



SUZANO'S POSITIONING

Veracel's Land Tenure Issues with
Landowners and Indigenous Communities

Veracel Cellulose is a Brazilian company in which Suzano S.A. has held a 50% stake since 2018, with Stora Enso owning the remaining 50%. As a shareholder, Suzano actively monitors Veracel's operations through its corporate governance framework and emphasizes its commitment to respecting local communities and human rights across all regions in which it operates.

Veracel operates in southern Bahia, where it plants eucalyptus, runs a pulp mill, and manages a maritime terminal. The company oversees about 200,000 hectares, with half dedicated to environmental preservation and the other half used for sustainable eucalyptus cultivation.

According to information from Veracel, the company operates in 11 municipalities in southern Bahia, a region historically marked by land tenure challenges. In this context, the company has previously been a party to a legal proceeding addressing allegations of conflicts with indigenous communities and vegetation clearance. Veracel is also aware of isolated protests and media reports and, in light of this, maintains a stance of transparency and institutional cooperation. Whenever called upon, it provides technical clarifications through its official channels or directly to the competent authorities.

Concerning allegations of irregularities in environmental licensing and deforestation associated with Public Civil Action No. 0005009-29.2006.4.01.3310, Veracel reported that the appeal was upheld, thereby affirming the dismissal of the case. Accordingly, the environmental compliance and the adequacy of the environmental compensation measures implemented by the company were verified. Ultimately, the case was finalized and closed on October 6, 2025.

Veracel clarifies that it is not involved in conflicts with indigenous communities concerning social disputes. Most indigenous communities in southern Bahia, near the coast, reside in regions where Veracel does not operate plantations. The company adheres to a public agreement to abstain from planting eucalyptus within a 10-km strip along the coastlines of Porto Seguro, Santa Cruz Cabrália, and Belmonte.

Veracel refrains from planting on land designated as indigenous or demarcated for indigenous peoples, instead fostering a relationship rooted in respect and continuous dialogue. The company has reported programs and partnerships with 34 communities of the Pataxó and Tupinambá ethnic groups within its area of influence. These collaborations focus on preserving their culture, improving the quality of life, and defending their rights, as endorsed by community leaders and associations.

Veracel further clarified that certain areas of its property in the region are currently under review by FUNAI as part of administrative proceedings to identify and potentially demarcate territories in favor of indigenous peoples. It was emphasized that no demarcation has been finalized that would prevent Veracel's operations or ownership rights in these areas. Veracel reaffirms its public commitment to respecting and not contesting the processes of approval and demarcation of indigenous lands, adhering to all legal stages in accordance with due process of law. More information about this commitment is available [here](#).

Additionally, regarding social matters, the company has reported adhering to established protocols for engaging with Indigenous and traditional communities, thereby ensuring predictability and transparency in these interactions. Land and socio-environmental risks are integrated into the company's corporate risk matrix, which is continuously overseen by the pertinent departments and communicated to senior management via internal compliance, planning, and audit processes.

Finally, Veracel emphasizes that it operates, either directly or via service providers, in strict accordance with applicable laws and its Code of Conduct. The company monitors regulatory updates and court rulings related to land disputes and socio-environmental issues, recognizing that these decisions help clarify legal and operational frameworks in the region. Through continuous dialogue with government authorities and civil society, Veracel reaffirms its commitment to responsible land use and sustainable forestry practices in Brazil.

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