




New Planting Procedure – Notification Statement

 Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil		
NPP Reference Number	SCS-RSPONPP-000205	
Country of the NPP Submission:	Nigeria	
RSPO Membership Number	1-0005-04-000-00	
Name of Subsidiary (if any):	PRESCO Plc.	
Name of Management Unit:	Sakponba Extension 1	
Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan:	Sakponba Extension 1	
Location of NPP area:	Orhionwon Local Government Area (LGA), Edo State, Nigeria	
Address of NPP area:	Km 22, Benin - Sapele Road, Obaretin Estate, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria	
Business/operation Permit Reference Number and Issuing Authority:	1) Certificate of Occupancy file no. EDL 40517 dated 29 th November 2019 issued by the Edo State of Nigeria for plot no. 40517 covering area of 1,790 ha. 2) Certificate of Occupancy file no. EDL 48131 dated 29 th November 2019 issued by the Edo State of Nigeria for plot no. 48131 covering area of 650.5 ha. 3) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Approval for proposed Sakponba Extension of Oil Palm and Rubber Development Project in Orhionwon LGA, Edo State, permit no. FMEnv/EA/EIA/4598/VOL.I/188 dated 13 November 2019 issued by the Federal Ministry of Environment covering 3,150 ha	
Size information (ha)	a) Total area as per permit:	2,440.50 ha
	b) Area for new planting:	1,913.1 ha
	c) HCV area (if any):	25.1 ha
	d) HCS forest (if any):	245.9 ha
	e) Peatland (if any):	0
	f) Steep terrain (if any):	0
	g) Riparian buffer (if any):	0
	h) Marginal and fragile soil (if any):	0
Projected GHG emissions	(in tonne CO ₂ e, tCO ₂ e/tFFB, or tCO ₂ e/tCPO) -17,563 tCO ₂ e; -2.1tCO ₂ e/tCPO	
Geospatial Coordinates	5°49'13"N - 5°51'37"N; 5°54'34"E - 6°02'46"E	

Boundary Maps

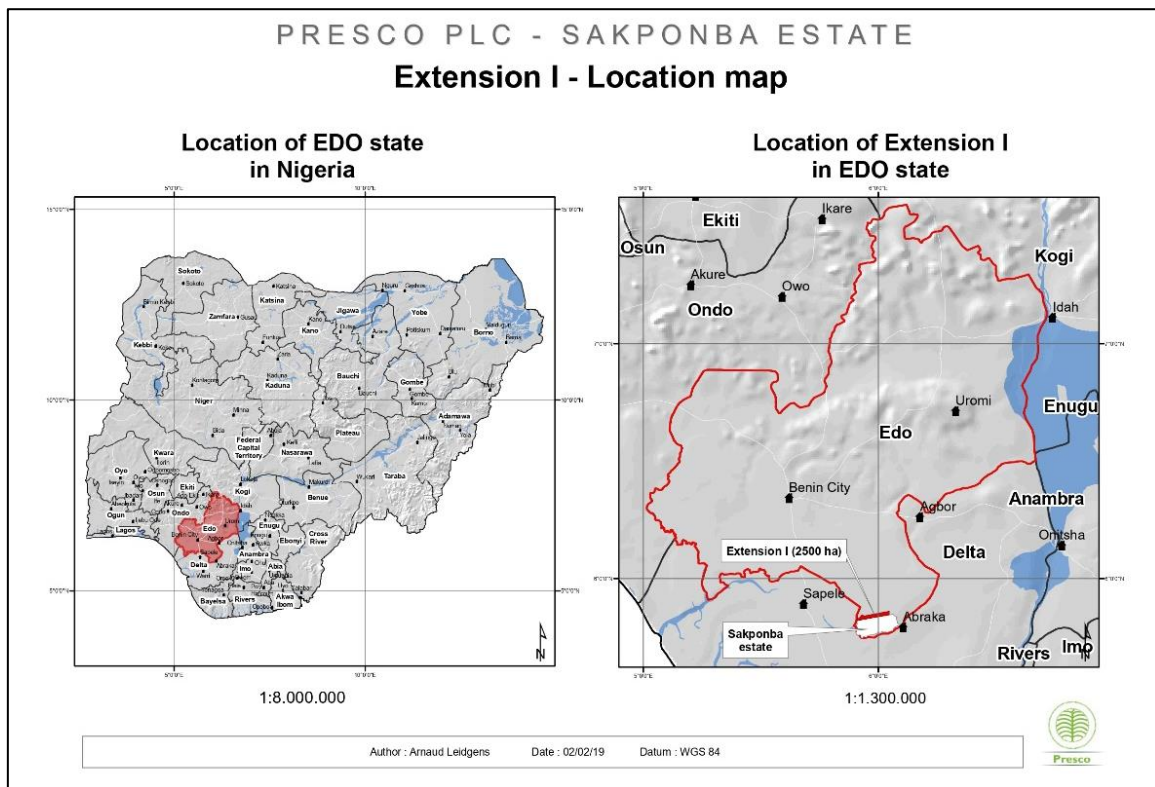


Figure 1: Sakponba Estate Extension 1 Location Map

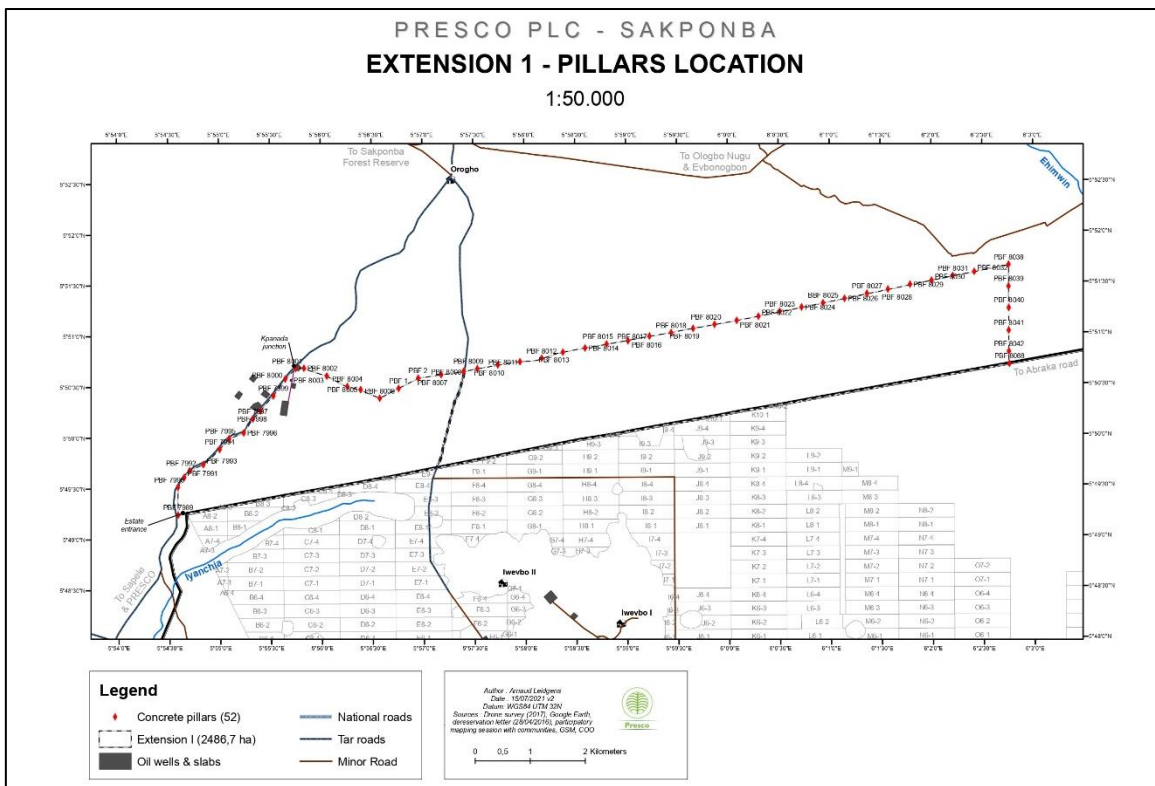


Figure 2: Sakponba Estate Extension 1 Pillars Map

Areas and proposed time for new planting

Table 1: Development Plan for Sakponba Estate Extension 1

Location	Proposed Time Plan for Development		Approx. size of clearing
	Month	Year	
Sakponba Extension 1 (west area)	January - April	2022	620,6 ha
Sakponba Extension 1 (central area)	May – August	2022	615,4 ha
Sakponba Extension 1 (east area)	September - December	2022	677,1 ha

Summary of the NPP Verification by CB

A) Assessment Team and Methodology

SCS Global Services was engaged by SIAT to conduct the New Planting Procedure (NPP) verification for SIAT's subsidiary company, PRESCO Plc in early September 2021. The NPP verification team consisted of the following team members:

Table 2: NPP Verification Team Members and qualifications

Name	Role	Location	Qualifications/ Experience
Carol Ng Siew Theng	Lead Auditor	Malaysia	Approved RSPO Lead Auditor with audit experience of 12 years including over 70 RSPO audits and over 190 audits/assessments conducted against other social compliance and environmental, health and safety audit standards including ISO14001, RBA, and SMETA.
Frank Kwesi	Auditor	Ghana	Approved RSPO Lead Auditor, FSC Auditor, and HCV Assessor with 10 years of experience in implementation of quality, environmental and safety procedures for a timber company in Ghana, and 7 years' experience in HCV assessments, consultancy and RSPO and FSC audits.
Anthony Atah	Local Expert & Facilitator	Nigeria	Background in geography and environmental sciences, 20 years experience in Integrated Landscape Management and sustainable development of rural economic growth, development, and evaluation of projects based on USAID Sound Environmental Standards and UNDP/World Bank Social and Environmental Safeguards.

The verification was done in accordance with the New Planting Procedure 2021 and Mandatory Requirement for Certification Bodies in Assessing Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) in New Planting Procedures (February 2018). Verification was conducted through the following methodology

- 1) Remote document review of NPP assessments and supporting documents prior to on-site visit

- 2) On-site verification conducted on 22 – 23 September 2021. Due to travel restriction resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the on-site verification was conducted by Mr. Anthony Atah and other verification team participated in the on-site visit and conducted additional document review remotely with the PRESCO Plc. team through Microsoft teams audioconference tool.
- 3) Stakeholder consultation conducted during the on-site visit as well as through email communication to relevant stakeholders. Formal letters of invitation to meet during the on-site visit or to provide feedback on concerns regarding the project were sent to several NGOs and government bodies prior to the onsite verification. These included:
 - i) The Federal Ministry of Environment
 - ii) The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD)
 - iii) Friend of the Earth Nigeria
 - iv) Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF)
 - v) Nigerian Environmental Society (NES)
 - vi) Wildlife Conservation Society Nigeria

No representatives from the above invited organizations attended the on-site verification or gave any feedback or concerns regarding the proposed new planting project.

The verification process of the NPP assessment documents and verification results are described further below.

B) Verification of Applicability of New Planting Procedure

The proposed new planting project for the Sakponba Extension area was confirmed to meet the NPP 2021 applicability requirements due to the following

- i. Oil palm plantings and associated development have not commenced, as verified during the on-site visit. Therefore there has been no development before 1 January 2010
- ii. The area is not undergoing replanting
- iii. The area does not belong to Independent Smallholder(s)
- iv. Oil palm plantings and associated development will be carried out by an RSPO member, i.e. SIAT-Presco.
- v. There is no previously approved NPP for this area
- vi. The area is not located within an RSPO certified management unit.
- vii. The oil palm plantings and associated development will not be carried out on Land Re-clearing of actively managed areas

C) Verification of Assessment Reports and supporting documents

Off-site document review of NPP Assessment Reports and supporting documents commenced upon receipt of the documents from Presco Plc on 3rd September 2021 until 13 September 2021. During the review process, the verification team requested for additional supporting documentation and evidence as required to meet the New Planting Procedure requirements. All requested documents and evidence were provided by Presco Plc by the end of the on-site verification to demonstrate their compliance and commitment to adhering to the New Planting Procedure requirements. Description of the verification of all documents is described further below:

a) Legal land use documents

Presco Plc is confirmed to have legal ownership of the land proposed for new planting as seen from the land use documents issued below:

- 1) Certificate of Occupancy file no. EDL 40517 dated 29th November 2019 issued by the Edo State of Nigeria for plot no. 40517 covering area of 1790 ha.
- 2) Certificate of Occupancy file no. EDL 48131 dated 29th November 2019 issued by the Edo State of Nigeria for plot no. 48131 covering area of 650.5 ha.

The total area covered under both permits is 2440.50 ha. During on-site visit, it was confirmed that boundary stones have been established in accordance with the certificates of occupancy.

Table 3: Sampled boundary stones and their GPS locations

Sampled boundary stone number	GPS location	
	Latitude	Longitude
F 8007	5°50'35.7"N	5°57'10.5"E
F 8008	5°50'38.2"N	5°57'23.5"E



Figure 3: Sampled boundary stones at proposed new planting site for Sakponba Extension 1

b) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the Proposed Sakponba Extension of Oil Palm and Rubber Plantation Development Project at Orhionmwon Local Government Area, Edo State, Nigeria was conducted by Foremost Development Services Limited. The report is dated August 2019, which is less than 3 years from the time of this NPP submission and the findings remain valid.

The area of assessment covered 3,150ha, which is larger than the final area of 2440.50 ha approved for new planting as per the two Certificates of Occupancy issued by the Edo State of Nigeria. This is because the ESIA was conducted and approved prior to the issuance of the Certificates of Occupancy. Approval of the ESIA report was issued as per permit letter no. FMEnv/EA/EIA/4598/VOL.I/188 dated 13 November 2019 by the Federal Ministry of Environment.

The Lead Assessor for the ESIA, Mr F.A. Afolabi is also the founder of Foremost Development Services and is confirmed from review of his CV that he is qualified to lead the ESIA and is knowledgeable on applicable relevant laws and regulations. Mr. Afolabi has a Master in Science – Development Planning and the Bachelor of Science

in Agriculture, and has 11 years of experience conducting over 20 ESIA's in Nigeria, majority of which are for oil palm plantations.

The team leader for Social Impact Assessment was Prof. Idris A. Ayinde. As reviewed from his CV, his qualifications include a PHD in Agricultural Economics and 26 years of experience as a professor at the University of Agriculture Abeokuta. He has contributed to over 80 agriculture research journal publications. He has been engaged as SIA team leader for 3 ESIA's in Nigeria since year 2016.

The ESIA team included a total of 9 other team members, including a GIS expert with experience in remote sensing and geographic information systems, Mr Hakeem Olajobi.

Based on the above, the ESIA was confirmed to meet the NPP requirements.

c) *Soil and Topography Survey*

The ESIA report for the Proposed Sakponba Extension 1 includes a detailed soil survey under Section 4.5 Soils in the Proposed Project Area. The report includes the results of laboratory analysis of soil samples from the proposed Sakponba extension project derived from 22 soil samples and one control sample. Section 4.4.6 Geophysical and Geotechnic Survey describes the topography of the area, soil physical engineering properties and soil structure. Using the FAO WRB taxonomy and classification key the soil profiles observed and analyzed across the estate are identified as nitisols or lixisols. This is not unexpected as these soils are recognized as being major soil types in the south of Nigeria. The only marginal soils identified are located in the pond and swamp areas, which are classified as gleysols and cover only 10ha of the area. The soil types are mapped in a Sakponba Extension I Soil Suitability Map generated by SIAT's internal GIS expert.

Based on the soil survey, no peat were identified within the proposed new planting area. The topography is described to be generally that of relatively flat land across the site with an average elevation of about 25m above mean sea-level. Meanwhile, the relief is characterized by stable grounds.

During site visit, it was confirmed from visual inspection that there are no marginal soil, river riparian buffer zones, steep terrain or peat soil present in the proposed new planting area, while the presence of the pond and swamp areas were confirmed and cover only a small area of the site.



Figure 4: On-site verification of site topography

d) *ALS High Conservation Value (HCV) Assessment*

The ALS HCV assessment of the NPP area was conducted by Proforest and documented in the High Conservation Value Assessment of Presco's Sakponba Extension I Concession in Edo State, Nigeria, Full Assessment Report (Version II) dated April 2019 and Public Summary Report dated July 2019. Below are some of the assessment details.

Dates of assessment: January to June 2018

Size of assessment area: 2,500 hectares

HCV areas: 25.07 ha

HCV management areas: 25.07 ha

The assessment was conducted by a team of 9 assessors and the qualifications of the assessment team is confirmed to meet the following requirements of the assessment team competencies as per Section 1.3 of the HCVNs HCV-HCSA Assessment Manual:

- i) The HCV assessment is led by an assessor with an ALS licence, i.e. Nana Darko Cobbina (ALS15034NC)
- ii) Lead assessor, Nana Darko Cobbina is a registered HCS approach practitioner under Proforest, while Dr Armand Yevide and Aristotle Boaitey are listed as HCSA trainers on the HCS website.
- iii) At least one member of the assessment team is a GIS and remote sensing expert, i.e. Dr Armand Yevide
- iv) At least one team member with social expertise, including in relation to community facilitation and participatory mapping, i.e. Aristotle Boaitey
- v) Team members are from the West African region and therefore able to communicate appropriately (i.e. respectful of local cultures, using appropriate methods, using language interpreters) and effectively with a range of stakeholders.

Table 4: HCV Assessment Team roles and expertise

Name	ALS License	Institution	Role	Expertise
Nana Darko Cobbina	ALS15034NC (Fully licensed)	Proforest	Lead Assessor	Social and participatory mapping
Abraham Baffoe	ALS15006AB (Fully licensed)	Proforest	Social team leader	Forest Ecology, and social expert
Dr Armand Yevide	N/A	Proforest	GIS expert	GIS/Mapping/ Hydrology
Dr Michael Abedi-Lartey	N/A	Proforest	Fauna assessment team leader	Conservation and wildlife management
Dr Augustus Asamoah	N/A	Proforest	Fauna assessment team member	Conservation and wildlife management
Aristotle Boaitey	N/A	Proforest	Social assessment team member	Social expert, GIS, Natural resources management
Helena Tettey	N/A	Proforest	Social assessment team member	Participatory mapping, stakeholder consultations
Dr. Adesoji A. Adeyemi	N/A	Independent Consultant	Flora survey team leader	Botany and ecology expert
S. Afolabi Kumoye	N/A	Independent Consultant	Flora survey team member	Forest inventory, botanical survey

The HCV assessment has undergone peer review and received a satisfactory evaluation on 30 July 2019 result after 2nd submission. The approval of the HCV assessment of the Sakponba Extension 1 project can be viewed here: <https://hcvnetwork.org/reports/hcv-prescoaes-sakponba-extension-i-concession-nigeria/>.

From the assessment, the NPP area was found to comprise of highly modified habitat dominated by farmlands and bush fallows, and patches of severely degraded secondary forests, with approximately 34% of the area comprising of grassland. The HCV areas identified at the site included HCV 3, 4, 5 and 6, which are the Izabumwen pond (HCV 3 and 6), Ikukusu bush (HCV 5 and 6) and Egbon-ogiougo shrine (HCV 6). Nyanchia River and any surrounding riparian vegetation is designated as HCV 4. The management area required to maintain this HCV is not within but outside the company's proposed development area as the river runs through PRESCO Plc's existing Sakponba estate (located south of the NPP area) and not the extension are proposed for new planting.

Records of signed attendance lists of local community members in HCV consultation were sighted by the verification team. During the on-site verification on 22 – 23 September 2021, it confirmed from meetings with surrounding local community representatives that the company engaged consultants to engage with them to identify relevant HCV areas, and there are no areas important to them that were not identified. The conditions of the proposed new planting area was confirmed to match the findings of the HCV assessment and the presence of the 3 identified HCV areas was verified.



Figure 5: On-site verification of the Izabumwen pond (HCV 3 and 6)



Figure 6: On-site verification of the Ikukusu bush (HCV 5 and 6)

e) High Carbon Stock Assessment (HCSA) Assessment

The High Carbon Stock Assessment of Presco's Sakponba Extension 1 Concession in Edo State, Nigeria dated 20 April 2021 was conducted by Proforest. The assessment team comprises of 5 team members, and the lead assessor, Nana Darko Cobbina, is listed on the HSCA website as a registered HCS approach practitioner.

Table 5: HCSA Assessment Team Roles & Expertise

Name	ALS License	Organisation	Role	Expertise
Nana Darko Cobbina	Provisional (ALS15034NC)	Proforest	HCSA Practitioner	Biodiversity, conservation and social expert. Community consultations and participatory mapping
Laura Bachelier	Provisional (ALS20003LB)	Proforest	HCSA Practitioner and review of patch analysis	GIS, conservation biology.
Dr. S. I. Armand Yevide	NA	Proforest	Team member	Forest ecology, GIS, conservation, PhD in Natural Resources Management.
Aristotle Boaitey	NA	Proforest	Team member	Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation for Natural Resources Management
Dr. Augustus Asamoah	NA	Proforest	Team member	Ecology, environmental management, PhD in Zoology (Biodiversity Studies)
Dr. Adesoji Akinwumi Adeyemi	NA	University of Ilorin	Local consultant/flora expert	Forest Inventory and Biometrics/Remote Sensing

The HCSA Assessment has completed the peer review process and has been published on HCSA website the 11 November 2021 can be viewed here: <https://highcarbonstock.org/registered-hcsa-and-hcv-hcsa-assessments/> (Presco Plc).

f) Stakeholder Engagement and FPIC process reports

The efforts taken by the company towards stakeholder engagement and FPIC process are detailed in the following documents:

- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of the Proposed Sakponba Extension of Oil Palm and Rubber Plantation Development Project at Orhionmwon Local Government Area, Edo State, Nigeria conducted by Foremost Development Services Limited, dated August 2019
- High Conservation Value Assessment of Presco's Sakponba Extension I Concession in Edo State, Nigeria, Full Assessment Report (Version II) dated April 2019 and Public Summary Report dated July 2019
- High Carbon Stock Assessment of Presco's Sakponba Extension 1 Concession in Edo State, Nigeria dated 20 April 2021 by Proforest
- Report on Participatory Mapping: Sakponba Estate Extension dated 1 April 2018 prepared by Paul Hameed of Presco Plc

During on-site verification by the NPP verification team on 22 & 23 September 2021, meetings were held with the following representatives of surrounding communities affected by the extension project.

Table 6: Representatives of local communities met during on-site verification

Name	Community represented	Position
Directly affected communities (met on 22 September 2021)		

Osazuwa Sunday	Obanakhoro community	Representative
Oraka Smart	Obanakhoro community	Leader
Matthew Felix	Obanakhoro community	Community member
Timothy Egbemudia	Ologbo N'ugu community	Elder
Esorae Godwin	Ologbo N'ugu community	Elder's representative
Chief Gaius Eheneden	Ologbo N'ugu community	Elder's representative
Thompson Eboigbe	Owuo community	Elder
Francis Eguaveen	Owuo community	Community member
John Aghedo	Orogho community	Elder
Eguavsen Victor	Orogho community	Community member
Esamuyi Augustine	Orogho community	Community member
Indirectly affected communities (met on 23 September 2021)		
Christian Keneisinum	Iwevbo community	Representative stand-in
Uvo David	Iwevbo community	Son of Odionwere (Elder)
Adjene O. OJo	Iwevbo community	Spokesman
Ezekiel Ogbemuda	Obagie-Nunuamen community	Elder
Hon Napoleon O. Ewugio	Obagie-Nunuamen community	Representative
Friday Ivie	Obagie-Nunuamen community	Elder
P.A. Imino	Obagie-Nunuamen community	Representative
Hon Joe David	Ugbigun community	Leader
Dennis Palmer	Ugbigun community	Secretary
Joseph Uwadia	Ekiegbe community	Leader



Figure 7: Meeting with directly affected communities



Figure 8: Meeting with indirectly affected communities

From discussion held with the local communities by the verification team, it was confirmed that the company did engage consultants to carry out several consultations with the local communities to identify social impacts and HCV areas as well as to carry out participatory mapping of any user rights of the communities within the concession area. Community members, particularly of the Orogho community, confirmed that the 3 HCV areas identified in the HCV assessment are important and still being used by them, although they confirmed these areas mainly serve as shrines and Izabumwen pond is not used as a water source. There are no water sources, rivers or other HCV areas important to the local communities located within the concession that have not been identified.

Community members do not have any land use rights over the concession area, however some community members have crops planted within the concession area. These community members and the number of crops owned by them were identified and a compensation amount was discussed and agreed with the community members. Community representatives confirmed that all affected community members have received their compensation for the crops. Records of compensation payments to individual community members were viewed on-site as well.

The FPIC process was effectively carried out by the community, as the community representatives and members confirmed that the company had communicated to the affected communities that they had the option to access information and advice that is independent of the grower, concerning the legal, economic, environmental and social implications of the proposed operations on their lands. Local communities were free to select their own representatives to engage with the company and their consultants, however they chose their own community leaders and no third party mediators or legal consultants were engaged by the communities. Records of appointment of community representatives were sighted by the verification team.

They were also aware that they could disagree to the project, however the community representatives confirmed that they have all agreed to the extension project without any coercion. However, there is a request from the Obanakohoro community to the project which they made during the HCV/SIA assessment that they be allowed to access through the Sakponba extension area to a protected forest patch and water body located within the existing Sakponba estate, however there is currently still no access route within the extension area that they can use. The PRESCO management was advised to address this request from the community.

g) Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Report

The GHG assessment is covered under the Carbon Stock Assessment and GHG Emission Report for Presco’s Sakponba Extension Concession in Edo State in Nigeria, conducted by Proforest, dated 1 February 2019. The assessment team is confirmed to meet the NPP 2021 requirements as Proforest is listed on the HCSA website as a HCSA Approach Registered Organisation as well as a HCSA Training Provider, with 2 of the GHG assessment team members, Dr. Armand Yevide and Aristotle Boaitey, listed as HCSA trainers and therefore having:

- i. Knowledge of carbon emission accounting methodologies for above and below ground carbon stocks, including peat.
- ii. Experience in verifying land cover maps and/or conducting carbon stock assessment in agriculture and/or forestry sectors.
- iii. Experience and expertise in using remote sensing technology to estimate carbon stocks.

Table 7: List of GHG assessors and their qualifications.

Name	Organisation/company	Role in the assessment
Abraham Baffoe	Proforest	Assessment oversight and Ecology/landuse planning
Michael Abedi-Lartey	Proforest	Assessment Coordination
Armand Yevide	Proforest	Flora survey coordination plus GIS and mapping
Aristotle Boaitey	Proforest	GIS and community consultation
Adesoji A. Adeyemi	Federal University of Technology	Botanists/Flora survey

The assessment reported is dated 1 February 2019 which is less than 3 years from time of this verification and does not require updating. The GHG assessment was conducted in accordance with the RSPO GHG Assessment Procedure for New Development, Version 3 (as version 4 of the procedure was only released on July 2021). Land cover map was developed from satellite imagery acquired from the Earth Explorer webpage of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) (<http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/>) for the year 2018 (Scene Identifier: LC81890562018032LGN00 acquired on the 1st February 2018) and met the requirements of the procedure, as follows:

- i. Recent (from within the last 12 months of the report)
- ii. Cloud free
- iii. Spatial resolution of 30m
- iv. At least medium spectral resolution (R, G, B, Infra-red)

Land cover classification was conducted using option 3.1.2c: Use new local specific land cover classes. The 6 land cover classes used were degraded forest, riparian forest, old fallow or young regenerating forest, mosaic of natural vegetation and farmland, barren or open land, and water bodies. Carbon stock estimation was therefore done through estimation of above ground biomass (AGB) from field sampling plots and below ground biomass (BGB) based on root: shoot ratio. As there is no peat identified within the concession, peat distribution maps and estimation of peat carbon stock were not required. The report format is confirmed to contain all required topics as per Section 6: Reporting of GHG assessment for New Development of the RSPO GHG Assessment Procedure for New Development, Version 3.

h) Land Use Change Analysis (LUCA) report

The Land Use Change Analysis for Sakponba Extension I was done internally by SIAT staff and documented in Report on Land Use Change Analyses for the Proposed Sakponba Extension I New Oil Palm Development, Orhionwon LGA, Edo State, Nigeria, updated January 2021. The LUCA report is therefore current at time of the NPP assessment.

Name of Assessor: Arnaud Leidgens

Assessor Designation and Company: Group GIS & Land Use Manager - SIAT Group

As reviewed from his LinkedIn profile, Mr. Arnaud Leidgens has demonstrable expertise in interpreting remote sensing imagery. His working experience including 4 years' experience supervising survey work in 4 countries, industrial map production (GPS + remote sensing + database management), licensed drone operator (BVLOS fixed wing + multirotor), R&D "Precision Agriculture" (multispectral), RSPO mapping, Land Use Change Analysis, HCV, High Carbon Stock Approach, strategic planning for rehabilitation of a degraded gazetted forest (130000ha), web-GIS platform development to support agricultural activities, mobile data collection (environmental monitoring by ecoguards) and continuous GIS trainings.

i) NPP Integrated Management Plan

The company has developed an NPP Integrated Management Plan as documented in Assessment Summaries and Management Plans for PRESCO Plc., Siat Sa, RSPO Member 1-0005-04-000-00, Sakponba Extension 1. Project, Orhionwon LGA, Edo State, Nigeria. The management plan provides an overview of all the NPP assessments report and includes management plans for all required aspects which are consistent with the proposed management plans as per the assessment reports above.

The integrated management plan is confirmed to take into consideration as a minimum, but not limited to, the following:


- Impact of the development on any established customary rights of local peoples which have been identified through the assessments and related FPIC processes.
- Exclude planting on areas identified through the HCV and HCSA assessment.

- Exclude planting on peatlands and riparian buffers (as no such areas are identified in the concession)
- Provide for the maintenance and/or enhancement of all identified HCVs and HCS forest that have been agreed upon through the FPIC process and/or following appropriate management recommendations from relevant assessments.
- Avoid extensive planting on steep terrain and/or marginal and fragile soils (as no steep terrain or marginal and fragile soils are identified in the concession)
- Minimise net GHG emissions from the development in ways which take into account the avoidance of land areas with high carbon stocks and/or maximise sequestration options.

The management plan includes a statement of acceptance of responsibility for assessment and formal signing off by top management of Presco Plc, including the Group Sustainability Manager, Chief Operations Officer and Managing Director.

D) Conclusion

Through in-depth review of the NPP assessment reports and supporting documents as well as on-site verification of site conditions and interviews with local communities, the verification team confirms that the company has met the requirements of the RSPO New Planting Procedure, conducted an effective FPIC process and has established a detailed integrated management plan in line with the assessment reports in order to ensure the sustainable development of the concession.

Acknowledgement by RSPO Member	Presco Plc of SIAT Group acknowledges that this NPP submission had been conducted in accordance with the New Planting Procedure 2021. All assessments had been carried out accordingly and without any prejudice. Presco Plc will ensure all legal requirements are continuously met pre, during and post development of this NPP area.	
Confirmation by Certification Body	The work recorded in this NPP submission by Presco Plc at this Orhionwon LGA Edo State, Nigeria has been verified by SCS Global and has been carried out in accordance with the requirement of the RSPO New Planting Procedure 2021 for the time being in force and in that respect that this area is considered satisfactory for development of new plantings.	
Signatures	RSPO Members	Certification Body
	Name of Person Responsible: Florent Robert	Name of Lead Auditor: Carol Ng
	Designation: Sustainability Manager, Certification Specialist, Quality, Environment, Health and Safety Manager	Designation: RSPO Lead Auditor
	Signature:	Signature: 
	Date: 25 November 2021	Date: 25 November 2021