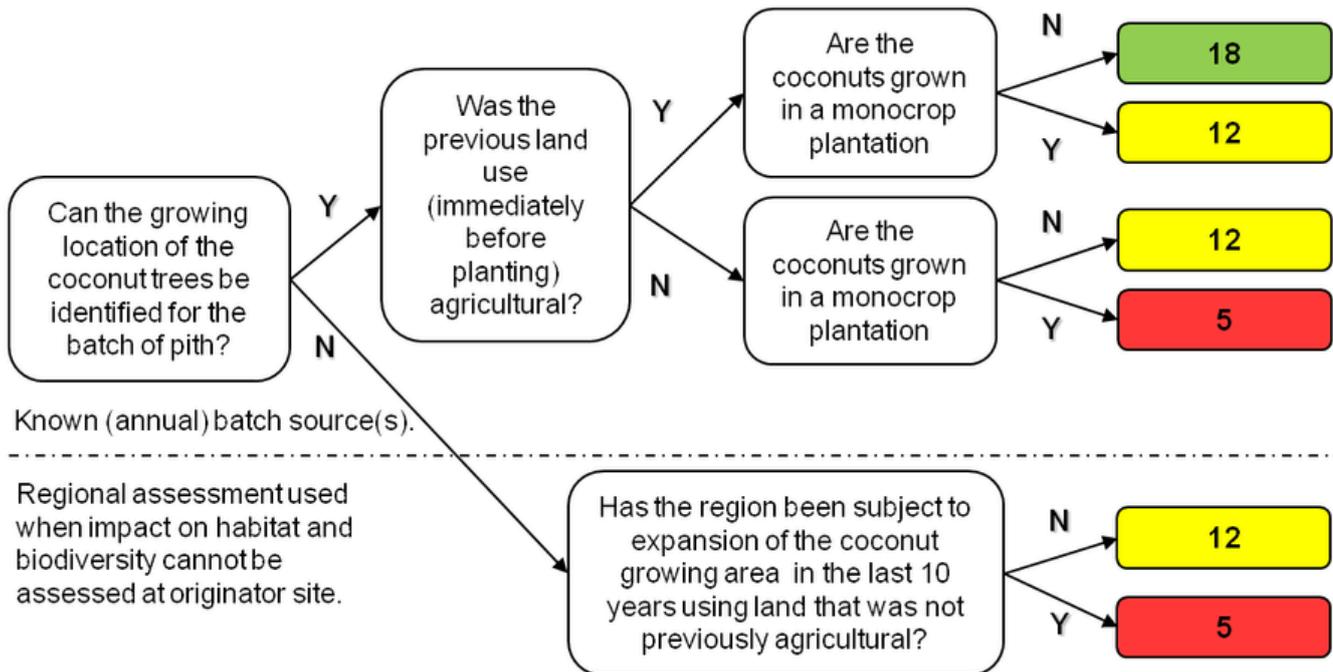




HABITAT & BIODIVERSITY (Coir)

WHAT'S COVERED

- Land-use impact of coconut plantations that supply husks for coir.
- Potential deforestation if coconut farms expand into primary forests.
- Whether coir is sourced from smallholder plantations or large estates.



EVIDENCE NEEDED

- Supplier or regional land-use data showing coconut farms were not recently established on natural forests.
- If the exact farm can't be traced, use regional deforestation assessments and confirm stable land use.
- Basic details on the age of the coconut plantation (older plantations = lower habitat impact).
- Records of how the fibre mills and pith plants operate (some mills can handle coir from multiple farms).

WAYS TO IMPROVE

- Prefer older or established coconut plantations over newly cleared land.
- Choose coir suppliers that have traceability or sustainability initiatives (e.g., smallholder programs).
- Collaborate with suppliers to confirm no recent deforestation for coconut expansion.
- If possible, seek certifications or recognized schemes for sustainable coir (though these are less common).