

Title: Announcing Changes to the New Planting Procedure

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Abstract:

The General Assembly of the RSPO decided that a New Planting Procedure should be introduced to clarify the application of the P&Cs to new plantings by all members. A New Plantings Procedure Working Group was established and developed a detailed procedure that came into action from January 2010. The first year of the NPP saw relatively few members making notifications and some unrest from all sides as to its effectiveness.

The RSPO undertook to review the NPP in 2011 – to see how it could be made more effective in delivering its stated objectives. A NPP Review Taskforce was constituted made up of a balanced representation of all RSPO member categories and worked with ProForest to assess the effectiveness of the NPP and to draft refinements to improve it.

The proposed changes are:

1. A closer alignment between the wording of the P&C and the NPP – to remove doubt and possible conflict;
2.

RSPO New Planting Procedure – Experiences from Musim Mas Group Plantations

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Abstract

Since January 2011, three new oil palm expansion projects from Musim Mas Group Plantations went through the Public Notification adhering to the RSPO New Planting Procedure. The first was from PT Agrowiratama, Sambas on 7th January, 2011, the second was from PT Musim Mas, Sambas on 29th July, 2011 and the third Public Notification was from PT Mulia Indah, Sambas a subsidiary company of PT Agrowiratama on 25th August, 2011. All three new expansion oil palm expansion projects went through the Public Notification successfully at the end of the 30 days period. The experiences from these notifications will be reported in the plenary presentation during RT9.

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