



International Biochar Initiative

The IBI Certification Program – Going worldwide

We seek your suggestions for countries to include

For some years past the IBI has offered a certification program to provide to biochar manufacturers the opportunity to demonstrate that their biochar(s) meet the minimum criteria established in the Biochar Standards. To date certification has only been offered in North America.

Many enquiries have been received from producers in other countries, so we are now seeking to implement our long-standing intention to extend the program to other countries. In each new country, we shall need to register the IBI 'Certified Biochar' trademark to be able to defend it against unauthorised use. We may also need to commission legal advice in each new country, as was done before the scheme was launched in the USA and Canada.

The IBI has applied for registration of its trademark in South Africa as a first step.

These actions cost money. The IBI needs to choose countries carefully, so we can hope to recover the initial setup costs over the next few years. (No individual connected with the IBI benefits financially from the certification procedures).

We therefore welcome indications from producers around the world, who may wish to certify their products with the IBI. Please let us know of your interest, without commitment, by means of a note to:

certification@biochar-international.org

(note by David Wayne, IBI Board Member)