition, local suppliers are encouraged by the pousada to avoid excessive packaging and to adopt reuse and recycling practices.

**Energy and water efficiency:** We choose equipment and products that are energy-efficient, such as LED lamps and appliances carrying the Procel energy efficiency label.

**Sustainable food:** Our focus is on purchasing organic food from local producers and taking product seasonality into account. Some items come from sustainable production carried out on properties that are part of the O Canto group.

**Training and awareness:** The O Canto group is committed to raising awareness and training its employees and suppliers so that they understand the importance of sustainable procurement and, in turn, contribute to the implementation of the policy.



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