# **SUSTAINABILITY** FUNDAMENTAL AXIS

### Challenges we face in implementing the sustainable strategy

Customer trust is a priority for us. At CITRICOS LA PAZ, we understand that this trust is not only earned through quality products, but also through responsible business practices.

Our sustainability strategy is not only about reducing our environmental impact, but also about demonstrating to our customers that we share their values and that we are committed to the well-being of the planet and future generations.

We understand the concerns related to the economic situation and the price of the shopping trolley. However, at CITRICOS LA PAZ, we take a long-term view. Our sustainability strategy not only benefits the environment and society, but also strengthens our position in the market.

We believe that ethical and sustainable businesses are the ones that will thrive in the future, and we are committed to leading that change.

Campaign after campaign, we work to make improvements to our facilities to make them even more renewable.

Throughout this report we will look at how we are making use of renewable energy in our facilities, sustainable packaging and other actions that make CITRICOS LA PAZ an environmentally friendly environment.

We work for the future and the future lies in sustainability.

We are aware that this is hard work and that we have to work at it day by day.

### We are aware that sustainability is the future





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## REDUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

CITRICOS LA PAZ is involved in contributing to sustainable agriculture, reduction of food waste and climate change, to promote efficient infrastructure and increase the use of sustainable packaging. PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF BIODIVERSITY AND AUXILIARY FAUNA

FERTILISER USE REDUCTION

WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE FORM OF EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING WASTE

SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY OF THEIR PRODUCTS

Water consumption over the financial CITRICOS LA PAZ are not located



year 2022/2023 amounted to 240,939 within or adjacent to protected areas m3. The farms managed by or areas of high biodiversity value.

#### SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

The accelerating growth of the world's population is creating a greater demand for food and natural resources, which represents both a significant pressure and an opportunity for CITRICOS LA PAZ. The organisation has set as one of its main priorities the implementation of sustainable food production systems and the promotion of resilient agriculture. It has committed to seeking more efficient and sustainable methods of food production, with the goal of sourcing 100% of its raw materials sustainably by 2030.

In the field of sustainable agriculture, CITRICOS LA PAZ focuses on four key areas:



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#### **NO FOOD WASTE**

Approximately one third of all food intended for consumption is lost or wasted, which is a significant problem because food waste contributes to greenhouse gas emissions.

With a commitment to address this

issue, CITRICOS LA PAZ is dedicated to developing innovative approaches to fruit management in its operations and supply chains. In this regard, it allocates 80% of the fruit to packaging and 18% to the industry, thus achieving a food waste rate of 2%, which goes to livestock.







MANIPULATED FRUIT



FRUIT INTENDED FOR LIVESTOCK FARMING



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#### SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING

Packaging performs essential functions, such as safeguarding food and extending its shelf life. However, the accumulation of packaging waste in the environment poses a significant problem.

CITRICOS LA PAZ joins the Plastic Free Project, despite already having sustainable packaging, with the aim of completely eliminating the use of plastics. The company uses 100% compostable biodegradable netting with compostable tie, compostable flowpack, recyclable cardboard and paper.

In addition, it offers 100% recyclable paper, especially cardboard which can be recycled up to 7 times depending on the length of its fibres. A common packaging for fruit and vegetables is the compostable flowpack and recycled cardboard trays, made from cellulosic and biomass materials, compostable according to EN 13432. A transparent film wraps the product, maintaining its semi-barrier properties to prolong the hydration, quality and safety of the packaged product.

The company has also developed a packaging system that is fully recyclable and biodegradable in soil and sea if it escapes the recycling loop. It is made of 95% paper from 100% recyclable foil from renewable FSC sources.

In addition, the breathable mesh is made of paper and bamboo fibres to improve the quality of the final recycled product, using a certified organic glue.









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#### **CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION**

Its own production of conventional domestic lemons represents a capture of 6,41.20T of CO2.

A study carried out by AILIMPO, (interprofessional association of the lemon and grapefruit)



each year.

has revealed that the lemon industry in

Europe helps reduce the amount of

greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by capturing 311,250 net tonnes of CO2

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**



Climate change represents possibly the most significant challenge facing humanity today, and is also a threat to agricultural production worldwide.

CITRICOS LA PAZ is actively committed to playing its part in combating climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This is manifested through the transition to renewable electricity through the implementation of a new

photovoltaic installation in its facilities, as well as the replacement of polluting vehicles with new hybrid vehicles.

CITRICOS LA PAZ's goal is to reach 100% energy from renewable sources by 2030.  $\mathcal{D}$ 

#### **EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURES**

The entity's production facilities are characterised by being efficient in terms of infrastructure. Various measures have been implemented to optimise the consumption of resources, such as the use of electrical energy for production, the installation of LED lighting, the incorporation of flow meters for efficient water management, the presence of frequency variators that adjust electrical consumption, and the adoption of hot water supply with a photovoltaic installation and water accumulators. In addition, the machinery used is designed to minimise electricity consumption. In terms of specific data, electricity consumption reached 3,326,869 kilowatt-hours (kWh), while fuel consumption stood at 3,308 litres of petrol and 3,751 litres of diesel.





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#### **ECOLOGICAL FARMS**

CITRICOS LA PAZ demonstrates its commitment with the acquisition of new organic farms, among which the Finca Monteverde, an extensive estate covering more than 40 hectares, stands out. In this area, the priority is the promotion of sustainable agriculture, with special emphasis on organic products. On the organic farms of CITRICOS LA PAZ, we actively work to preserve biodiversity, reduce environmental impact and protect the air and water. In addition, we harvest products that guarantee health by being grown without the use of chemicals and pesticides.







