

MINUTES OF MEETING

Independent Smallholder – No Deforestation Task Force (IS-NDTF) – 8th Meeting

Time : 1930- 2130 (MYT)

Date : Tuesday, 10 February 2021

Venue : ZOOM Conference Call

Attendees:

	Name	Initial	Organisation	Representation Category
1.	Paula den Hartog	PH	Rainforest Alliance	SNGO – Substantive (Co-Chair)
2.	Daniel Uricoechea	DU	Oilsum Group	Smallholder (LATAM) (Co-Chair)
3.	Angga Prathama Putra	APP	WWF	ENGO
4.	Burhanuddin Ismail	BI	Bunge Loders Croklaan	P&T
5.	Dani Rahadian Hidayat	DH	FORTASBI	Smallholder (Indonesia)
6.	Rob Nicholls	RN	PT. Musim Mas	P&T
7.	Olivia Scholtz	OS	HCVRN	Technical Expert
8.	Darren Brown	DB	HCSA	Technical Expert
9.	Francisco Naranjo	FN	RSPO Secretariat	
10.	Amir Afham	AA	RSPO Secretariat	
11.	Krishna Jeyabalan	KJ	RSPO Secretariat	
12.	Tamanjong Victor Yuh	TV	RSPO Secretariat	
13.	Diego Pierrend	DP	RSPO Secretariat	

Absent with apologies:

	Name	Initial	Organisation	Representation Category
1.	Lesly Vera Gonzales	LV	Solidaridad Network	SNGO– Substantive
2.	J. Cyrus Saygbe	CS	Solidaridad Network	Smallholder (Africa)
3.	Sheun Su Sin	SSS	HCSA	Technical Expert
4.	Chrissy Durkin	CD	Rainforest Connection	ENGO
5.	Nizar Wicaksono	NW	RSPO Secretariat	

Agenda:

Time	Item no	
7:30 – 7:40 pm	1.0	Introductions
7:40 – 7:50 pm	1.1	Adoption of Minutes of Meeting – 7 th Meeting
7:50 – 8:00 pm	2.0	Work Plan
8:00 – 8:25 pm	3.0	New Draft Proposal - Simplified Combined HCV-HCS Approach
	3.1	Existing Plantings
8:25 – 9:05 pm	3.2	New Plantings
9.05– 9:20 pm	4.0	Terms of Reference – Additional Components to be developed
9.20– 9:30 pm	5.0	AOB
8.30 pm		Meeting adjourned

Updates on Action Points from last meeting:

No.	Action Point	Status
1	Request for the Draft Proposal to be shared with the HCSA Smallholder Working Group.	Final Draft will be shared with the HCSA Smallholder Working Group

No.	Description	Action Points (PIC)	Progress / Remarks																
1.0 Introductions																			
	<p>The co-chair (DU) welcomed all attending members and technical experts.</p> <p>The agenda was presented.</p>																		
1.1	<p>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting</p> <p>7th IS-NDTF Minutes of Meeting was adopted with a minor change in the list of attendees.</p> <p>No further comments or feedback was added to the 7th IS-NDTF Minutes of Meeting.</p>																		
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	<p>The original work plan was presented. An explanation</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Time</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Endorsement of ToR for IS-NDTF</td> <td>July 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Establishment of IS-NDTF</td> <td>July 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development of the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach and tool for ISH (possibility of enhancement of the existing Simplified HCV App to include the HCS element):</td> <td>August 2020 - February 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Development of TOR · Engagement of vendor to develop the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach and tool for ISH · Development of the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach and tool for ISH including public consultation and/or field testing </td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Endorsement by SHSC</td> <td>March 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Launching of the new ISH simplified combined HCV-HCS tool</td> <td>March 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Socialization and capacity building</td> <td>April 2021 - June 2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Time	Endorsement of ToR for IS-NDTF	July 2020	Establishment of IS-NDTF	July 2020	Development of the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach and tool for ISH (possibility of enhancement of the existing Simplified HCV App to include the HCS element):	August 2020 - February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Development of TOR · Engagement of vendor to develop the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach and tool for ISH · Development of the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach and tool for ISH including public consultation and/or field testing 		Endorsement by SHSC	March 2021	Launching of the new ISH simplified combined HCV-HCS tool	March 2021	Socialization and capacity building	April 2021 - June 2021		
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The original workflow was amended to reflect on the new timeline of the project based upon updates on the work carried out. The new timeline is as listed below:

- **February - March 2021**
 - Development of the Additional Component
- **April 2021 -**
 - Public Consultation & Field testing
- **May 2021**
 - Endorsement by Standing Committees
 - Launching of the new ISH simplified combined HCV-HCS tool

A question was posed on how the pandemic will affect the public consultation and pilot testing.

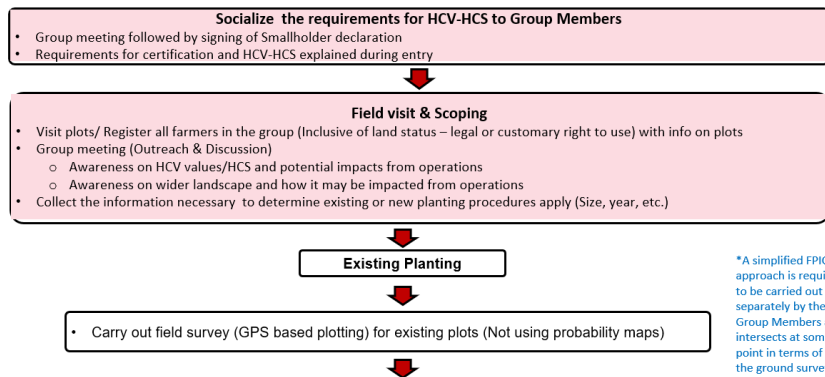
- Clarification was provided on the timeline of the field testing with potential for delays based on situation on the ground.
- 2 field testing are planned for with consideration on how the pandemic have affected targeted locations.
- Public consultation will be carried out online.

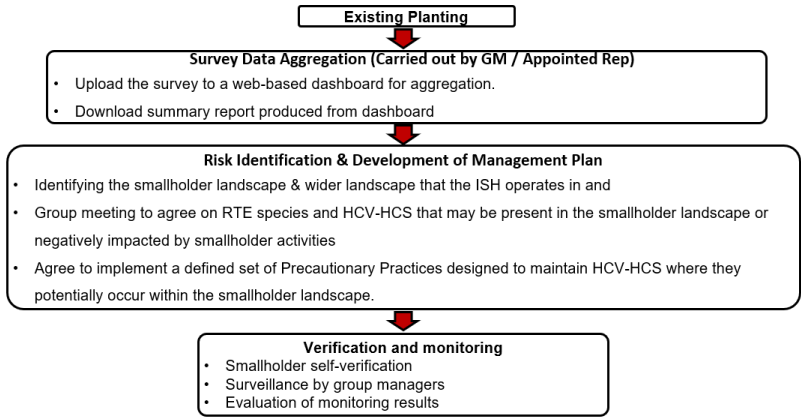
It was raised that because there is limited time available (even without a pandemic), the field testing should ideally be carried out prior to/ during the public consultation to provide input for the final version of the simplified combined HCV-HCS approach.

3.0 New Draft Proposal - Simplified Combined HCV-HCS Approach

The major changes to the new draft proposal comes from the new planting scenario while the existing planting scenario includes some minor changes.

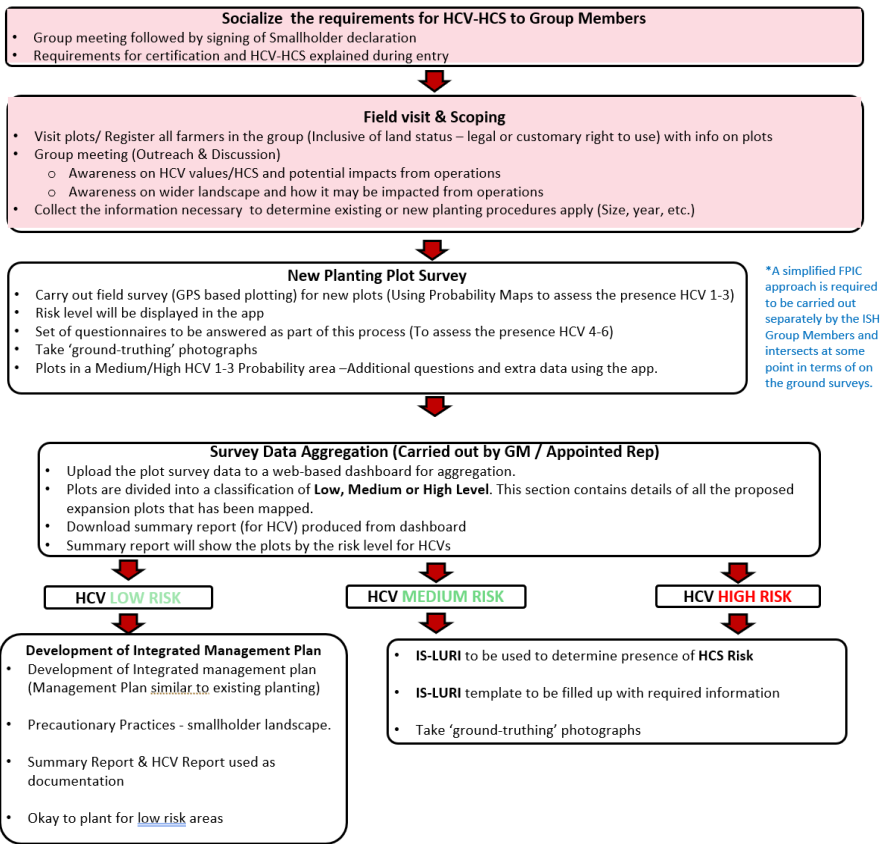
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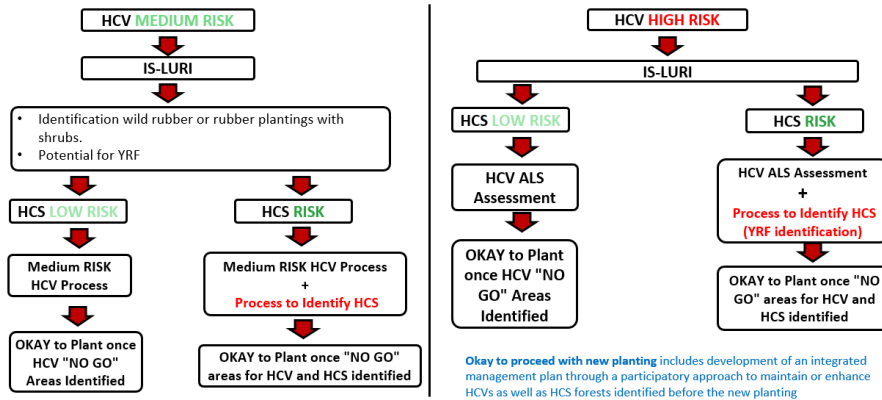




No further question or clarification was posed for the existing planting scenario.

3.2 New Plantings





Main feedback on the new Draft Proposal for New Planting:

- In terms of monitoring the condition of HCS, the process to identify should go beyond the YRF identification and be able to capture other HCS classes. This is for the purpose of verifying if the condition of those forest is maintained as well.
- The assumption of absence of HCS elements in Low Risk HCV areas should be made explicitly clear for useability. There is a potential where the assumption may not hold true in some scenarios. A risk assessment (IS-LURI) would be beneficial.
- Additional elements should ideally be added to the HCV low risk process as a safeguard. It is recognized that any elements added should not contribute to the process becoming complex.
- It was questioned why the HCV and HCS aspects were separated and why the HCV-HCSA approach for independent smallholders being developed by HCSA and HCVN will not be used, at least in high-risk situations. It was stated that that approach is considered too complex and resource-intensive for smallholders.

4.0 Terms of Reference – Additional Components to be developed

Further development of the identified components within the existing **simplified combined HCV-HCS approach**. These components include:

A simple and practical set of indicators and its accompanying methodology for farmers working on their own, or with research or extension workers to identify conservation set asides in the process of planning for new oil palm plantings. This includes:

- Identification of **young regenerating forests (YRF)** within **Medium Risk Probability HCV 1-3 areas**.
- Identification of **young regenerating forests (YRF)** within **High Risk Probability HCV 1-3 areas**.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a threshold to distinguish between wild rubber or rubber plantings with HCV and/or HCS values (e.g. rubber with surrounding secondary forests) for conservation set aside, and rubber planting scenarios that can be cleared for oil palm plantings. <p>Clarification on the Terms of Reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the differentiation between YRF identification for Medium and High risk HCV 1-3 area. High risk HCV 1-3 area and the potential for the use of the HCSA toolkit 		
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5.0 AOB

	<p>A question was raised regarding the probability maps in existence and if the pilot testing will only be covering the regions with the maps. It was confirmed, to speed up the process, regions with existing probability maps will be the focus of the pilot testing.</p> <p>The next IS-NDTF meeting will not be held as per the usual bi-weekly schedule. Further updates will be provided via email.</p>		
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Meeting Adjourned

End of minutes