



THE SOCIAL HOTSPOTS DATABASE



Characterized Result
 Low Medium High Very High

Country-specific Sector

Bahrain-Oil	Risk of Forced Labor by Sector	Risk that Country does not provide adequate labor laws by Sector	Risk of Child Labor	Risk of
	Risk that a country lacks or does not enforce Freedom of Association rights		Risk that a	Risk that
	Risk that a country lacks or does not enforce the Right to Strike			
Belize-Vegetables, fruit, nuts	Risk of Child Labor in sector, Total (quantitative)	Risk of Sector Average Wage being lower than Country's Minimum Wage	Risk that a country has not ratified international conventions or set up policies for	Risk of
	Risk of Child Labor in sector, Total (quantitative)	Risk of Sector Average Wage being lower than Country's Non-poverty Guideline	Risk that a country lacks or does not enforce Collective Bargaining rights	Risk that a

VISUALIZE SOCIAL RISKS

At a Glance

March

Website launched!
 We launched the new Tableau-powered website featuring 3 analysis tools. We welcomed over 70 participants in our free webinars this spring.

April

SHDB available for use in Open LCA
 The SHDB system became useable in the Open LCA software thanks to the team at [Greendelta](#).

May

Partnerships announced
 We announced two exciting partnerships. We are linking the SHDB online portal with the United Nations International Trade Center's [Standards map](#) website to provide information on certifications which addresses specific risks. We have also launched a partnership with [Quantis](#) and [Groupe Agéco](#) to address companies' needs for integrating social impacts to their sustainability assessments.

June and July

First web portal update and licenses in SimaPro made available
 A first update of the SHDB online platform was performed making available two new analysis tools and rendering the country specific sector risks comparable.

NEW WEBSITE AND LICENSES LAUNCHED

The website online portal offer 5 analysis tools which are designed to help companies assess the risks and opportunities of their supply chains and thus inform their sustainable procurement programs.

SHDB LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE IN SIMAPRO!!



Thanks to our colleagues at [Life Cycle Strategies Pty Ltd](#) we can now offer a version of the Social hotspot database which works in the SimaPro life cycle assessment software. Please order your copy using this [form](#). We are pleased to offer one hour of private training with each sale.



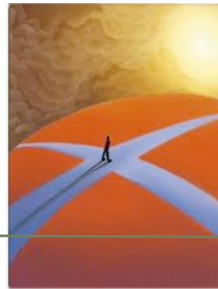
SOCIAL LCA TRAININGS

A 2 half-day online class in Social LCA will be held July 16th-17th, 8am-12pm EDT and September 19th-20th, 10am-2pm EDT.

This participatory and interactive online course will help you:

1. Gain knowledge on the context and practice of S-LCA in assessments of product and company social footprints;
2. Experience case studies using the Social Hotspots Database in both the Web Portal and life cycle assessment software;
3. Learn what to do with Social Hotspots once you know you have them in a product supply chain

Find out details on the [S-LCA Short Course](#) page and/or [Contact us](#) for inquiries or to sign up.



Training testimonials

"Very informative on a new and upcoming subject. I really enjoyed the course!"
--**Alissa Donahue, Keurig**

"The online Short Course has been very useful to deepen my knowledge about social LCA, putting it in the context of Social Responsibility and opening my eyes to the wide range of possible applications. I also appreciated the way the course was organized: it gave the possibility to follow the presentations from across the world, and also to interact with participants discussing and sharing experiences."
--**Nathalie Iofrida, Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria (ITALY)**

New features of the website

Two NEW visualizations!

We have added a data table and treemap. Note that the treemap is only showing a selection of Characterized Issues that we feel are most relevant and comprehensive.

Improvements to characterization methods for several Themes:

To make the country specific sector risk comparable.

New Weights in Social Hotspot Index:

The issues making up the SHI have been altered to put more weight on the High and Very High risk issues.

Join our **Social Hotspots Database LinkedIn group** to discuss **Social LCA, supply chain sustainability assessments, social data, indicators, methods related topics.** [Linkedin](#)



Got Hotspots?

In case you weren't sure, the SHDB can be used for myriad of applications. To name a few:

- Prioritize site-specific data collection and audits
- Inform product and ingredient sustainability assessment
- Inform Socially Responsible purchasing processes
- Inform non-profit and governmental policy and advocacy programs
- Assess/report certification or social footprint results

Webinar recording

New Earth, Quantis and Groupe Agéco provided a free 1-hour webinar discussing how companies can benefit from integrating social and environmental LCA to provide a more comprehensive view and deeper understanding of sustainability issues at both a product and corporate level

Find the recording here:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/788589910>



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