



## Certificate

I, Dr. Patrick JAGORET, CIRAD/UMR ABSys, Coordinator of the Cacao4Future (C4F) Project jointly funded by the European Union and the French Development Agency, hereby certify that the collection of socioeconomic data that enabled Mr. Nanga Yéo to write the paper entitled “Socioeconomic and biophysical drivers of cocoa yield variability in smallholder farms in Côte d'Ivoire” submitted to the journal “Scientific Reports” did not require validation by an ethics committee. On the one hand, every precaution was taken in the characterization of the study sites, where a monitoring and evaluation network of 150 cocoa farms spread across the entire cocoa-producing area of Côte d'Ivoire was set up as part of the C4F project. On the other hand, an awareness-raising campaign was carried out before the start of the work with the aim of mobilizing all stakeholders involved in this study.

To whom it may concern.

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