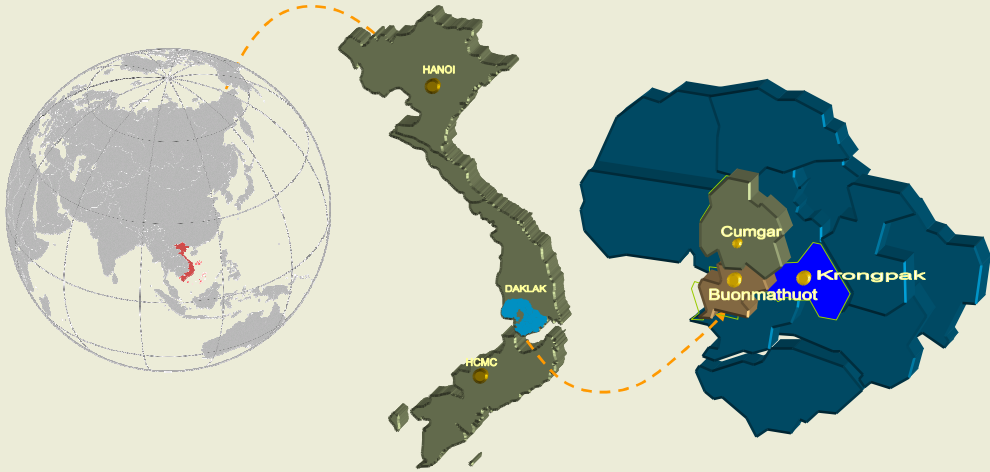




Vietnam

<p>Organising entity:</p>	<p>DAK MAN, a member of Volcafe</p>
	<p>Our Sustainable coffee program first started with the 4C Association in Cu Mgar district, Daklak province. Our longest standing certification introduced the concept of sustainable farming to the region and has acted as a spring board for alternative certifications. The farmers and Dakman first received 4C verification in 2006.</p> 
<p>Background</p>	<p>Dakman purchases 4842 mts of 4C verified coffee each year produced by a group of 868 farmers from the region of Cu Mgar. The total area of verified land that benefits from the implementation of 4C is just short of 1400 hectares.</p> <p>4C, although perhaps the least rigorous of all the verifying bodies with renewal only required every 3 years, is one of the most active in providing essential training in GAP to the farmers, acting as a benchmark.</p> <p>Dakman organises the training sessions which range from introducing new awareness and regulations to implementation, GAP and First Aid.</p> <p>4C is a basic sustainable solution for small coffee households in Vietnam & is used as a foundation for other certifications.</p>



Workshops & Training

Coffee farmers, local governments, research experts from WASI and Dakman's sustainability team join forces to hold workshops and training days.

The workshops cover all manner of topics from GAP to farm management and health and safety.





Farmers work hard to complete their training.



A variety of tools and materials are used during the training sessions.

Images of what and what not to do are highly effective. Not all farmers are widely literate and some, from ethnic groups, use different language and dialects making anterior methods of communication and teaching essential.