ENVIRONMENT · A5 NATURE & FOOD · ATTRIBUTE ENV-18

Local & organic food

How much of your food is bought from nearby producers, and how much is organic.

HOW OFTEN	EVIDENCE	ENTERED BY	TYPE
Quarterly	Invoices / purchase log	The property	Measured (%)

Why it matters

Food bought nearby supports local farmers and fishers and usually arrives fresher, often with less transport and packaging. Organic farming avoids synthetic pesticides and fertilisers, which is better for soil, water and wildlife.

How to do better

- Decide what 'local' means for you, such as within 50 km, and use it consistently.
- Start with what grows nearby and in season.
- Meet local producers; many can supply more than you expect once they know your needs.
- Name the farms on your menu; guests value it.

How to record it in Canoprise

1. Write down your definition of local (for example within 50 km) and keep to it.
2. Tag food suppliers as local or not, and organic or not, in the purchase ledger.
3. Each quarter enter local and organic spend, with total food spend, from invoices.

What you enter

Ref	What to enter	How it is entered
ENV-18.1	**Sustainable (organic / eco / fair-trade / local) share of F&B spend**	Percentage
ENV-18.2	Total F&B purchases	Cost
ENV-18.3	Local F&B purchases	Cost
ENV-18.4	Organic / eco-labelled / fair-trade purchases	Cost
ENV-18.5	Qualifying product list	Document

Items marked “calculated for you” need no entry.

How it is scored

Measured. With the default settings it scores 100 at 60% and 0 at 5%, on a straight line between. Your group can set its own target and floor.

COMMON MISTAKE

Counting a local wholesaler as local when the produce comes from elsewhere.

WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

Quarterly shares by spend, traceable to tagged invoices and one written definition.

IF YOU ARE WORKING TOWARDS A CERTIFICATE

Some certification schemes award points for a share of local, organic or fair-trade food. Requirements differ between schemes and change over time, so check the one you are applying to.

Where it counts

Certification

- GSTC Hotel v4 A14: Food and beverages
- Green Key 6.12: Organic, eco-labelled, fair-trade or local F&B
- Green Key 6.17: 10% sustainable F&B
- Green Key 6.18: 25% sustainable F&B
- EarthCheck 2.4.6: Local goods and services

Reporting frameworks (referenced, not scored)

- GRI 204-1: Spending on local suppliers (in part)

Part of topic guide A5 Nature & food, which covers the whole topic and lists the certification criteria it supports.