

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RSPO

26th RSPO BHCVWG MEETING

Minutes for RSPO BHCVWG

Date: 27th November 2014

Start Time: 9.00 am

Venue: Vasanti Seminyak Resort, Bali, Indonesia

Attendance

Members and Alternates

Olivier Tichit (OT, SIPEF)
Anne Rosenbarger (AR, WRI)
Henry Barlow (HB, Independent)
Dr. Gan Lian Tiong (GLT, MM)
Lee Swee Yin (LSY, SIME)
Richard Kan (RK, GAR)
Ian Suwarganda (IS, GAR)
Audrey Lee Mei Fong (ALMF)
Adam Harrison (AH, WWF)
Jen Lucey (JL, SEARRP)
Melissa Yeoh (MY, WWF MY)
Anders Lindhe (AL, HCVRN)
Michal Zrust (MZ, ZSL)
Harjinder Kler (HK, HUTAN)
Lanash Thanda (LT, SEPA)
Darmawan Liswanto (DL, FFI)
Dwi R. Muhtaman (DM, Jaringan NKT)
Michael Brady (MB, IFC)
Marcus Cholchester (MC, FPP)

RSPO Advisors

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Secretariat Staff

(absent with apologies)
Dillon Sarim (DS, RSPO)
Francisco Naranjo (FN, RSPO)
Oi Soo Chin (OSC, RSPO)

Agenda

1. Opening Meeting and Welcoming Remarks
2. Update on New Planting Procedure

3. Riparian Management Guidelines – Feedback from RT and Endorsement
4. HCV ALS and Info Sharing Sessions in KL and JKT
5. BHCVWG's Workplan
6. AOB and Closing Meeting

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<p>1.0</p> <p>1.1</p> <p>1.0.1</p> <p>1.0.2</p> <p>1.0.3</p> <p>1.0.4</p> <p>1.1</p> <p>1.1.1</p> <p>1.1.2</p> <p>1.1.3</p> <p>1.1.4</p>	<p><i>Opening Meeting and Welcoming Remarks</i></p> <p><u>Opening meeting</u></p> <p>OT opened the meeting by welcoming members of the BHCVWG. He then informed members that MZ will be leaving ZSL and it would be his last meeting representing ZSL as he will be joining Daemeter.</p> <p>OT thanked MZ for his contribution in the WG and asked members whether they would consider having MZ serving the WG in the future representing Daemeter. He then asked MZ whether Daemeter would be interested in the works of BHCVWG and offer technical expertise. MZ confirmed that Daemeter is interested in supporting BHCVWG and OT reminded members that membership is institutional and not individual.</p> <p>WG members voted and agreed to invite Daemeter as an independent expert for BHCVWG. The new arrangement will be proposed to the BoG.</p> <p>Action Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RSPO to check the membership status of Daemeter. 2. To print CoC for representative from Daemeter to sign. <p><u>Review of previous meeting notes</u></p> <p>Members went through the previous meeting notes.</p> <p>GLT proposed to add in <i>voluntarily entered the compensation process</i> in 2.0.1. for Musim Mas.</p> <p>Members approved and endorsed the meeting notes.</p> <p>Action point:</p> <p>To upload meeting notes on RSPO website</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>OSC/DS OSC/DS</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>OSC</p>
<p>2.0</p> <p>2.0.1</p>	<p><i>Update on New Planting Procedure</i></p> <p>AR communicated OSC's message to the WG. OSC mentioned that RSPO has hired consultants to identify issues and inconsistencies in the NPP documents. The report will be used by the NPPWG to revise the NPP document.</p>	<p></p>

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<p>3.0</p> <p>3.0.1</p> <p>3.0.2</p> <p>3.0.3</p> <p>3.0.4</p>	<p><i>Riparian Management Guidelines – Feedback from RT and Endorsement</i> OT apologized to the working group that the agenda has to be postponed as HoB needed to incorporate recommendations and comments received from RT12.</p> <p>AR suggested to the group to extend HoB’s contract to develop the executive summary and field guide, as suggested by Anders and the WG at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Members reviewed Action Points from previous meeting notes as presented below and added two additional activities (points 5 & 6).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop standardized water management plan for members 2. To include auditors as audiences of the riparian guidelines to ensure that they are aware and informed of the subject. 3. To provide checklist on the adequacy of a riparian reserve and communicate it to the auditors 4. To organise training for auditors on subjects related to riparian reserves. 5. Additional: Executive summary for the <i>Riparian Management Guidelines</i> 6. Additional: Field Guide (to also cover ongoing monitoring). ZSL and AL will work with HoB on this. <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The extend HoB’s contract to carry out the above action points. <p>Action Points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RSPO to communicate with HoB on the extension of her contract. 2. To reach out to the consultants on the guidance for fragile soils and steep slopes; 3. To reach out to the consultants for developing the water management guidelines. 	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>RSPO RSPO & HoB RSPO</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.0.1</p> <p>4.0.2</p> <p>4.0.3</p>	<p><i>Update on HCV ALS and Info Sharing Sessions in KL and JKT</i></p> <p>Anders presented the update on HCV ALS and feedback received from HCV ALS Info Sharing Sessions held in KL and Jakarta.</p> <p>AL highlighted that there were concerns on the potential conflict of interests of the quality panel as it consists of HCV assessors themselves.</p> <p>Based on the feedbacks and comments from the info sharing sessions, AH stressed to the WG that they should not delay the</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p>

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	<p>process of registering the HCV assessors for the HCV ALS. He acknowledged that there are indeed challenges with registering the HCV assessors for the HCV ALS, but these should not be used as an excuse to delay the process as the WG still needs to deal with NPP issues. The WG also needs to provide their support to the HCV assessors during this transition period.</p>	
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.0.1</p> <p>5.0.2</p>	<p><i>BHCVWG's Workplan</i></p> <p>MZ presented the BHCV Workplan to the WG. He explained the structure of the proposed workplan. Refer to Annex 2 for BHCVWG's workplan.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MZ suggested RSPO to publish on its website and promote the BHCV workplan. <p>Action Point</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MZ to work with AL and OSC to finalise the workplan. 	<p>MZ, AL &OSC</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p><i>AOB and Closing Meeting</i></p> <p>The next BHCV WG will be held on 4th and 5th of February in JKT. It will be a two-day meeting.</p> <p>OT ended the meeting by thanking the members of the WG for attending the meeting.</p>	

Annex 1



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ANNEX 2

BHCVWG Workplan for July 2014 to June 2015

TORs with deliverables to be developed.

Theme 1: HCV Assessment, audit and management recommendation

- Simplified assessment for non-affiliated smallholders (in process, funding not needed, led by HCVRN + SHARP)
- Knowledge gaps, plus a synthesis of current knowledge – Jen.
- **HCV Toolkit for oil palm sector** – potentially covered by specific points below (under management and monitoring), however how does this relate to the HCV assessment?
 - o Audit of assessments and management plans
 - o Outputs: how does the assessment fit into the developed management plan and its implementation in the context of conversion industries?
- Better guidance for the identification of social HCV's and other social values (livelihood needs) that take into account wider social concerns. This requires identification of potential HCV dynamics in the future and future social development needs. OUTPUT: Generic guidance
 - o Land tenure issues vary across countries (potentially contexts) – OUTPUT: Guidance on the development of a national interpretation for assessments which include land tenure issues.
- Does the current HCV assessment approach for oil palm landscapes adequately deal with landscapes and *potential* HCV in landscapes in the future?
- Requirement for a stronger land-use planning tool.
- Management guidance for specific, identified, HCVs.
- Acknowledging that HCVs are dynamic, a process of re-evaluation over time is required.
- Provision of a platform for information sharing by stakeholders
- HCV landscape mapping in frontier areas. Mapping of the environmental values in high-risk areas in new frontiers. Suitability mappers.
- Workshop on innovative HCV assessment techniques – unifying qualitative and quantitative approaches?
- HCS approaches and its links to HCV assessments (possible integration) habitat quality incorporation into assessment?
- Does the HCV assessment process function within conversion industries? *Linked to the above?*
- Does the HCV approach adequately deal with issues of connectivity, patch sizes, buffers and *potential* HCV in the landscape? (at site level as well as landscape).
 - o **Function of fragments** of natural vegetation (related to size, isolation and the above function of plantations in the landscape matrix) – decisions of what fragments need

management activities, which can be considered a priority and which can be considered as something that can be let go. Realistic size of fragments and how to manage them.

- Are there differences in the outcomes of HCV and HCS assessments? Why do such different outcomes exist? How do these approaches protect environmental values on the ground differently?

Theme 2: HCV in Africa

- HCV awareness and training
- Support for ALS HCV assessor training and licensing process. Targeted towards African assessors.
- What are the implications of differing suitability approaches for development of the oil palm sector in Africa?
- Workshop on HCV approach in African countries.
 - o Thought-piece from RSPO
 - o Review of grower and other stakeholders' experience of HCV approach in Africa.
 - o Benefits and pitfalls of the standard **HCV approach in Africa**
 - o Encapsulating **landscape approaches** in African palm oil development
- HCV toolkits for African countries (?)

Theme 3: Implementation of HCV Management

- **SENSOR Project** – identification of gaps and research needs.
- **Riparian zones and remediation** – how best to set aside riparian zones, how to manage, restore and remediate. This includes encroachment, non-compliance with P&C and what is the root of this non-compliance (e.g. communication of practices).
- **Internalisation of HCV management?**
- **Auditor checklist, field testing and training for riparian zone compliance**
- **Water management plans**
 - o **Template**
 - o **Guidelines for auditors (checklist)**
- **Livelihoods and Conservation value identification, coexistence and management.**
 - o **Review** of current HCV management issues, gaps and failings
 - o **Negotiation**
 - o **Conflict**
 - E.g. human-wildlife conflict
 - o **Social HCV management guidelines.** Sp. FPIC for set-asides. How do we get consensus on HCV management?
 - o **Management of human activities** in set asides

Theme 4: Monitoring

- Monitoring of **social values** – **needs field-testing.**
- Development of a **reporting framework** for the RSPO certification standard on environmental performance.
- Smallholder environmental and HCV monitoring.

- What structural proxies can be used for monitoring of biodiversity values?

Theme 5: Plantation management

- To what extent do plantations function as natural habitats within the **landscape matrix** as buffer zones and/or as corridors.
 - o Benefits of HCV and other management to the wider landscape.
- Alternative **plantation management schemes** for combined improved environmental benefit functions with production
- Marginal and fragile soils BMP guideline development (steep slopes)
- Platform for information dissemination of guidelines
- SAFE Project

Recommendations

Issues for the Medium to Long Term: Support the SEnSOR project.

Short Term: We already have good knowledge on some of the long-term issues that SEnSOR would deal with. Therefore this should be synthesised. Short term goals could also include – for e.g. steep slopes.

Given the small funding available, perhaps we should prioritise the information we require.

Go through the list and see what is already in hand (also if we can be additional to existing efforts)