



# Ecosustainable Golf Course

For a sustainable and ecological management of golf courses.

## What is the Ecosustainable Golf courses certification ?

It's an international ecological label developed by ECOCERT in 2006 at the request of local authorities, in collaboration with a committee of experts and professionals in outdoor spaces, environment and golf sector.

The Ecosustainable Golf Course standard is designed to support, give credibility and highlight sustainable and ecological practices of golf managers.

## What kind of golf can be certified ?

All kind of golf courses, publics or private, engaged into a sustainable and ecological management.

### This certification allows for :

- > **DEFINE** a framework and a guide for the golf managers to develop sustainable practices to support biodiversity
- > **COMMUNICATE** about practices which meet the demanding requirements of an environmental management standard



## What does the certification provide ?

### You are a golf manager ?

- > A technical tool and a decision support for ecological practices
- > An effective answer to reduce your ecological footprint
- > A guide to further change practices
- > A public communication tool
- > A proof of quality for users
- > A way to save money : water, energy, inputs
- > A business opportunity given the growing general concern about environmental impact
- > A motivating factor for your staff

### You are a golf player ?

- > The enhancement of your golf course
- > The guaranteed use of techniques respectful of human health and the environment
- > The assurance to choose a golf committed to a sustainable and ecological management of natural resources

## Certification process



## Standard requirements

The standard is based on 4 essential criteria :

- > **No chemicals**, i.e. herbicides, phyto-sanitary products, synthetic fertilizers, except for the non-playing zones
- > **A water and energy saving policy** with tracking of consumptions and implementation of a reduction plan
- > **Protection of the soil**: mulching, organic matter supplement, regular monitoring
- > **Specific actions** to encourage a high level of biodiversity and to maintain spontaneous vegetation



The label is awarded for three years by ECOCERT after an annual review of the area to maintain the performance level and ensure the respect of the commitment

## Our additional services

To guide you during the certification process, we offer :

- > **TRAINING COURSES** in ecological landscape practices and sustainable management of outdoor spaces.
- > **A 1-DAY ACCOMPANIMENT OFFER** to introduce the certification to your team.  
This is an awareness-raising and training program as well as an on-the-spot assessment of your current performance level. The final report will constitute a real strategy to plan your next actions.



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## Why

### choose ECOCERT as a partner ?

ECOCERT Environnement is a subsidiary of ECOCERT Group, a worldwide leader in organic food and cosmetics certification since 1991 and with a proven commitment to protection of the environment.

ECOCERT Environnement develops demanding standards for environmental management systems in order to encourage responsible practices amidst economic actors from all activity sectors.



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