



### COMPLAINTS PANEL MINUTES OF MEETING

for Website

Date: 25 January @ 5.00pm - 9.10pm (Meeting No.01/2023)

Meeting location: via Zoom Link

List of		
Complaints	1. Henry Barlow (Chair - CCP)	6. Robert Kruger
Panel Members	2. Lim Sian Choo ( Co Chair)	7. Nunik Maharani
	3. Michelle Desilets	8. Florentine van den Eerenbeemt
	4. Marieke Leegwater	9. Laszlo Mathe
	5. Lanash Thanda	10. Priya Gopalan
Agenda		
	General Agenda:- 5.00pm to 6.2	<u>5pm</u>
	1. Opening Remarks by Chairperso	on
	2. RSPO Antitrust Guidelines	
	3. Declaration of Conflict of Intere	est
	4. To confirm and adopt the minu	tes of <b>23 November 2022</b> during the CP Meeting
	5. New Allegations	
	6. Complaints Case Statistics	
	7. Complaints Panel meeting Date	25
	7.1 Dates for CP monthly N 7.2 Dates for CP Physical M	-
	7.3 Expansion of the Comp	laints Panel
	8. Post Complaints Monitoring	
	9. Dispute Settlement Facility (DSI	F)
	10. Commitment of Financial Instit	utions.
	11. 1st Internal Voluntary Review o	of the Complaints and Appeals Procedures
	12. Any Other Matters	
	13. Complaints for deliberation:-	



#### Group 1:- 7.20pm to 8.10pm

- 1. PT. Mitra Austral Sejahtera (PT. MAS) subsidiary of Sime Darby vs Transformasi untuk Keadilan (TuK-NGO)
- 2. Golden Veroleum Liberia (GVL) vs. Green Advocate for the Butaw Community & Forest Peoples Programme & SDI & SESDev & A-Bloteh
- 3. Pacific Inter-Link (Papuan Concessions) vs Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) & Greenpeace
- 4. PT Wahana Prima Sejati (subsidiary of First Resources) vs requested for confidentiality
- 5. PT. Mitra Karya Sentosa (a subsidiary of First Resources Limited) vs *requested for confidentiality*
- 6. Papaso Estate & PT Damai Nusa Sekawan Sosa & Bukit Udang Estate (a subsidiary of Permata Hijau Group) vs *requested for confidentiality*
- 7. PT. Nabatindo Karya Utama (subsidiary of Bumitama Agri Limited) vs *requested for confidentiality*
- 8. PT. Eagle High Plantations vs vs requested for confidentiality
- 9. Reforestadora de Palmas del Peten S.A. (REPSA) vs vs requested for confidentiality





#### Group 2:- 6.25pm to 7.20pm

- 1. Golden Agri Resources (GAR) vs Forest Peoples Programme & TuK Indonesia
- 2. PT. Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO) vs Koalisi Organisasi Serikat Pekerja dan Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat Kabupaten Labuhan Batu, FSMI. TIPAN-RI
- 3. PT. Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO) vs requested for confidentiality
- 4. PT. Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO) vs Federasi Serikat Pekerja Metal Indonesia (FSPMI)
- 5. PT Agrowiratama (a subsidiary of Musim Mas Holdings Pte. Ltd.) vs Tim Advokasi Dewan Pengurus Pusat Komite Nasional Pemuda Indonesia (DPP KNPI) on behalf of 4 Datuak (Batuah, Bonsu, Sati, and Malenggang) of customary community in Muara Kiawai, Pasaman Barat.
- 6. PT. Ramajaya Pramukti (subsidiary of Golden Agri Resources Ltd) vs Lembaga Adat Kenegerian Petapahan (Ninik Mamak Kenegerian Petapahan), Bahtera Alam & Sawit Watch
- 7. Mados's Holdings Sdn Bhd vs Mighty Earth Inc
- 8. PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V (PERSERO) vs requested for confidentiality
- 9. PT Farinda Bersaudara (subsidiary of TSH Resources Berhad) vs RSPO Secretariat





#### Group 3:- 8.10pm to 9.10pm

- 1. PT. Kartika Prima Cipta (PT. KPC) subsidiary of Golden Agri Resources (GAR) vs Forest Peoples Programme & TuK Indonesia
- 2. Goodhope Asia Holdings Ltd vs RSPO Secretariat
- 3. Golden Agri Resources (GAR) vs Forest Peoples Programme & Elk Hills Foundation
- 4. Aceites Y Derivados Sociedad Anonima (ACEYDESA) vs requested for confidentiality
- 5. IOI Plantation Mekassar Estate (subsidiary of IOI Corporation Berhad) vs requested for confidentiality
- 6. Palmas y Trabajo S.A.S; Progreso Palmero S.A.S and Oleaginosas de Yuma S.A.S (Daabon Group) vs Puerto Wilches Section Sintrainagro Deputy Director's Office
- 7. First Resources Limited vs requested for confidentiality
- 8. PT Inecda (a subsidiary of S&G Biofuel Pte. Ltd) vs requested for confidentiality
- 9. PT. Bumi Pratama Khatulistiwa (subsidiary of Wilmar International Limited) vs Teraju Foundation





#### **DETAILS OF THE AGENDA:**

No.	Agenda
1.	Opening Remarks from Chairperson
	Opening speech by CCP.
2.	RSPO Antitrust Guidelines
	RSPO Antitrust Guidelines were read to the Complaints Panel.
3.	Declaration of "No Conflict of Interest"
	No new conflict of interest declared by the CP members at this time of the meeting.
4.	To confirm and adopt the minutes of <b>23 November 2022</b> during the Complaints Panel Meeting.
	Minutes of 23 November 2022 adopted unanimously.





#### 5. New allegation submitted

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RSPO/2022/14/MAM	Grasas Y Derivados S.A. Gradesa S.A.	
Complainant	Requested for confidentiality	
Complaint received	03 November 2022	
Location	Colombia	
Allegations	<ul> <li>Prosecution of union workers in order to lay off them and weaken the union.</li> <li>Infringement of constitutional rights, because the company is affecting the right of union association.</li> <li>Dismissals of labour contracts without a fair cause.</li> </ul>	

Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-

**1.** CP has endorsed the acceptance with a condition that it be adjourned because the Complainant has raised a similar Complaint with the Ministry of Labour and a lawsuit before a local Court.

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RSPO/2022/16/RR	PT. Agro Abadi Cemerlang ( subsidiary of Genting Plantation Berhad)		
Complainant	Requested for confidentiality		
Complaint received	14 November 2022		
Location	Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia		
Allegations	<ul> <li>Allegations made against the Respondent are essentially in relation to a land abandoned by a previous company, subsequently taken over by the Respondent, having entered into a purported arrangement with the Complainant to revive the land.</li> <li>The Complainant now however finds themselves in a huge debt, based on this arrangement.</li> <li>The Complainant find themselves to have been allegedly deceived by the purported arrangement that took place.</li> </ul>		

Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-

1. The CP is deliberating on the Initial Diagnosis.





RSPO/2022/17/LSL	PT. Bumi Pratama Khatulistiwa ( subsidiary of Wilmar International Limited)
Complainant	Requested for confidentiality
Complaint received	26 December 2022
Location	Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia
Allegations	<ul> <li>The allegations are with respect to labour related issues and unio busting.</li> </ul>
Discussion from 25 Ja 1. The Initial Diag	nuary 2023 (CP Meeting):-
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RSPO/2022/18/RR	Unilever PLC
Complainant	Requested for confidentiality
Complainant Complaint received	Requested for confidentiality 27 December 2022
Complaint received	<ul> <li>27 December 2022</li> <li>Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia</li> <li>The Complainants filed this complaint against the Respondent for</li> </ul>
Complaint received Location Allegations	<ul> <li>27 December 2022</li> <li>Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia</li> <li>The Complainants filed this complaint against the Respondent for alleged illegal deforestation, land grabbing, and criminalization of alleged illegal deforestation.</li> </ul>
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Location	Ecuador		
Allegations	<ul> <li>Allegations made against the Respondent are in relation to the modification of property deeds to remove areas identified by the government as community lands and environmental protection zones.</li> <li>Lawsuit against community owners to intimidate the local people.</li> <li>Company's activities have a negative impact on the natural environment and lead to degradation and deforestation.</li> </ul>		

Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-

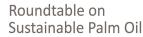
1. The Initial Diagnosis is in progress.

#### 6. **Complaints Cases Statistics**

#### Total Cases in 2022

	Jan-2022	Feb-2022	Mar-2022	Apr-2022
Complaints received	0	1	3	0
Status	-	Open (0) Withdrawn(1)	Open (2) Rejected (1)	-
Country	-	Malaysia (1)	Indonesia (3)	-
Case Category	-	land clearing without prior HCV assessment	FPIC	-

	May-2022	Jun-2022	Jul-2022	Aug-2022
Complaints received	1	1	0	1
Status	Open (1)	Open (0) Rejected (1)		
Country	Malaysia	Indonesia	-	Singapore





Case Category	land clearing without prior HCV assessment	Pollution of river water	-	Breach of contrac
	Sep-2022	Oct-2022	Nov-2022	Dec-2022
Complaints received	3	3	3	2
Status	Open (1) Rejected (2)	Open (1) Rejected (2)	Open (3)	Open (2)
Country	Indonesia	Malaysia Nigeria Guatemala	Colombia Indonesia	Indonesia
Case Category	workers wage Land compensation HCV	-Staff harassment -wrongful termination of employment -violation of labour rights	-working conditions and safety of workers -Land issues	2

#### Total cases in 2023

	Jan-2023	Feb-2023	Mar-2023	Apr-2023
Complaints received	1	0	0	0
Status	Open (1)	-	-	-
Country	Ecuador	-	-	-
Case Category	-degradation & deforestation	-	-	-

#### Total Active Cases by Country and Year (as of 20.01.2023)

Country	Active Cases	Year	Active Cases
Indonesia	24	2012	1
Malaysia	2	2014	1

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Colombia	2
Liberia	1
Honduras	1
Guatemala	1
Ecuador	1
TOTAL	32

2017	2
2018	2
2019	3
2020	5
2021	7
2022	10
2023	1
TOTAL	32

# 7. Complaints Panel Meeting Dates

7.1	Dates for Complaints Panel monthly meetings
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	1. Dates for Complaints Panel meetings have been fixed up to June 2023.
7.2	Dates for Complaints Panel Physical Meetings
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	1. Minutes of the physical meeting on 27.11.2022 have been drafted and are being reviewed before submission to the CP.
	<ol> <li>The Secretariat has proposed for the next meeting to be held virtually sometime in April 2023.</li> </ol>
7.3	Expansion of Complaints Panel
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	1. The Selection Panel has endorsed the appointment of one candidate. Pending endorsement of the notification email to the said candidate.





	2. The Secretariat is waiting to hear back from two other candidates on the application and/or supporting documents for the application.
8.	Post Complaints Monitoring
8.1	FELDA Global Venture - (Article by The Wall Street Journal)
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	1. Pending receipt of a further document from FGV.
8.2	Poligrow Colombia SAS
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	1. The Secretariat is waiting for a response from the Certification Unit about the findings in the audit report with respect to compliance with the CP's directive.
8.3	PT Permata Hijau Sawit Kebun Papaso (subsidiary of Permata Hijau Group)
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	<ol> <li>The Secretariat furnished the Briefing Note to the Complaints Panel on 15-Dec-2022.</li> <li>The Secretariat is to proceed with drafting of the decision letter while seeking clarification on the Respondent's time bound plan.</li> </ol>
8.4	Extractora de la Gloria SAS
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	<ol> <li>The Respondent has requested the closure of certain items in the post complaints monitoring phase on the grounds that there has been compliance.</li> <li>The CP has reviewed the Respondent's request and has made a directive.</li> <li>The Secretariat is to prepare a Briefing Note for the CP perusal and confirmation of directive.</li> </ol>
9.	Dispute Settlement Facility (DSF)
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-
	1. The minutes of meeting for the recent DSF GoA physical meeting has been furnished to the DSF Advisers and the CP members who attended the same for their perusal and comments.





	2. The next DSF GoA online meeting is scheduled on 16.02.2023.		
10.	Commitments of Financial Institution(s)		
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-		
	1. No further updates.		
11.	1st Internal Voluntary Review of the Complaints and Appeals Procedures		
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-		
	<ol> <li>The review is ongoing with the first Steering Group meeting held on 12.01.2023.</li> <li>The Steering Group has requested for the next meeting to be physical. Consultation process with stakeholders ongoing.</li> </ol>		
12.	Any Other Matters		
	ASC-CP MEETING		
	Discussion from 25 January 2023 (CP Meeting):-		
	1. Pending fixing of the next ASC-CP joint meeting.		





#### COMPLAINTS FOR DELIBERATION:

GROUP 1

# Complaint 1.1 PT. Mitra Austral Sejahtera (Sime Darby) vs NGO TuK

Case Reference	PreCAP/2012/06/PR
Date Filed	31 October 2012 (Under DSF) 9 June 2017 (Transferred to the CP)
Respondent	PT Mitra Austral Sejahtera (Sime Darby subsidiary)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	Transformasi untuk Keadilan (TuK)
Complaint description	<ul> <li>The communities of Sanggau have alleged that the company PT Mitra Austral Sejahtera is operating without : <ol> <li>Lack of Transparency on land status and partnership agreements;</li> <li>Lack of compliance to our customary land rights;</li> <li>The absence of (documented) compensation;</li> <li>Lack of compliance to local regulations;</li> </ol> </li> <li>In acting so they are alleged to have breached RSPO Principles and Criteria specifically on: <ol> <li>Principle 1 on Transparency,</li> <li>Principle 2 on Compliance with applicable laws and Principle 6 Responsible consideration of employees and individuals and communities affected by growers and mills.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. Deliberation to take place by way of email discussions.



### Complaint 1.2 Golden Veroleum Liberia (GVL) vs. Green Advocate for the Butaw Community; FPP; SDI; SESDev; A-Bloteh

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Case Reference	PreCAP/2012/09/PR
Date Filed	3 October 2012
Respondent	Golden Veroleum Liberia (GVL)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Liberia
Complainant	Green Advocate for the Butaw Community; FPP; SDI; SESDev; A-Bloteh
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Golden Veroleum Liberia:</li> <li>Has not provided public notification for a 30 day period consistent with the New Planting Procedures;</li> <li>commencing land preparation new planting and infrastructure development prior to the expiry of the minimum 30-day period;</li> <li>By not conducting a comprehensive and participatory independent social and environmental impact assessment(s) of the area concerned and incorporate the results into relevant action plans (see RSPO criteria 5.1, 6.1, 7.1 &amp; 7.4) including the identification of: (a) all primary forest, (b) any area required to maintain or enhance one or more High Conservation Values (HCVs), and (d) local peoples' land;</li> <li>Clearing land without the free, prior and informed consent of the customary land owners as represented through representative organizations of their choice (P&amp;C 2.2, 2.3, 7.5 and 7.6).</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. Pending submission of further documents received from parties to the CP for a review and a directive.





Complaint 1.3 Pacific Inter-Link (Papuan Concessions) vs Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) & Greenpeace	
Case Reference	RSPO/2018/19/RB
Date Filed	15 October 2018
Respondent	Pacific Inter-Link (Papuan Concessions)
Membership Category	Processors and / or Traders
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) & Greenpeace
Complaint description	• Violation of the RSPO Code of Conduct because of their alleged involvement in the control/ownership and operational development of four palm oil plantation companies in Papua.
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. Having considered parties' comments/suggestions to the draft ToR, the CP has collectively decided to endorse the original draft ToR, with minor amendments to item No. 4 of the same.

Complaint 1.4	PT Wahana Prima Sejati (subsidiary of First Resources Limited) vs
	requested for confidentiality

Case Reference	RSPO/2020/12/EN
Date Filed	14 July 2020
Respondent	PT Wahana Prima Sejati (subsidiary of First Resources Limited)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Deforestation and land clearing including in the High Conservation Value Forest within the Respondent's concession for construction;</li> <li>Development of road cutting across one of the major wildlife corridors connecting two river systems – Berenga and Tempadung Rivers; and</li> </ul>





	• Development of a jetty, which includes reclamation of the sea floor as long as 590 meters
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. The CP is in the midst of reviewing the draft of the Decision Letter.

Complaint 1.5	PT Mitra Karya Sentosa ( subsidiary of First Resources Limited) vs requested for confidentiality
Case Reference	RSPO/2021/07/SW
Date Filed	19 March 2021
Respondent	PT. Mitra Karya Sentosa (a subsidiary of First Resources Limited)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>The Respondent did not pay the full land compensation to the six (6) individuals;</li> <li>The Respondent unilaterally marking up the cost of plasma development and did not refer to the relevant regulations in deciding the cost of plasma development;</li> <li>The Respondent did not pay the land compensation for the land identified as HCV and HCS area; and</li> <li>The Respondent did not provide the complete map along with its coordinates for the land that has been handed over by the six (6) individuals.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. Pending receipt of the final response form the Respondent which is due on or before 26 January 2023.





Complaint 1.6	Papaso Estate & PT Damai Nusa Sekawan - Soso & Bukit Udang Estate (a subsidiary of Permata Hijau Group) vs requested for confidentiality
Case Reference	RSPO/2021/05/SW
Date Filed	19 March 2021
Respondent	Papaso Estate & PT Damai Nusa Sekawan - Sosa & Bukit Udang Estate (a subsidiary of Permata Hijau Group)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Complainant alleged that the Respondent prohibits the workers to conduct union activities (protest with regards to the Omnibus Law);</li> <li>Complainant alleged that the Respondent has conducted a unilateral termination of employment for the 2 (two) PT Permata Hijau Sawit workers; and</li> <li>Complainant alleged that the Respondent did not socialize the Company Regulations (<i>Peraturan Perusahaan</i>) to the workers in PT Damai Nusa Sekawan.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. Briefing note is in progress.

Complaint 1.7	PT. Nabatindo Karya Utama (subsidiary of Bumitama Agri Limited) vs requested for confidentiality
Case Reference	RSPO/2021/10/LSL
Date Filed	1 July 2021
Respondent	PT. Nabatindo Karya Utama (subsidiary of Bumitama Agri Limited)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia





Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>It is alleged that the Respondent and Koperasi Koling Hapakat did not use the plasma area in accordance with the permission allocated.</li> <li>It is alleged that there is a transfer of ownership of community-owned SHM ("Sertifikat Hak Milik") by Koperasi Koling Hapakat to the Respondent.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The Complainant decided to proceed with the investigation by the Complaints Panel. In that regard, the BE process has ended.</li> <li>The directives from the CP on the way forward of this Complaint were furnished to both parties.</li> <li>The Respondent submitted its formal response and added that they were unable to obtain updates from the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.</li> <li>The Complainant has provided a response and the Secretariat is in the midst of reviewing the same.</li> </ol>

Complaint 1.8 P	T. Eagle High Plantations vs requested for confidentiality
Case Reference	RSPO/2022/15/RR
Date Filed	08 November 2022
Respondent	PT. Eagle High Plantations
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	• Allegations made against the Respondent are pertaining to rights of workers, working conditions, and safety concerns.
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>Parties have indicated that they would like to pursue Bilateral Engagement.</li> <li>The same was conveyed to the CP and that the Bilateral Engagement Rules will apply, i.e 60 working days from the time the Secretariat notifies parties.</li> </ol>





Complaint 1.9	Reforestadora de Palmas del Peten S.A. (REPSA) vs requested for confidentiality
Case Reference	RSPO/2022/13/MAM
Date Filed	21 October 2022
Respondent	Reforestadora de Palmas del Peten S.A. (REPSA)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Guatemala
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>The Complainant alleged that the Respondent violates the fundamental and labour rights of employees, because there are bad work conditions, unjustified dismissals, mistreatment, and false and unfounded suspicions;</li> <li>The Respondent uses retaliation against farm workers and human rights defenders;</li> <li>The Respondent uses the figure of the blacklist to designate employees who will not be rehired;</li> <li>The Respondent uses organic fertilizer that generates pestilent odour and flies affecting communities.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The formal acceptance of Complaint was communicated to the Complainant on 2.12.2022.</li> <li>The Respondent was furnished with the Complaint for their official response on the allegations raised and the Respondent replied on 29.12.2022.</li> <li>Pending review of the responses and consideration of confidential information/documents.</li> </ol>





#### GROUP 2

Complaint 2.1 Golden Agri Resources vs Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) & TuK	
Case Reference	RSPO/2018/14/IR
Date Filed	22 August 2018
Respondent	Golden Agri Resources
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) and Tuk- Indonesia
Complaint description	• GAR's shadow companies are actively clearing lands.
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The CP is still reviewing the report from the independent investigator.</li> <li>The CP has requested for a meeting with the independent investigator to discuss the findings of the report.</li> </ol>





#### Complaint 2.2 PT Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO) vs Koalisi Organisasi Serikat Pekerja dan Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat Kabupaten Labuhan Batu, **FSMI. TIPAN-RIPT**

Case Reference	RSPO/2019/07/IR
Date Filed	10 April 2019
Respondent	PT Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	North Sumatera, Indonesia
Complainant	Koalisi Organisasi Serikat Pekerja dan Lembaga Swadaya Masyarakat Kabupaten Labuhan Batu, FSMI. TIPAN-RI
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Lack of adequate health and safety equipment;</li> <li>Worker died due to lack of safety equipment; and</li> <li>No festive holidays for temporary workers.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. The Secretariat has since received the annual surveillance audit report from the Certification Body and is currently in the midst of reviewing the same.

#### Complaint 2.3 PT Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO) vs requested for confidentiality

Case Reference	RSPO/2019/11/IR
Date Filed	23 April 2019
Respondent	PT Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	North Sumatera, Indonesia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Temporary workers contract and wages issues;</li> <li>Intimidation of workers</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation





Complaint 2.4	PT Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO) vs Federasi Serikat Pekerja Metal Indonesia (FSPMI)
Case Reference	RSPO/2019/12/IR
Date Filed	6 May 2019
Respondent	PT Perkebunan Nusantara IV (PERSERO)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	North Sumatra, Indonesia
Complainant	Federasi Serikat Pekerja Metal Indonesia (FSPMI)
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Alleged fraud of wages for 7 workers,</li> <li>No festive holidays and bonus for temporary workers</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. Pending receipt of the Annual Surveillance Audit report from the Certification Body.





Complaint 2.5 PT Agrowiratama ( a subsidiary of Musim Mas Holdings Pte. Ltd) vs Tim Advokasi DPPKNPI	
Case Reference	RSPO/2021/02/SW
Date Filed	27 January 2021
Respondent	PT Agrowiratama (a subsidiary of Musim Mas Holdings Pte. Ltd.)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	Tim Advokasi Dewan Pengurus Pusat Komite Nasional Pemuda Indonesia (DPP KNPI) on behalf of 4 Datuak (Batuah, Bonsu, Sati, and Malenggang) of customary community in Muara Kiawai, Pasaman Barat.
Complaint Description	<ul> <li>Operating in the protected forest area without having a license from the Ministry of Forestry;</li> <li>Operating without having a HGU; and</li> <li>Did not develop plasma plantations for the community as agreed</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. The CP has declared the close of the investigation phase and has directed the Secretariat to prepare a Briefing Note for deliberation.





Complaint 2.6	PT Ramajaya Pramukti (subsidiary of Golden Agri Resources Ltd) vs Lembaga Adat Kenegerian Petapahan (Ninik Mamak Kenegerian Petapahan), Bahtera Alam & Sawit Watch
Case Reference	RSPO/2021/12/CRP
Date Filed	08 November 2021
Respondent	PT. Ramajaya Pramukti (subsidiary of Golden Agri Resources Ltd)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	Lembaga Adat Kenegerian Petapahan (Ninik Mamak Kenegerian Petapahan), Bahtera Alam & Sawit Watch
Complaint Description	<ul> <li>that the Respondent conducted land expansion to about 167 hectares into the Imbo Putui Customary Forest;</li> <li>that the Respondent's used their operational truck passing through the Customary Forest and disturbing the community with the noise and dust pollution, disturbing the growth of trees along the road, cutting off animal paths (bear, deer, pangolin, snake, monitor lizard, monkey), and cutting off water paths;</li> <li>that the Respondent's action of planting oil palm up to the riverbank, even in the middle of the river (the company changed the waterway, then planted oil palm on the former river that was stockpiled);</li> <li>that the Respondent is not taking the responsibility for the social, economic, and ecological damage that occurred in the Imbo Putui Customary Forest and Petapahan Village;</li> <li>that the Respondent is destroying the downstream river ecosystem in the Imbo Putui customary forest with fertilizers and pesticides; and</li> <li>that the Respondent claimed the Imbo Putui Customary Forest as their conservation area (HCV).</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The Secretariat received the Special Audit Report from the CB in January 2023.</li> <li>Both Complainant and Respondent have provided their feedback (factual verification) to the Special Audit Report.</li> </ol>

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Complaint 2.7 N	1ados's Holdings Sdn Bhd vs Mighty Earth Inc - Malaysia
Case Reference	RSPO/2022/05/HN
Date Filed	09 May 2022
Respondent	Mados's Holdings Sdn Bhd
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Johor, Malaysia
Complainant	Mighty Earth Inc
Complaint Description	<ul> <li>Mados's Holdings Sdn Bhd has not disclosed all potential non-compliant land development within the Company's own concessions and Related Entities' concessions (controlled and influenced by Mados's Holdings Sdn Bhd).</li> <li>The potential RaCP liabilities associated with Mados's Holdings Sdn Bhd's RSPO membership (i.e. the 1 Management Unit referenced in the RaCP Tracker) does not currently extend to all non-compliant land clearing of HCVs/HCS within the company's own concessions and Related Entities' concessions: -         <ul> <li>Mados' Holdings Sdn Bhd</li> <li>Ibzi Holdings Sdn Bhd and its subsidiary, AA Sawit Sdn Bhd</li> <li>Nadi Mesra Sdn Bhd</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The Respondent furnished the public summary of the HCV assessment report and the response to the findings of the GIS verification report on 20-Dec-2022. The Respondent confirmed that both reports can be shared to the Complainant and the aforementioned reports were furnished to the Complainant on 22-Dec-2022.</li> <li>The Complaints Panel has directed the Secretariat to proceed with the Briefing Note.</li> </ol>

Complaint 2.8 PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V (PERSERO) vs requested for confidentiality	
Case Reference	RSPO/2022/03/CRP
Date Filed	04 March 2022
Respondent	PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V (PERSERO)
Membership	Oil Palm Grower





Category	
Country	Riau Province, Indonesia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint Description	<ul> <li>The Respondent is alleged of illegally controlling some of the KKPA (Primary Member Cooperative Credit) objects, as well as violating the KKPA agreement.</li> <li>The Respondent is alleged of embezzling funds and fraud in the development of oil palm plantations.</li> <li>The Respondent is alleged of violating the agreement related to the sale of the farmers' fruits which should have been disbursed to the Complainant to be distributed to its members and illegal bailout funds.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The Secretariat received the Special Audit Report from the CB in January 2023 and has responded with its feedback on the report.</li> <li>Pending receipt of the revised Special Audit Report.</li> </ol>

Complaint 2.9	PT. Farinda Bersaudara (subsidiary of TSH Resources Berhad vs RSPO Secretariat - Indonesia
Case Reference	RSPO/2022/10/HN
Date Filed	26 September 2022
Respondent	PT Farinda Bersaudara ( subsidiary of TSH Resources Berhad)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower





Country	Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia
Complainant	RSPO Secretariat
Complaint Description	<ul> <li>The Respondent cleared High Conservation Value (HCV) areas in one of its subsidiaries, PT Farinda Bersaudara (PT FDB): -         <ul> <li>TSH Resources Berhad submitted a self-declaration on 25 September 2020 to the RSPO Secretariat to declare its liability for unintentional clearing of HCV areas in PT FDB and undertake responsibility for the liability; and</li> <li>The Secretariat responded by initiating an independent ground verification conducted by independent assessors (Pramitama Bayu Saputro and Nurul Iman Suansa) in July 2021 to verify the self-declaration made by the Respondent. The independent verification results are as follows: -</li></ul></li></ul>
Status	(D) Investigation/Deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The Secretariat furnished the Briefing Note to the Complaints Panel on 16-Dec-2022.</li> <li>The Complaints Panel has endorsed the Briefing note and the Secretariat shall proceed with drafting of the decision letter.</li> </ol>





#### **GROUP 3**

Complaint 3.1 PT.	Kartika Prima Cipta (GAR) vs Forest Peoples Programme & TuK
Case Reference	PreCAP/2014/03/IR
Date Filed	13 October 2014
Respondent	PT. Kartika Prima Cipta (PT.KPC) - Golden Agri Resources (GAR)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia – Kapuas Hulu, West Kalimantan
Complainant	Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) and (Transformasi untuk Keadilan) TuK Indonesia
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Points raised:-</li> <li>PT KPC is in persistent violation of the RSPO P&amp;C pertaining HCV assessment, the recognition of customary land rights and free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC). Lack of FPIC of the local Dayak and Malay people in the process of land take over.</li> <li>Land takeover was done without land tenure study and participatory mapping.</li> <li>Late HCV assessment which was done by IPB, final consultation was in May 2014.</li> <li>Dissatisfaction by smallholders and resentment because of reduced post facto set aside for HCV rather than getting plasma scheme (20%).</li> <li>Set aside land as HCS area that made no provision for customary land uses and tenure and local people livelihood.</li> <li>GAR as the parent company of all 18 subsidiaries listed in acting in violation of the New Planting Procedure (NPP) by submitting information which is known as false. No HGU in 16 of 18 NPP.</li> <li>The assessors which have endorsed GAR's HCV assessment, ESIAs and social engagement actions, are in violation of their responsibility to provide impartial assessment of company compliance with RSPO P&amp;C.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The Secretariat is in the midst of drafting the Briefing Notes for Phase 3, Phase 4 &amp; Phase 5 in parallel.</li> </ol>



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Case Reference	PreCAP/2017/06/SW
Date Filed	19 April 2017
Respondent	Goodhope Asia Holdings
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	RSPO Secretariat (Following Joint Comment by FPP, Greenpeace, EIA and PUSAKA on the NPP Posting of PT Nabire Baru / Goodhope)
Complaint description	• Note: FPP and the other NGOs also sent a complaint to the BoG on the fact that Goodhope had insisted that their NPP be posted for public consultation despite the Secretariat's finding that the HCV Assessment was not satisfactory. They had also questioned the role of the Secretariat in acting in accordance to GA 12 Resolution 6(H).
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. The CP has received sufficient information to proceed with its deliberations. The CP has made a directive for the Secretariat's next course of action.

Complaint 3.3	Golden Agri Resources (GAR) vs Forest Peoples Programme & Elk Hills Foundation
Case Reference	RSPO/2020/04/IR
Date Filed	2 March 2020
Respondent	Golden Agri Resource (GAR)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	Forest Peoples Programme & Elk Hills Foundation
Complaint	• The Respondent, through its subsidiaries located in Central Kalimantan,

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description	<ul> <li>operate its plantations with permits which never had the force of law;</li> <li>The Respondent, through its employees have been involved in the payment of bribes to provincial officials in Central Kalimantan.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. The Secretariat is in the midst of collating the feedback from the parties to be furnished to the CP in order to finalise the ToR for an independent investigation.

Complaint 3.4	Aceites Y Derivados Sociedad Anonima (ACEYDESA) vs requested for confidentiality
Case Reference	RSPO/2020/07/LSL
Date Filed	6 April 2020
Respondent	Aceites Y Derivados Sociedad Anonima (ACEYDESA)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Honduras
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Modification of property deeds to remove areas identified by the government as environmental protection zone;</li> <li>Employees not paid minimum wage; not provided with equipment; and not given workers' benefits;</li> <li>Non-compliance with labour laws;</li> <li>Threatening of workers to suppress information from auditors;</li> <li>Bribing workers and government agencies;</li> <li>Manipulation of scale systems; Falsification of data;</li> <li>Operating without an environmental license.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>ASI has submitted their compliance audit report.</li> <li>The Secretariat is in the midst of reviewing the said report.</li> </ol>





Complaint 3.5	IOI Plantation Mekassar Estate (subsidiary of IOI Corporation Berhad) vs requested for confidentiality
Case Reference	RSPO/2020/19/IR
Date Filed	5 October 2020
Respondent	IOI Plantation Mekassar Estate (subsidiary of IOI Corporation Berhad)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Malaysia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Unilateral pay cut by the Respondent</li> <li>Poor living conditions for the labourers</li> <li>Intimidation of workers</li> <li>Forced labour</li> <li>Lack of transparent grievance system</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>With respect to the CP's directive on assessing the Respondent's labour practice and policies: -         <ul> <li>The Respondent has furnished its Guidelines for Handling Harassment at Workplace and the same was furnished to the CP on 16-Dec-2022.</li> <li>No response from the Complainant despite the Secretariats multiple attempts (on 18-Oct-2022, 11-Nov-2022 and 12-Dec-2022) in seeking the available dates for a meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>With respect to the CP's directive on reviewing the efficiency and gaps of the Respondent's internal grievance mechanism: -         <ul> <li>The Respondent has furnished the &amp; Wider's report and the same was furnished to the CP on 16-Dec-2022.</li> <li>With respect to the CP's directive on the incident surrounding the allegation of fraudulent documents: -                 <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ol>





Complaint 3.6	Palmas y Trabajo S.A.S; Progreso Palmero S.A.S and Oleaginosas de Yuma S.A.S (Subsidiary of Daabon Group) - (Adjourned)
Case Reference	RSPO/2020/16/LSL
Date Filed	10 September 2020
Respondent	Palmas y Trabajo S.A.S; Progreso Palmero S.A.S and Oleaginosas de Yuma S.A.S (subsidiary of Daabon Group)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Colombia
Complainant	Puerto Wilches Section Sintrainagro Deputy Director's Office
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Non-compliance with labour rights/laws;</li> <li>Anti-union practices; and</li> <li>Employees not provided sufficient protection equipment.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation (adjourned)
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>On 2.12.2022, the Complainant set out its intention to withdraw the Complaint by way of email.</li> <li>The Secretariat will prepare the Briefing Note for the CP perusal and further directive.</li> </ol>

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Complaint 3.7 First Resources Limited vs Requested for confidentiality	
Case Reference	RSPO/2021/04/EN
Date Filed	8 March 2021
Respondent	First Resources Limited
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	Requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>The Respondent allegedly has ownership, control and influence over a company called Fangiono Agro Plantation (FAP) Agri, a non-RSPO member who was not declared in the Respondent's RSPO Group Membership.</li> <li>The Respondent also allegedly has ownership, control and influence of an Indonesian company, Ciliandry Anky Abadi (CAA) who is a subsidiary of a British Virgin Islands registered company by the name of Sima Capital. This company too was not declared to be a part of the Respondent's RSPO Group Membership.</li> <li>The Respondent, via FAP or by FAP's 11 subsidiaries have violated the RSPO Principles and Criteria by deforestation, peatland degradation, using lands for plantation without FPIC, river pollution, and unilateral layoffs of workers.</li> <li>The Respondent, via CAA, have violated the RSPO Principles and Criteria by deforestation, using lands for plantation without FPIC, and river pollution.</li> <li>The Respondent is violating its NDPE Commitments, the RSPO Principle and Criteria, the RSPO Code of Conduct, and RSPO membership rules.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	<ol> <li>The CP has endorsed the final ToR.</li> <li>The Complainant, however, requested for a meeting with the Secretariat to comment and seek clarification on their feedback to the draft ToR.</li> <li>The Secretariat had a meeting with the Complainant on 20.12.2022. The minutes have been shared with the CP members and the Complainant.</li> <li>The CP has raised some queries with respect to the minutes.</li> <li>The Secretariat is to provide clarification to the CP's queries.</li> </ol>

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Complaint 3.8 PT Inecda ( a subsidiary of S&G Biofuel Pte. Ltd) vs requested for confidentiality	
Case Reference	RSPO/2021/06/SW
Date Filed	19 March 2021
Respondent	PT Inecda (a subsidiary of S&G Biofuel Pte. Ltd)
Membership Category	Oil Palm Grower
Country	Indonesia
Complainant	requested for confidentiality
Complaint description	<ul> <li>Respondent is operating in the area own by the Luak Talang Parit Community without obtaining prior consent from the community;</li> <li>Respondent did not develop the plasma plantations for the community; and</li> <li>Respondent did not have an internal grievance mechanism that the stakeholders can access</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. The CP is in the midst of perusing all the information pertaining to the proposals received by candidates before appointing an independent investigator to conduct the independent investigation.





Complaint 3.9 PT Bumi Pratama Khatulistiwa (subsidiary of Wilmar International Limited vs Teraju Foundation - Indonesia	
Case Reference	RSPO/2022/02/HN
Date Filed	4 March 2022
Respondent	PT. Bumi Pratama Khatulistiwa (subsidiary of Wilmar International Limited)
Membership Category	Processors and / or Traders
Country	Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia
Complainant	Teraju Foundation
Complaint description	<ul> <li>The Respondent forced a community to give up the rights to their land in order to develop the land into an oil palm plantation.</li> <li>The company then refused to return the land to the community by involving the police.</li> </ul>
Status	(D) Investigation / Deliberation
Decision / Justification	1. Pending receipt of the special audit report from the CB.