NATURAL, FAIR AND
CERTIFIED TO SA8000

PALM LEAF

naturesse®

From waste to resource.

A STYLISH LEAF FROM NATURE'S BOOK

PURE NATURE

It's an impressive sight to stand in front of the immensely tall but very slender betel palm. The tree looks as if it is carefully guarding its precious treasures: the green palm leaves hang as high as 25 metres above the ground. And only a dried-out leaf is allowed to fall to the ground, where it is normally left to rot and turns into compost with time.

But there is a good reason to gather up the palm leaves: **they are superbly easy to shape into disposable tableware.** Palm-leaf products are ovenproof, food-safe and fat- and heat-resistant – all without any additional coating or the need for any additives. The products' stylish elegance is also the work of nature: since each palm leaf has its own uniquely elegant pattern of veins, any product made from it is a one-of-a-kind item with its own unique style.

And even after use, the palm-leaf product's natural qualities are no less impressive. The same thing happens to it as would have happened otherwise: when composted, it turns into earth within a very short time.

BANTWALA TALUK

A SMALL VILLAGE WITH GREAT SIGNIFICANCE

This little village in south-west India is of great significance in terms of sustainability. Not far from where the palm leaf falls to the ground, the production company, Ecobliss, is located. It is here that every single palm-leaf product we offer you is made. **It is not self-evident that the production process should take place right at the source, but entirely appropriate from a natural and human perspective.** Although processing the palm leaves in a drier region would be simple, it would not make good ecological or economic sense. By processing them directly in Bantwala Taluk, the inhabitants of a whole region can carve out a living for themselves long-term with their own resources. This has led to the creation of some 500 jobs.

The founder of our manufacturing partner Ecobliss was a small farmer. Working together in a very close, friendly relationship, Pacovis and the founding family built up the plant in India. Today we are still in constant dialogue with each other – not just for the transfer of knowledge and for quality assurance. But also because it's real people we're dealing with. For we have a certification to SA8000 – and we really live it.

RENEWABLE RAW MATERIAL

THE CYCLE OF NATURE

COLLECT
The palm leaves are gathered as they fall naturally.

CLEAN
The leaves are cleaned with fresh spring water under high pressure.

SHAPE
Under socially fair working conditions, the leaf is pressed and cut.

USE
The stylishly designed palm-leaf tableware is used.

RECYCLE
Tableware that is no longer needed is completely biodegradable.

Caring for nature and people.

SA8000-CERTIFIED

MANUFACTURED UNDER FAIR PRODUCTION CONDITIONS

We place utmost importance on the production process for our palm-leaf tableware being fair to the people involved and taking place under ethically correct working conditions. It is for this reason that we have had our palm leaf producer Ecobliss in India certified to the strict SA8000 standard, the standard for social responsibility. A SA8000 certification is only granted to companies that comply with defined guidelines in the areas of health and safety in the workplace, allow trade unions and pay their workers a living wage. These companies moreover guarantee to define maximum working hours, not to employ children and not to discriminate against anyone on the grounds of race, gender or religion.

Thanks to this certification we are able to offer a product that not only looks stylish but is also produced under fair conditions. The certified palm-leaf product assortment is thus a reflection of just how seriously we take our social responsibility: a special value that is very much appreciated by our customers.

Our palm leaf products are also certified to EN13432 and since 2015 to Nordic Ecolabeling No. 5047 009, the official environmental label of the Nordic countries.

BIODEGRADABLE

A PRODUCT OF THE NATURESSE® BRAND

Our palm-leaf tableware belongs to the naturesse® brand, which comprises products exclusively made from renewable raw materials. **All materials used are either agricultural waste products or based on fast-growing renewable raw materials derived from plants.** This is a sustainable approach to the conservation of fossil resources. Valuable residual materials that would otherwise be discarded as waste, are recycled.

All the raw materials used are biodegradable and, taken over their entire life cycle, CO_2-neutral, regardless of whether the products are ultimately disposed of by fermentation, composting or incineration. The broad range of naturesse® products stands out particularly for its attractive, quality product design and is thoroughly impressive in its high functionality.

THE PALM-LEAF PRODUCT RANGE

The product range made from the natural raw material of the palm leaf currently comprises **bowls, plates, dishes and platters.** Browse our naturesse® catalogue – it contains the complete palm leaf product assortment. We would be pleased to send you samples of any products you may be interested in.

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