

About Us

Wakapou is a **social enterprise** incorporated in Benin that works directly with women's cooperatives to provide a reliable, sustainable, and traceable supply chain of quality products and ingredients to the cosmetic and food industries.

Our Partner Cooperatives

We have a contractual relationship with a union of cooperatives, regrouping 20 villages and 1200 women, which is based on the principles of fair trade.

These cooperatives are our true partners. We support them, train them, and pay them a fair and mutually agreed price for their products and services.

Our aim is to help thousands of rural women make a decent and better living.



Our Production Unit

Description	Numbers
Annual capacity - unrefined shea butter	300.000 kg 660.000 lbs.
Permanent employees	8
Seasonal employees	35
Production area	10.765 sq. ft.
Drying area	16.146 sq. ft.
Warehouse, offices	5.382 sq. ft.
Land	3 hectares



Wakapou's production unit located in central Benin

Our Production Process

Our semi-industrial mechanized process for making unrefined shea butter follows the same steps as the traditional artisanal process used by rural African women, namely crushing, roasting, grinding, churning, cooking, and filtering. We guarantee a consistent quality.

Our Certifications

Our shea butter is certified ISO 9001 and certified organic by ECOCERT.


Our company has a certificate of environmental and social conformity delivered by the Ministry of Environment.

"This is your guaranty of a socially and environmentally responsible shea butter".

Our Products

Shea Butter – Unrefined (pure & raw)
25 kg carton with plastic inner liner



Certified organic by 

Shea Honey

300g glass jar

25L jerrican

Cold pressed honey
from wild African bees.



Raw Shea Butter – Tin boxes
50ML and 150ML



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Whipped Shea Butter – Tin boxes
50ML, 100ML and 200ML
Coconut, Ginger, Baobab or Carrot



Our Community & Climate Projects

Improved Cooking Stoves and Carbon Reduction

Our rocket stove initiative teaches women how to build safer and more efficient alternatives to traditional three-stone stoves using local materials. These improved cooking stoves are 2.5 times more efficient than traditional ones and greatly reduce the firewood requirement, the amount of time spent cooking, and the associated emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Associated benefits include a substantial reduction in health risks linked to smoke inhalation and a reduction in the use of firewood, thereby helping protect forests and save money to spend on education.



Average value created per carbon credit issued from improved cooking solutions projects



Women Empowerment



We empower rural women through trade, training on best practices, as well as knowledge-sharing. We help them set-up village savings and loans associations (VSLA) which give these women access

to savings and micro-credits to invest in other income-generating opportunities.

Tree Planting & Regeneration

We also train women on managing the shea parklands by planting shea seedlings to protect this valuable source of income, which they use to support their families and to invest in their children's education.



This regeneration process supports the natural germination of trees.