

20th Meeting of RSPO Biodiversity and HCV Working Group (BHCV WG)			
Date	18 March 2013		
Venue	Singapore		
Attendance	Olivier Tichit	Sipef	Co-chair
	Henry Barlow (HB)	Sime Darby	Member
	Anders Lindhe (AL)	WWF International	Member
	Simon Siburat (SS)	MPOA	Member
	Calley Beamish (CB)	MPOA	Member (alternate)
	Gan Lian Tiong (GLT)	Musim Mas	Member
	Michal Zrust (MZ)	ZSL	Member
	Alexandra Booth (AB)	OLAM	Member
	Reza Azmi (RA)	Wildasia	Member
	Purwo Susanto (PS)	ISPO Consulting	Member
	Annett Olsson (AO)	Conservation International	Member
	Dani Rahadian (DR)	WWF Indonesia	Member
	Adam Harrison (AH)	WWF International	Member
	Glen Reynolds	Royal Society	Invited
	John Payne (JP)	BORA	Invited
	Peter Heng (PH)	GAR	Invited
	Richard Kan (RK)	GAR	Invited
	Lee Jwee Tat (JT)	GAR	Invited
	Haskarlianus Pasang (HP)	GAR	Invited
	Subramaniam Rasappan	GAR	Invited
JP Caliman (JP)	PT Smart	Invited	
Tang Men Kon (TMK)	Sime Darby	Invited	
Christian Schriver (CS)	CS Consulting	Invited	
Anne Rosenbarger (AR)	WRI	Invited	
Amrei von Hase (AvH)	Forest Trend	Invited	
Salahudin Yaacob (SY)	RSPO	Secretariat	
Audrey Lee Mei Fong (ALMF)	RSPO	Secretariat	

Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcoming remarks from chairperson2. Review previous minutes3. Update on P&C review4. Update on Sime Darby remediation project-stage 65. Update on Sungai Kawan Batu HCV assessment6. Update on GAR remediation proposal7. Sipef's presentation on remediation plan8. Follow up on riparian guideline9. Assessing benefits of implementing RSPO P&C10. Endorsement of ZSL's Threat Monitoring Protocol11. HCV assessors licensing scheme12. HCV mapping in Central Kalimantan13. Simplified HCV toolkit for smallholders14. AOB<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New membership request, WRI- Proposed Working Group Work plan and budget for FY14
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1. Welcoming remarks from co-chair

Participants introduced themselves. Meeting started with election of a new co-chair to replace HB who stepped down in November 2012. OT was nominated and he gladly accepted this responsibility. The other co-chair is Irwan Gunawan from WWF Indonesia. Olivier and Irwan are also co-chairs of the Compensation Task Force.

2. Review on previous minutes

In terms of review on compensation cases, AL highlighted the need to track pilot compensation cases along with incoming case. AH suggested that the BHCV WG focus on the list of requested guidance from P&C Review Task Force.

Action: ALMF will publish minutes on the website.

3. Update on the P&C Review

AH reported that the EB has endorsed the draft Revised P&C and recommended one specific change on public reporting on GHG emission; after Dec 2016, all certified growers shall report on GHG emission. The Steering Group will comprise of a Chairperson from the standing committee, representative from grower, and Darrel from the RSPO secretariat will draft a preamble. The revised P&C will be voted at Extraordinary General Assembly on 25 April 2013.

4. Update on Sime Darby remediation project-stage 6

ALMF provided background on SDP's remediation project and TMK highlighted on progress of project implementation. As per request by the RSPO secretariat and BHCV WG, output of stage 7 was amended from remediation guidance to a lesson learnt paper. In addition, TMK reported on the following remediation undertaken:

- Acquiring a 14 ha rubber plantation
- Acquiring a 14.5 ha of riparian buffer which serve as a connectivity to Sungai Kawan Batu area
- Establishing monitoring parameters for soil erosion and water quality.

AL suggested SDP to highlight establishment of riparian connectivity in this lesson learnt paper and earmark location of this riparian.

Action: SDP will submit stage 7 lesson learnt paper to RSPO before the next meeting.

5. Update on Sungai Kawan Batu HCV assessment

Executive summary of the HCV assessment was circulated to the CTF.

SS sought clarification on the plasma scheme within the 500 ha of Sungai Kawan Batu area. RK explained that this 500 ha is owned by the local community, and falls within GAR's ijin lokasi which the community hopes to develop into plasma.

RK gave a summary of the HCV report from PT AKPL (the Report) on the HCV findings. He informed that HCV 1.2, 2.1 was not found. Aside from riparian and hilly areas, HCV1.3, 1.4, and HCV 6 was also found in this area. The Report was peer reviewed by Resit Sozer.

AL highlighted an error in the definition of HCV3. It stated HCV 3 as Rare, Threatened and Endangered (RTE) species but it is actually rare or threatened ecosystem. He further added that lowland forests in Kalimantan would probably qualify as HCV3 but not identified in this HCV assessment.

AH asked what the total HCV area is within the 500 ha. RK stated that within the 500ha, the river riparian was 106.7ha according to the Report. OT requested RK to verify this figure.

Action: RSPO secretariat will amend minutes to clarify land status. The 500 ha is not within the HGU and it belongs to the community.

6. Update on GAR remediation proposal

HP explained that GAR plans to complete the pilot remediation by 2014 and replicate remediation in 10 other concessions by 2017.

He mentioned that oil palm plantation will be maintained using manual upkeep method up to one rotation. GR sought clarification on the manual upkeep and CB stated that based on current RSPO requirements, fertilizer and chemical are not allowed to be used along riparian. AH reminded the group on the objective of the remediation which is to revert the vegetation into a natural riparian area.

RK explained that removal of palms might cause social issue and soil erosion. JP presented on the restoration plan without palm removal, incorporating IPM and application of organic fertilizer in this pilot area. PH reiterated on the decision not to remove oil palms planted in river riparian and peat has been agreed by the RSPO at the meeting in KL on 16 Feb 2012.

GLT explained that restoration of riparian can be implemented without removing the palms. DR further added that maintenance of riparian is part of legal compliance but OT stated that this regulation has not been enforced by the majority.

OT has requested GR, SEARRP and MZ, ZSL to provide input and assist GAR to fine tune the test plan to be submitted to the BHCV WG in June 2013 for final approval.

Action: OT requested GR (SEARRP) and MZ (ZSL) to provide input and assist GAR to fine tune the test plan. The plan is to be submitted to the BHCV WG in June 2013 for final approval.

7. Sipef's presentation on remediation plan

OT gave some background on Sipef. It has six certified palm oil mills and there are two properties which potentially has compensation case. Sipef took over two areas *i.e.* *UMW and TUM* in 2006 and 2009 and HCV assessment was conducted after the development.

Sipef has conducted landuse change analysis of these areas. There is some discrepancy in total hectare but it is not significant. Based on the comparison of HCV report in 2009 and other operational document since Nov 2005, OT stated that 1,768 ha of land has been converted without HCV assessment, while LUC from satellite imagery revealed 1,593 ha of secondary forest has been converted to plantation without HCV assessment.

Sipef is trying to obtain management license in 12,762 ha of forest area for rehabilitation. This area is adjacent to a world heritage site and it is a habitat for tigers, gibbon, tapirs etc. In terms of cost, OT estimated USD421/ha/yr over 25 years. Sipef has budgeted USD 5 million to manage this area for the next 25 years.



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BHCV WG agreed in principal on this compensation proposal and Sipef shall develop a detailed compensation plan.

Action: Sipef will develop a detailed compensation plan before the next meeting.

8. Follow up on riparian guideline

CS reported on the output of his earlier consultation work on “Management of ecosystem functions from oil palm landscapes”. This is phase one of developing a guideline and it was completed in 2010.

AL suggested developing two modules, one focus on guidance for senior management and the other an operational guidance. GR mentioned that SEARRP study will also cover riparian study and compare effects of riparian width on ecological function; he is willing to provide input in this guidance. CB suggested CS to seek contribution from Wildasia and ZSL who have conducted similar study.

Action: RSPO secretariat will develop ToR and implement project in FY14.

9. SEnSOR¹ study on assessing benefits of implementing RSPO P&C

GR presented an update on the study commissioned by RSPO to conduct a gap analysis in the RSPO P&C. From this gap analysis, SEARRP² is developing a research program to provide input in the next P&C review. This project was launched at RT10 and will cover 5 main themes i.e. GHG and air quality, biodiversity, soil and water, participatory processes and livelihood. SEARRP is applying for funding from MPOB, Johnson and Johnson, Shell, DFID etc. The project will cost approximately 10 million pounds. SEnSOR project will not seek funding from growers but in-kind contribution and support are most welcomed.

10. Endorsement of ZSL’s Threat Monitoring Protocol

MZ presented on the threat monitoring protocol. The tool is developed to assist managers in understanding the effectiveness of HCV management and monitor operation by field team. A software is being developed which can manage the data and handle customised queries.

BHCV WG endorsed the threat monitoring protocol.

Action: ZSL will develop a briefing note and RSPO will publish this tool on the website.

11. HCV assessors licensing scheme

AL presented on the proposed licensing scheme. SS highlighted the issue of certain certification bodies (CBs) who act as a HCV assessors. AL responded that CBs who have a conflict of interest in one area should not be included as part of the audit team. SY further added that Accreditation Services International (ASI) will verify on this matter during accreditation. BHCV WG supports this licensing scheme.

¹ SEnSOR: Socially and Environmentally Sustainable Oil Palm Research

² SEARRP: South East Asia Rainforest Research Program

12. HCV mapping in central Kalimantan

ALMF presented on this project which aims to map all the certified/ NPP area and HCV area identified within an area. This data will be extracted from audited reports and NPP documentations. Growers might be requested to provide HCV map within their certification units/ NPP area. First stage of this project will focus in Central Kalimantan due to ongoing collaboration between RSPO and IPAM (Amazon Environmental Research Institute). It will then roll out to other regions.

13. Smallholders HCV toolkit

ALMF presented on the ToR and update. BHCV WG will be consulted when a draft of the toolkit is made available.

14. AOB

Membership request from WRI

BHCV WG will seek more representatives from SNGOs and WRI will be invited as an observer until RSPO rewrites the ToR. In terms of processors and traders, there are several members who are integrated companies such as GAR, SDP and Wilmar and could play a role as processors and traders.

Action: RSPO secretariat and co-chair will rewrite the ToR.

Proposed Working Group Work plan and budget for FY14

ALMF presented on the work in progress and work plan for FY14. The work plan is attached as annex 2. AH suggested to include some budget to review compensation cases.


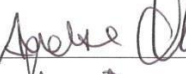






In terms of progress by the INA HCV TF, RK explained that TF is prioritizing its effort on engagement with ISPO and leveraging on Presidential Decree 32. He highlighted that policy engagement is a long term effort. OT and AH suggested other agencies such as RILO take over long term advocacy. AH reassured that the EB will be updated by RILO on the outcome of advocacy. Proposed budget is accepted.

Action: RSPO secretariat will incorporate this work plan and budget into FY14

Annex 1

20th Meeting of Biodiversity & HCV Working Group
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 Park Royal Hotel, Singapore

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Annex 2 BHCV WG Workplan FY14

Current Focus

- HCV Interpretation/ common guidance
- HCV monitoring protocol
- HCV assessors accreditation
- HCV training module
- Compensation Guidance
- Address HCV security issue for OP industry in ID
- Review compensation cases



Work Plan FY14

	FY13			FY14												
	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	
HCV assessment protocol	BHCV WG															
HCV Management guideline				BHCV WG/ HCV RN/ HCV RIWG/ WWF												
Riparian management guideline, incl. restoration				BHCV WG												
Global HCV mapping & online HCV database				BHCV WG												
SH HCV guideline	BHCV/SH WG			Field test												
Compensation guideline	CTF			Comms												
INA legal review & advocacy	INA HCV TF															
HCV monitoring protocol	BHCV WG/ ZSL															
HCV assessors accreditation	BHCV WG/ HCV RN															
HCV interpretation/ common guideline	BHCV WG/ HCV RN															
Compensation cases	BHCV WG			Compensation Panel												

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