

Journey Towards RSPO Certification of the 1st Malaysian Independent Smallholder Group

Lessons Learnt

RT11 Linking & Learning Workshop

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Our mission is to **inspire businesses** to improve their social and environmental practices to meet and *exceed* global standards. We aim to create change from within the industry through direct engagements with businesses which have an impact on our environment and people.



Wild Asia believes that an understanding of social and environmental issues is fundamental to sustainable developments.



Since 2005

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Years in Oil Palm

Since 2005

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*Palm-producing
countries covered*

Since 2009

95

*Palm-related
assessments
conducted*

Since 2008

2,398

Number of people trained

Why Smallholders?



Farmers

Dealers

Mills

Integral part of the Global Supply Chain. We need to get directly involved to learn , understand and make it better!

The Malaysian Smallholder



Challenges

- Average age 55 years
- Average farm size 2.6Ha
- 50% have primary
- Education only middleman
- 56% are full time farmers
- Average yield 15 t/ha/year
- Have 5-6 dependents
- Risk aversion becomes the norm

Wild Asia Group Scheme (WAGS)

For Smallholders

Wild Asia Group Scheme (WAGS)



*First Smallholder
Pilot Group Initiated*

2009

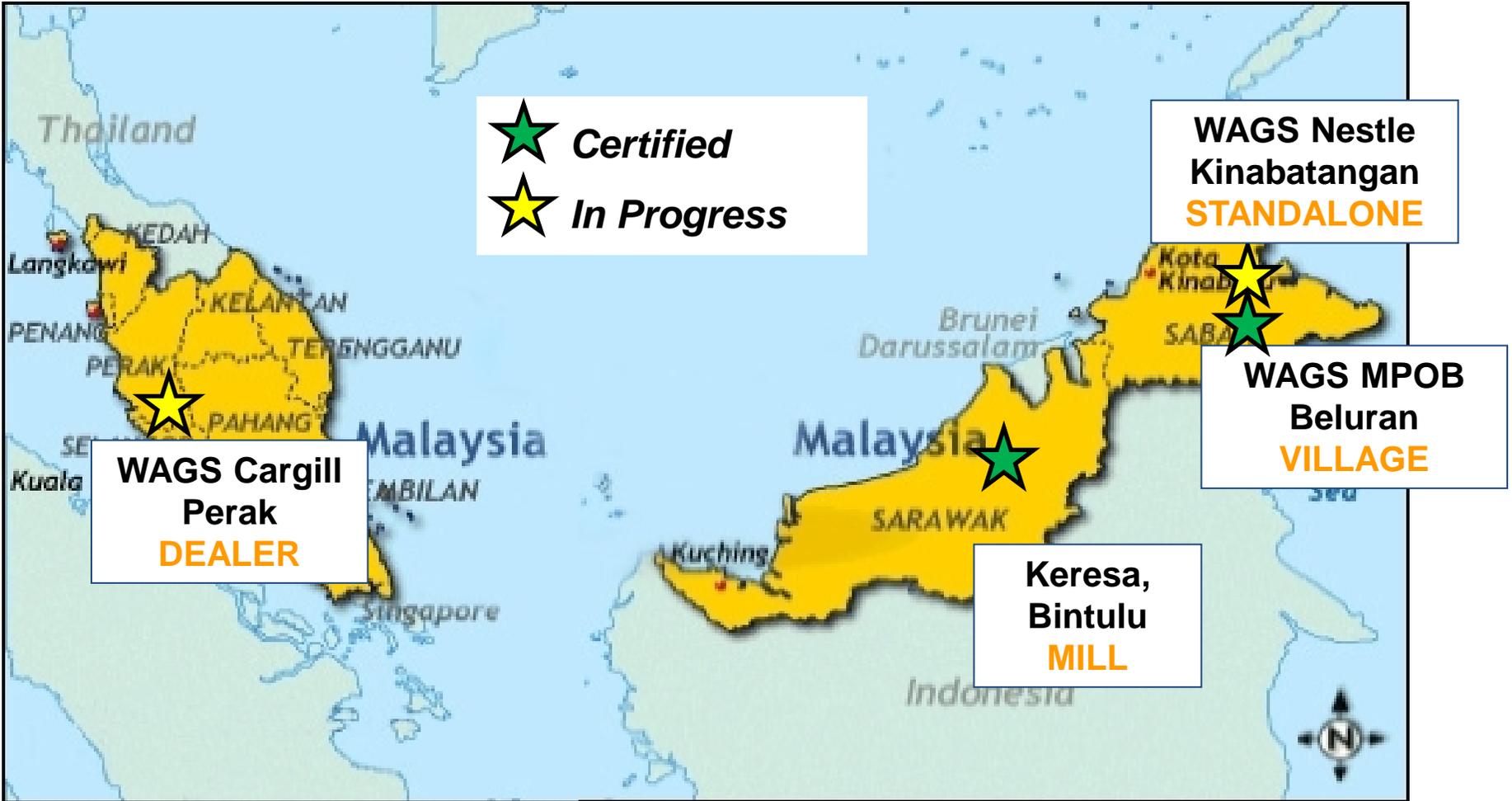
*Smallholder Pilot
Group Certified*

2010

*Second Smallholder
Pilot Group Certified*

2013

Where We Are Today



Keresas Smallholder Group Scheme



Smallholder Pilot Group Certified- under mill certification: 2010



Key Lessons Learnt

Based on Existing Smallholder
Group Schemes

RSPO Uptake



Benefits to the Farmer



Farmer- Buyer Relationship

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Creating Shared Value



Robust Management System



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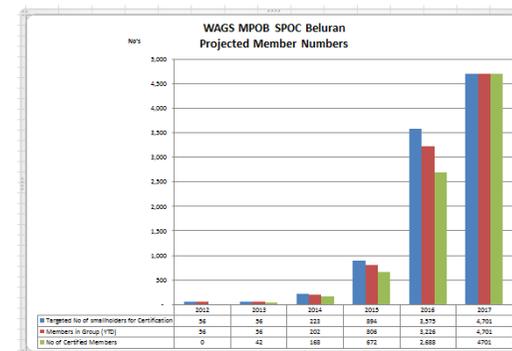
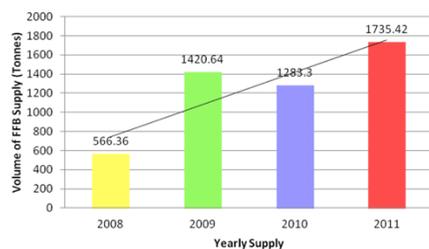
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Project

Name	WAGS-MPOB SPOC Telupid
Project_Code	P151
Start Date	February-2012
Position	N 5.74657 E 117.36264
State	Sabah
Country	Malaysia

Notes Milestone: Scoping visit: February 2012
Baseline assessments: May 2012
MOU with MPOB signed: July 2012
Hired field coordinator for Sabah: September

Smallholders Yield Monitoring (2008-2011)



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- Certification of smallholders is possible!
- *Smallholder schemes* could ultimately be adopted by the local smallholders-mills-refiners & be self sustaining.
- Supporting *smallholder schemes* is a strategy to increase transparency & traceability within the supply chain.

Questions?

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