

14th Meeting of RSPO Biodiversity and HCV Working Group (BHCV WG)			
Date	October 4, 2011 (Tuesday)		
Venue	Hotel Santika, Kuala Lumpur		
Attendance	Henry S. Barlow	Sime Darby	Chair
	Sophie Persey (<i>SP</i>)	ZSL	Co-Chair
	Devan Subramaniam (<i>DS</i>)	WWF-MY	Member
	Adam Harrison (<i>AH</i>)	WWF	Executive Board (EB) member
	Simon Siburat (<i>SS</i>)	MPOA	Member
	Oliver Tichit (<i>OT</i>)	Sipef Group	Member
	Anders Lindhe (<i>AL</i>)	WWF-International	Member
	Norazam Abdul Hameed (<i>NH</i>)	Sime Darby	Invited
	Resit Sozer (<i>RS</i>)	Aksenta	Invited
	Sujatnika (<i>SN</i>)	Aksenta	Invited
	Mikaail Kavanagh (<i>MK</i>)	ERE Consulting Sdn Bhd	Invited
	Randolph Jeremiah	ERE Consulting Sdn Bhd	Invited
	Stan Rodger (<i>SR</i>)	LPF-Shemsi Sdn Bhd	Observer
	Lee Swee Yin (<i>SY</i>)	Sime Darby	Observer
	Mohamed Pirabaharan (<i>MP</i>)	PT. Minamas	Observer
	Ibrahim Abdul Majid (<i>IM</i>)	PT. Minamas	Observer
	John Payne (<i>JP</i>)	BORA	Observer
	Peter Heng (<i>PH</i>)	GAR	Observer
	Richard Kan (<i>RK</i>)	GAR	Observer
Audrey Lee Mei Fong (<i>ALMF</i>)	RSPO Biodiversity and Conservation Manager	Secretariat	
Absence with Apology	Tim Killeen	Conservation International	Member
	Dwi R. Muhtaman	Aksenta	Member
	Reza Azmi	Wild Asia	Member
	Marcus Colchester	Forest Peoples Programme	Member
	Irwan Gunawan	WWF-ID	Invited
Absence	Purwo Susanto	ISPO Consulting	Member
	Catherine Cassagne	IFC	Member
	Gan Lian Tiong	PT Musim Mas	Member
	Maxentius Dionysius	WWF-MY	Member (alternate)
	Jatna Supriatna	Conservation International	Member (alternate)
	Neny Indriyana	ISPO Consulting	Member (alternate)
	Calley Beamish	MPOA	Member (alternate)
	Sheila Rajah	Wild Asia	Member (alternate)
Laura Darcy	ZSL	Member (alternate)	

Agenda			
Schedule	Agenda	Person In-charge	Requested Actions/ Decision
0900 – 1200	Welcoming remarks from the chairperson	HB	-
	Acceptance of agenda	HB	-
	Main agenda items:-		
	Review previous minutes (BHCV WG meeting on July 22, 2011)	HB	-
	Presentation on Sime Darby's 7 stages remediation mechanism	SD: Norazam	-
	Summary briefing on the peer review outcome of SDP's stage 2 remediation report	SD: Norazam	Decision on acceptance of the stage 2 report
	Presentation on SDP's stage 2 remediation report	Aksenta: Resit Sozer	
	Discussion on HCV compensation	MK	Proposal to EBs
1200-1300	Lunch break		
1300-1600	Discussion on SDP's stage 2 report	SP	
	Next step: Update on RT9 preparatory session	HB, SP	
	HCV assessors applications	ALMF	Decision on applications (specific case)
	Any other business		

1) Welcoming Remarks, Introduction and Acceptance of Agenda

HB welcomed members of BHCV WG and informed the group that SP will chair the session on SDP's stage 2 report. HB reviewed the past minutes and passed the written comments to ALMF for amendments.

2) Main Agenda

2.1 Presentation on SDP's Plan on Remediation (NH)

After the presentation on SDP's remediation process, PH asked if SDP has make consideration on the multiplier effect for HCV remediation actions after Nov 2007. NH explained this is just a pilot case for HCV loss in 2 project areas from Nov 2007-Dec 2009.

2.2 Presentation on SDP's Stage 2 Remediation Plan (RS)

RS presented on the revised SDP's stage 2 report (see attached), SR asked if HCV5-6 is included in the retrospective assessment. AH commented on loss of HCV 5-6 can cause by restriction on access to the area and not necessary due to the loss of vegetation (forest cover). Aksenta clarified on the findings for the study area, it shows HCV 5-6 had lost prior to the plantation development due to forest fire, logging activity and illegal logging done by community. Aksenta also conducted survey on land compensation package which was agreed by the community and company. Aksenta agreed to provide additional information on the study methodology for HCV5-6 in this revised report.

JP suggested Aksenta to define the vegetation classification in this report i.e. alang-alang, shrub, forest (mixed rubber plantation, secondary forest, primary forest).

In order to produce a reader-friendly report, PH suggested Aksenta to prepare a spread sheet on the land classification. SP proposed to develop a simply flow chart to highlight the result of scoping, total area of suspected HCV area, total area of HCV loss and justifications for the result.

In this stage 2 report, one forested area along Sg. Kawan is identified as the HCV compensation area. Oil palm plantations surrounding this area are managed by GAR and Wilmar, there is a risk of this area will be converted to plasma oil palm plantations. The total area of this proposed HCV compensation site has reduced from 650ha to 500ha within 6 months due to community activity.

Aksenta proposed to Sime, Wilmar and GAR to provide OP cultivation land to the local community and conserve the forested area along Sg. Kawan. But SS explained on the difficulty to change the land title from HGU to plasma.

AH mentioned WWF will be interested to engage with the companies and community to conserve this area. The group agreed on the remediation idea and proposed RSPO to endorse this multi-stakeholders collaboration.

PH and DB requested coordinates information on the proposed compensation area for their internal communication with management.

Lesson learnt:

- 1) Aksenta stressed that RSPO P&C focus on HCV loss due to new planting but most of the HCV loss are due to land clearing. (refer to RSPO P&C criterion 7.3)*
- 2) This pilot case in BDE and BGE do not contain peat area, thus, Aksenta proposed to include peat or other ecosystems for future pilot case on HCV remediation.*
- 3) HCV 5-6 is difficult to differentiate and the current HCV definition is subject to assessors' interpretation, toolkit for HCV assessment need to be reviewed.*

Action:

- 1) Aksenta will include methodology for assessment on HCV5-6.**

- 2) Aksenta will illustrate the vegetation classification and provide aerial photos/ photos of current landuse in the report.
- 3) Aksenta will prepare the simple flow chart to highlight the scoping, total area of suspected HCV area, total area of HCV loss and its justifications.
- 4) SDP to develop practical implementation plan on the compensation. (Stage 3)

Decision of the BHCV WG on stage 2 report

BHCV suggest RSPO to approve the stage 2 report with amendments on a) additional addendum on the HCV 5-6 assessment methodology; b) vegetation classification; c) aerial photos/ photos of current land condition; d) flow chart. SDP shall submit the report no later than 31st Oct.

The group requested Aksenta to develop an implementation plan on the proposed compensation in next stage.

3) RT9

For the BHCV preparatory cluster, issues proposed for discussion including capacity of HCV assessors, maintenance and monitoring of HCV area, government engagement for HCV acknowledgement, interpretation of the HCV toolkit etc..

During the preparatory cluster, participants will be briefed on the status of the HCV compensation. The format would be panel discussion with 5 minutes presentation from each presenter follow up with discussion/ feedback.

4) HCV Assessors

Up to September 30, there are 35 applications, 10 has been approved by secretariat and will be notified on the approval status. AL strongly suggested all approved HCV assessors must sign up with the HCV RN charter. ALMF will inform all HCV assessors.

5) AOB

SP requested members of BHCV WG to review ZSL's proposal and she will circulate the proposal to the group.

15th BHCV WG meeting is scheduled on November 21st, 2011 (Kota Kinabalu).

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

H.S. Barlow
Chairman

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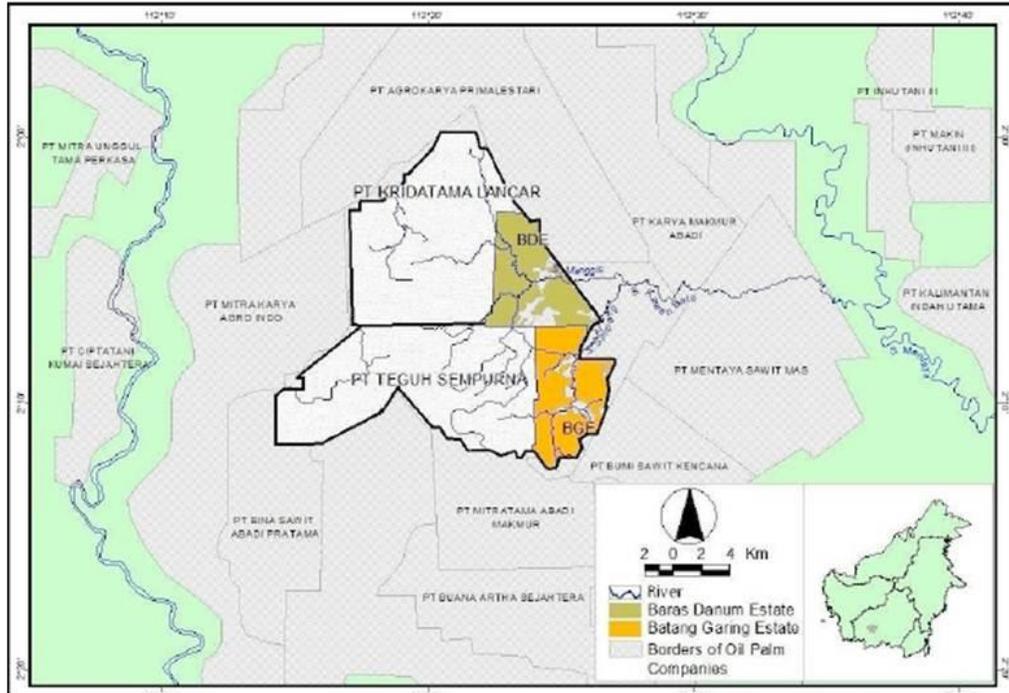
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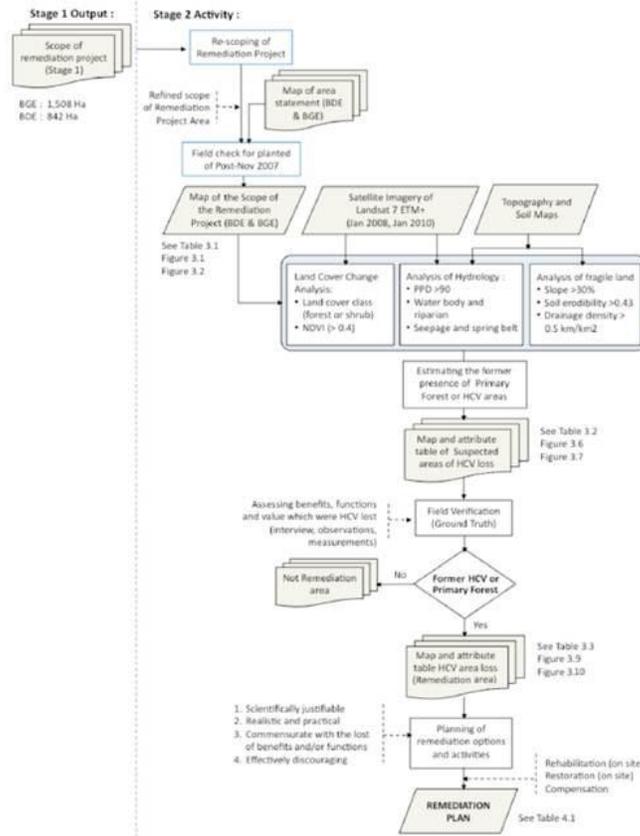
Context

- Stage 2 is only the second of a total of eight stages of the Remediation Initiative by SDP
- Two Estates were chosen as pilots; Batang Garing Estate of PT TSA and Baras Danum Estate of PT KLR
- The Scope of remediation: areas of plantings in the period post nov. 2007- Sept. 2009 (HCV Assessment)



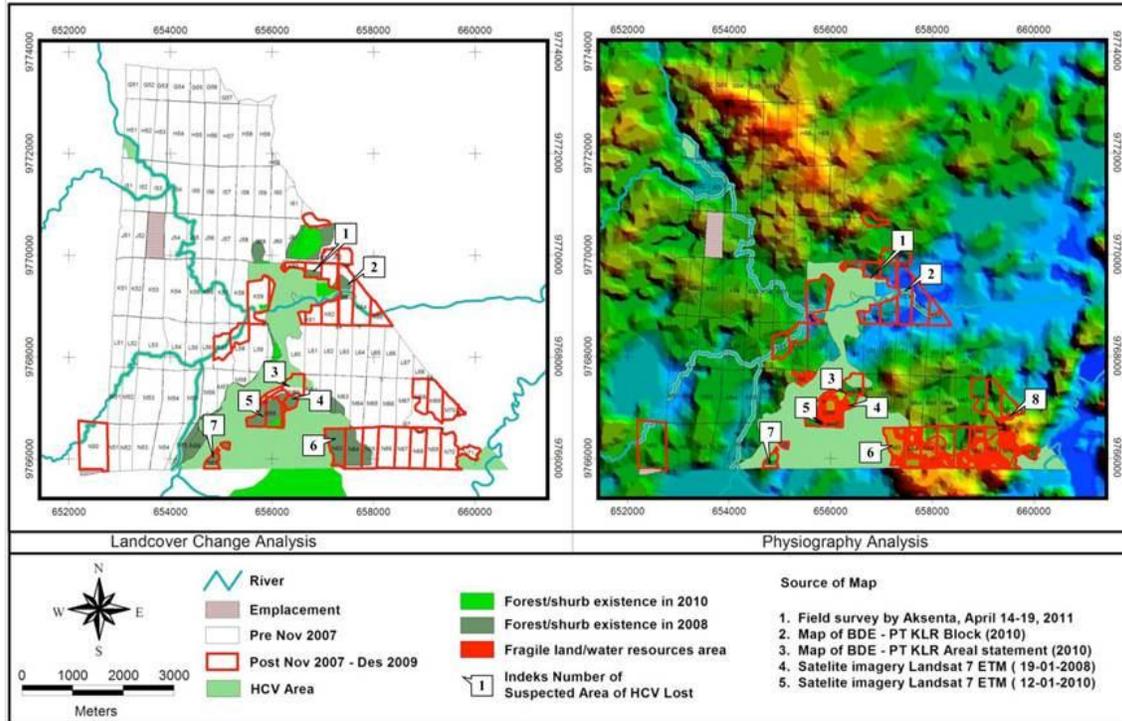
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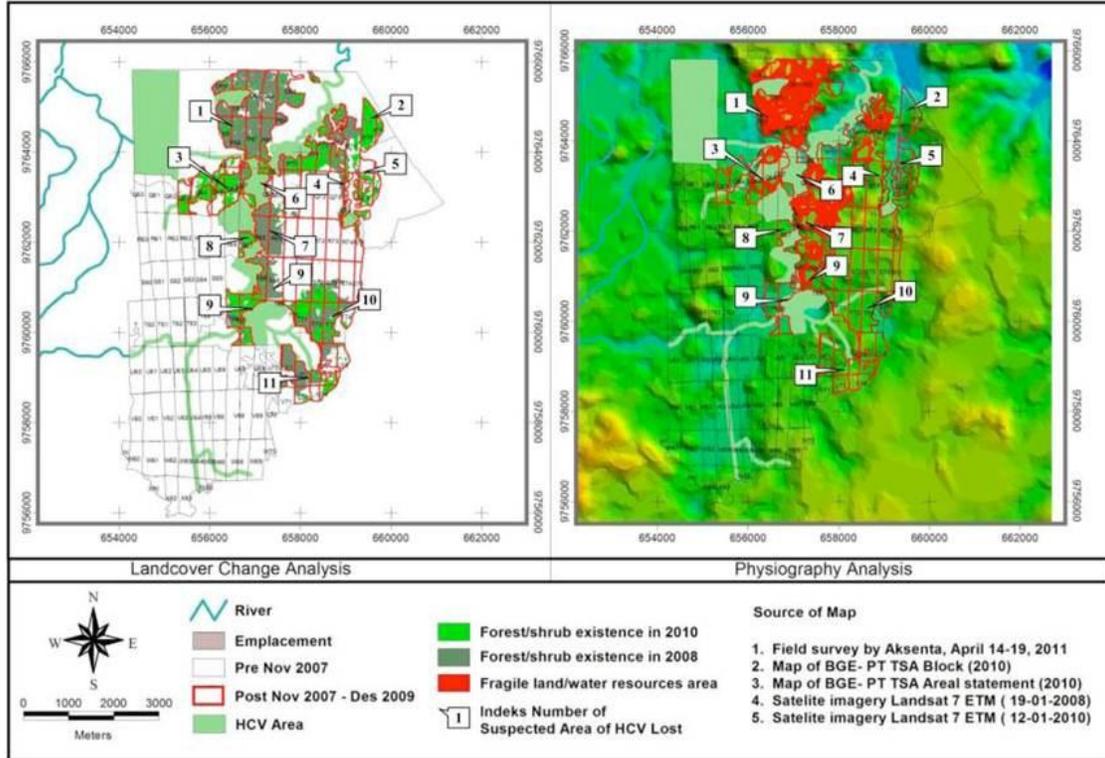
- The two objectives were to
 - Identify HCV area loss in the period
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 - Develop a remediation plan



Result

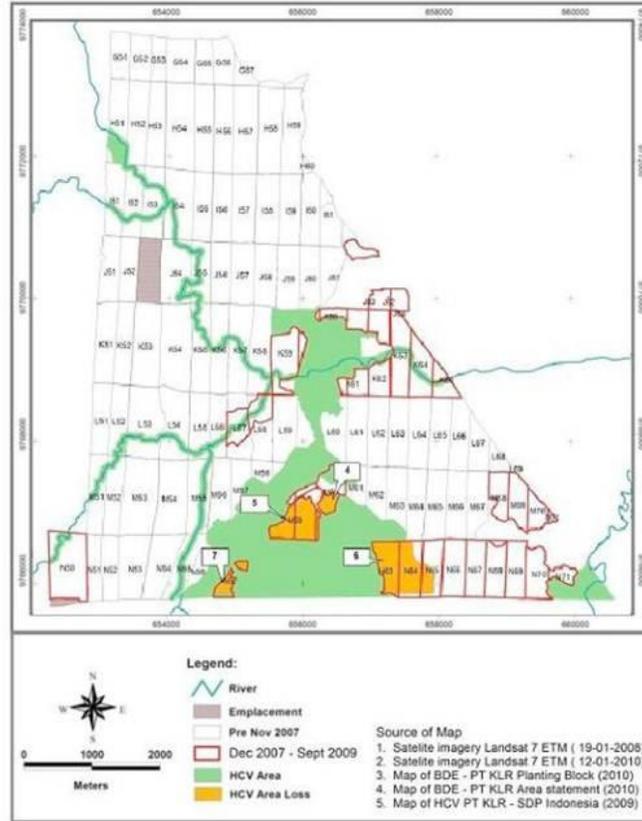
- Area size of planting years post Nov 2007 – Sept 2009: 842 hectares in BDE and 1,508 hectares in BGE
- Confirmed there was not primary forests in the period
- Suspected HCV area loss: 1,200.16 hectares (356.45 in BDE and 843.71 in BGE)

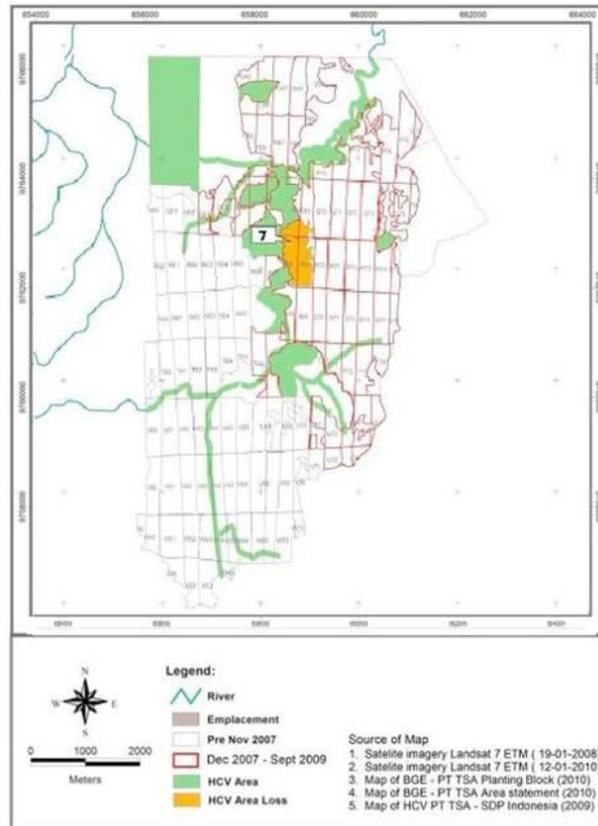




Result

- HCV areas which were lost: 151.44 hectares (93.73 hectares in BDE and 57.71 hectares in BGE)







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