

Contract a new cohort, secure your own supply

An agreement to purchase every credit a new Gaïago cohort produces under Gold Standard SOC 402.3, at a price agreed at signing, as issued across the 5-year crediting period. A 10 to 20% pre-financing is preferred, to engage farmers quicker and fund their first year.

You contract the cohort's full output, at a price set today

What you commit to

Purchasing every credit the cohort produces over its 5-year crediting period, at a price agreed at signing. Quantity is contracted net of the 20% buffer, so what you contract is what is tradeable.

When credits are delivered

Two tranches. Soil is sampled at entry, at year 3 and at year 5. Each of the last two closes a verification period, and its credits are issued once third-party verification completes, 1 to 2 years later.

How you pay

On delivery of each tranche. Title and risk pass when the credits are credited to your registry account, not before, so the position never depends on the seller holding them.

If the cohort falls short

Notification, then remedy: delivery from a later cycle, comparable credits, or compensation. How that risk is allocated is negotiated, not assumed.

Pre-financing is negotiated separately from the purchase commitment

WHAT IT IS

10 to 20% of estimated contract value at signing. Optional, and documented separately: purchase agreements are payment-on-delivery by default.

WHAT IT FUNDS

The farmer's first programme year, principally the Nutrigeo application

WHAT IT CHANGES

Farmers commit without advancing the first-year cost, and earlier baselines bring both tranches forward

10,000 hectares enrol in 6 to 12 months

6 months

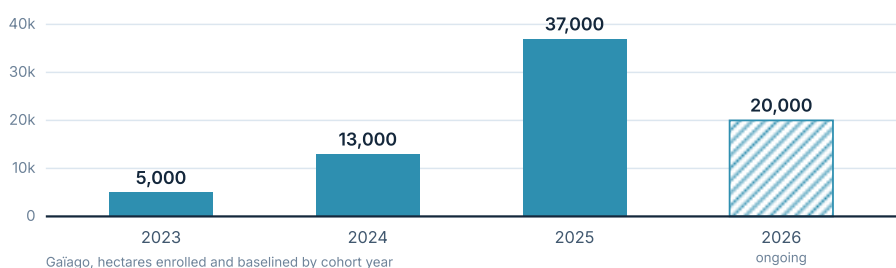
across France and Belgium, where the field team runs in two territories at once

12 months

in France alone, working a single territory

Gaïago enrolled 37,000 ha in 2025, close to 3,000 ha a month. The timelines above are the developer's own planning assumptions and sit below that rate.

Annual intake grew from 5,000 to 37,000 hectares



75,000 ha

enrolled and baselined since the programme began

37,000 ha

in 2025 alone, so a 10,000 ha cohort sits within a single year's intake

4 cohorts

run back to back since 2023, without a gap year

Gaïago delivers high-integrity soil carbon credits, with on-site measurement and rigorous monitoring

MEASUREMENT

Physical soil sampling at 30 cm minimum, FAO 2020 Annex 3, analysed in a laboratory and verified by an accredited third party. The credited volume is what the samples measure. Satellite dMRV runs alongside for continuous monitoring, without setting the credited quantity.

INTEGRITY

Classified as a removal under Gold Standard SOC 402.3, with a 20% buffer and 20 years of post-programme monitoring. Gold Standard is CCP-Eligible at programme level. The SOC methodology is at category assessment and does not carry the label today.

COUNTERPARTY

Gaïago has developed soil biology solutions since 2014 and earns its revenue selling agronomic products to farmers. The carbon programme is built on that existing business. Diligence pack available on request. The purchase agreement is signed with Gaïago directly.

PUBLISHED VINTAGES

The vintages published on arkaclimate.com cover the **2023 and 2024 cohorts only**, around 18,000 ha, being those carrying a first issuance or a confirmed schedule with an Arka sub-allocation. The 2025 and 2026 cohorts, a further 57,000 ha, are enrolled but not yet scheduled. A new cohort is contracted against that capacity.