

MINUTES OF MEETING OF RSPO

30th RSPO BHCVWG MEETING

Date: 13th Nov 2015

Start Time: 9.00 am

Venue: Capri by Fraser Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Attendance:

<u>Members and Alternates</u>	<u>RSPO Advisors</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adam Harrison (AH, WWF INT) 2. Anders Lindhe (AL, HCVRN) 3. Anne Rosenbarger (AR, WRI) 4. Dickens Mambu (DkM, WWF MY) 5. Darmawan Liswanto (DL, FFI) 6. Dwi Muhtaman (DwM, Remark Asia) 7. Ginny Ng Siew Ling (GN, WILMAR) 8. Harjinder Kler (HK, HUTAN) 9. Lanash Tanda (LT, SEPA) 10. Melissa Yeoh (MY, FGV) 11. Michal Zrust (MZ, Daemeter) 12. Olivier Tichit (OT, SIPEF) 13. Richard Kan (RK, GAR) 14. Simon Siburat (SiS, WILMAR) 15. Mohamadou Dao (MD, OLAM) 16. Alindra Sintik (AS, WWF MY) 17. Ian Suwarganda (IS, GAR) 18. Jen Lucey (JL, SEARRP) 19. Elizabeth Clarke (EC, ZSL) 20. Marcus Colchester (MC, FPP) 	<p><u>Secretariat Staff</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oi Soo Chin (OSC, RSPO) 2. Dillon Sarim (DS, RSPO) 3. Liza Murphy (LM, Consultant)

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<p>2.0</p> <p>2.0.1</p> <p>2.02</p>	<p>2.0 Update on Budget</p> <p>OSC presented the spending for BHCVWG for financial year July 2014 to June 2015.</p> <p>OSC informed members that Dr. Abraham was contracted to finalise the riparian management guidelines.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p>

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3.0	3.0 Update on LUCA submission and next steps	
3.0.1	OSC provided update on the LUCA submission from members and reported that there were also new members which have not submitted LUCA. AH suggested that the RSPO follow-up closely on LUCA submission for new members. OSC requested members to decide what to do with incomplete and non LUCA submitters.	
3.0.2	SiS suggested publishing a list of incomplete and non LUCA submitters on RSPO website.	
3.0.3	AH highlighted the need to follow-up with members on the SOP submission and also the need to check endorsed LUCA for maps of remediation.	
3.0.4	MC highlighted the need to follow-up with members on demonstrating zero social liability.	
3.1	<p>Decision made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. For incomplete LUCA submitters, the deadline to submit complete LUCA is by the end of 31st Dec 2015, failing which all their raw liability will be treated as coefficient 1. ii. For non LUCA submitters, the deadline to submit a complete LUCA is by the end of 31st Dec 2015, failing which the case will be treated as a complaint case. iii. For new members, LUCA submission must be completed by the end of 31st Dec 2015, failing which membership will be suspended. 	
3.0.6	Members are given the deadline of up to the end of March 2016 to demonstrate that they do not have social liability. Announcement to be up by the end of Nov 2015.	
3.0.7	GN suggested to improve the header for liability statistics.	
3.1	<p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To publish list of incomplete and non LUCA submitters on the RSPO website. 2. To follow-up on LUCA submission with new members. 3. To follow-up with members on SOP submission. 4. To follow-up with members on social liability. 	<p>OSC/DS</p> <p>OSC/DS</p> <p>OSC/DS</p> <p>OSC/DS</p>

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<p>4.0</p> <p>4.0.1</p>	<p>4.0 Compensation procedures for smallholders</p> <p>MC presented the discussion outcome of compensation procedures for independent smallholders (SH) proposed by selected members of the CTF. See Annex 2.</p>	
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.0.1</p>	<p>5.0 Update on NPP</p> <p>OSC provided an update on the NPP revision process and progress. She informed members that the updated NPP is ready for endorsement at the Board meeting in Nov 2015.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Update on RT13 prep cluster</p> <p>OSC provided update on the Biodiversity Conservation & Compensation prep cluster for RT13. She informed members that there will be four speakers for the session. It will be held at Sarawak room in in Shangri La.</p>	
<p>7.0</p> <p>7.0.1</p> <p>7.0.2</p> <p>7.0.3</p> <p>7.0.4</p>	<p>HCV guidance for independent smallholders (RSPO P&C 7.3)</p> <p>AL presented the HCV toolkit for independent smallholders particularly for expansion or new development and sought endorsement from members. See Annex 3.</p> <p>The specific HCV guidance reduces cost and complexity for independent smallholders. It is also robust and credible. It is a risk based HCV assessment and it is dependent on scale of expansion and HCV probability.</p> <p>SiS provided example of challenges on the ground faced by companies related to social HCVs. What if a community wanted to clear HCV areas which had been set aside but which they no longer depend on. MC asked whether there are any incentives available for areas that the independent smallholders are not allowed to clear and plant oil palm?</p> <p>MC suggested incorporating text below into guidance document.</p> <p>Sharing the cost and benefit for HCV management. Since the HCV areas will be found unevenly distributed across the land of group members, the cost of management and in particularly avoidance of land clearance will be distributed evenly among</p>	

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<p>7.0.5</p> <p>7.1</p>	<p>members. Group managers must work with members to develop agreement on how the cost of management and monitoring be shared. The HCV management and monitoring procedures are entitled to RSPO smallholders' development fund for assistance in setting up and implementing the scheme.</p> <p>The WG endorsed the process explained in the HCV guidance for independent smallholders (RSPO P&C 7.3).</p> <p>Action points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To incorporate Marcus' text into the guidance document. 2. To share the document with WildAsia. 	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>
<p>8.0</p> <p>8.0.1</p> <p>8.0.2</p>	<p>8.0 Voting of new co-chairs</p> <p>Members were requested to vote for the new co-chairs as both OT and AR had to step down because they are now part of RSPO Board of Governors.</p> <p>OSC informed members of the voting result. The new co-chair representing grower's interest is WILMAR and BORA representing NGO's interest.</p>	
<p>9.0</p> <p>9.0.1</p> <p>9.0.2</p>	<p>9.0 Presentation on identifying viable forest patch characteristics</p> <p>JL shared their study on forest patches that remain within oil palm landscapes which could play a vital role in the conservation of biodiversity. She concluded that large tracts of forest of about ten to hundred thousand hectares are needed to avoid biodiversity loss and to raise species numbers above background oil palm levels, forest patches need a core area of at least 20 hectare. See Annex 4 for presentation.</p> <p>MZ suggested that these information should be shared with the HCVRN. GN commented that at the EURT, the information was shared with members of the HCS study.</p>	
<p>10.0</p> <p>10.0.1</p>	<p>10.0 Presentation on RSPO NEXT</p> <p>LM presented the RSPO NEXT document which will be shared at RT13 during the plenary session. LM covered the objective and processes involved in developing the document and where they are now. She informed members that she would appreciate feedback or inputs and would be happy to answer questions related to the document. See Annex 5.</p>	

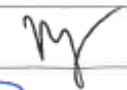

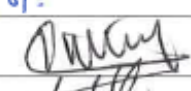




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10.0.2	MC raised his concerns over the decision made by the BoG to develop RSPO NEXT without consulting RSPO members. He also raised the same concern over jurisdictional approach undertaken by the RSPO Secretariat without consulting its members. He expressed his dissatisfaction with both processes and questioned both processes which were done not in line with the spirit of multi-stakeholder.	
10.0.1	AH explained that the jurisdictional approach is not a new standard, probably it has been poorly communicated to stakeholders, which created the misunderstanding. MC commented that it is important that the RSPO members were engaged as the current process made it very suspicious.	
10.0.2	As for the RSPO NEXT, AH explained that it is also not a new standard but a mechanism which allows individual companies within the RSPO to voluntarily participate in NEXT and no longer need to compete with which deforestation and environmental policies are better than the other.	
11.0 11.0.1	11.0 Presentation on compensation options MZ shared the compensation options presentation which will be shared at the compensation prep cluster at RT13. He then sought comments from WG members.	
12.0 12.0.1	12.0 Discussion on BHCVWG workplan tender The co-chairs invited members with conflict of interest to recuse themselves from the discussion. OSC updated members on the proposal received from the tender posted on the RSPO website. She then sought recommendation from members to decide which organisation should be rewarded with the project or to repost the tender on the RSPO website since there were not many proposal received. Members agreed to organise a second call to get more proposals and highlighted the need to rethink about conflict of interest.	
12.1	Decision made: 1. To organise a second call for tender on the RSPO website for 30 days. Announcement can also be made at RT13 during the compensation and biodiversity prep cluster. Handouts on information of the tender can be distributed at the RT. 2. Small group to review proposal - GN, LT, JL, RK	OSC GN, LT, JL, RK

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<p>13.0 13.0.1</p>	<p>13.0 Update on potential collaboration with WWF on BMPs OSC updated members on the potential collaboration with WWF. A meeting was held with WWF representatives and Proforest at the RSPO office in Oct 2015. OSC has informed WWF and Proforest on BMPs (e.g. fragile soil, water management and steep slopes) which the BHCVWG are interested in. OSC informed members that currently they are awaiting reply from WWF Malaysia’s funders whether they would be interested with the BMPs mentioned.</p>	
<p>14.0 15.0.1</p>	<p>14.0 NPP update and public consultation OSC provided updates on the final updated NPP document which will be endorsed by the BoG in Nov.</p>	
<p>15.0 15.0.1</p>	<p>15.0 AOB OT informed members that REA will be retiring from the BHCVWG and thanked SP/REA for all their contribution.</p>	
<p>16.0 16.0.1 16.0.2</p>	<p>16.0 Closing meeting AR closed the meeting by thanking the WG members for their participation. AR reminded members that all pending deliverables by the CTF will be taken over by the BHCVWG. The next BHCVWG meeting will be held in KL and dates to be decided via doodle poll.</p>	

ANNEX 1

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#	Name	Organisation	Signature ³ (BHCV WG - 4 th)
1	Adam Harrison	WWF Int	
2	Agus Purnomo	GAR	
3	Anders Lindhe	HCV RN	
4	Anne Rosenbarger	WRI	
5	Audrey Lee	OLAM	
6	Cahyo Nugroho	Fauna and Flora International	
7	Cecep Saepulloh	Remark Asia	
8	Darmawan Liswanto	Fauna and Flora International	
9	Dickens Mambu	WWF MY	
10	Dr. Ruslan Abdullah	MPOA	
11	Dwi Muhtaman	Remark Asia	
12	Gan Lian Tiong	Musim Mas	
13	Ginny Ng Siew Ling	WILMAR	
14	Glen Reynolds Sean Lindsay	SEARRP	
15	Harjinder Kler	HUTAN	
16	Henry Barlow	Independent	
17	John Payne	BORA	
18	Lanash Thanda	SEPA	
19	Lee Swee Yin	SIME	
20	Elizabeth Clarke	ZSL	
21	Marcus Colchester	FPP	
22	Michael Brady	IFC	

#	Name	Organisation	Signature 13 (BHCV WG - 3 th)
23	Norazam Abd Hameed	FGV	
24	Melissa Yeoh	FGV	
25	Olivier Tichit	SIPEF	
26	Richard Kan	GAR	
27	Simon Siburat	WILMAR	
28	Sophie Persey	REA	
29	Tang Men Kon	SIME	
30	ALINDRA GERALD JINTIK	WWF-MY	
31	IAN SUWARCANDA	GAR	
32	MAO Hobamadev	OLAT	
33	MICHAL ZRUST	DAEMETER	
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