

Stepwise Support Programme & Other Advisory Support

ProForest and Wild Asia are both known and respected technical organisations within the global sustainability sector. We share the common goal of promoting sustainability in agriculture. The **Stepwise Support Programme** is one of the first global support programmes specifically designed for the oil palm sector. We have experience throughout the entire **sustainable palm oil supply chain**; combining our experience from policy to field implementation is one of our core strengths. The programme is designed for the whole supply chain (producer, buyers, processors and investors) in the oil palm supply chain.

Baseline Assessment

For many companies, understanding how you currently perform against the standards is the most important step towards certification. A **baseline assessment** will be able to identify areas where there are issues, prior to pursuing a full certification audit. We are well placed to conduct baseline assessments for both plantations, buyers, processors and investors.

Supply Chain Assurance

For those downstream, such as processors and buyers, we are able to provide expertise to help identify and **map supply chains** to the plantation of origin, and also conduct a risk assessment of your supply chain.

High Conservation Value Forests

The RSPO P&C requires that plantation companies are able to identify whether there are any existing areas of **high conservation values**, and once identi-

fied be able to manage them. This is an issue that is of particular concern in areas of expansion and new plantings. Other assessments include biodiversity and environmental impact assessments.

Free, Prior & Informed Consent

The RSPO P&C requires that any conflicts of claims to the use of the land needs to be resolved or consulted based on the principles of **free, prior and informed consent (FPIC)**. With our combined contacts of social experts, we are well placed to ensure effective and locally pertinent FPIC support. Other assessments include social impact assessments.

Policy to Implementation

The RSPO P&C requires companies to have policies which may not have been the norm in the industry. This includes the for example policy for fair treatment of contractors, gender policy, sexual harassment policy. Our approach of developing bottom-up, consultative, policies ensures that **policies are implementable**.



2009 Stepwise Support Training Programme

We will be offering a full training programme for 2009. This will include general insights into RSPO requirements to more detailed events on specific topics and issues. These training events are opened to anyone within the supply chain and are designed for small groups.

If you would like to adapt these training modules for individual companies please contact us. For the latest training schedules please visit our respective websites.

Key Topics for 2009 Include

- Overview and introduction to RSPO requirements and certification systems.
- Supply chain systems and chain of custody.
- Auditing in practice.
- Overview of the environmental issues in plantations.
- HCVF & Biodiversity in plantations.
- Overview of the social issues within RSPO P&C.
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC).
- Labour standards and plantations-common compliance issues.

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