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Plenary Session 4

Clarifying the New Planting Procedure

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New Planting Procedure

- Criterion 7.3 of P&C (2007) says that ‘New plantings since November 2005, have not replaced primary forest or any area required to maintain or enhance one or more High Conservation Values’.
- The General Assembly of the RSPO decided that a New Planting Procedure (NPP) 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.

NPP Review

- Original NPP Working Group set up in 2009
- Based on recommendations and agreement of NPP WG in May 2009– New Planting Procedure approved in September 2009 for implementation starting January 2010
- The first year of the NPP saw relatively few members making notifications and some unrest from all sides as to its effectiveness.
- A new NPPWG was established in early 2011

Objective of the NPP Review

- To review how many members have implemented NPP
- To identify barriers to implementation
- To propose changes to the NPP for better implementation
- To identify what changes the RSPO and/or members should seek externally to ensure NPP implementation

Review process

NPP Review include the following processes:

- Obtain feedback and input from stakeholders – particularly that of Growers
- Incorporate recommendations from Growers to the NPP R WG workshop in Malaysia and Indonesia
- Further comments and deliberation by the WG members

Recommendation for clarification

1. Integration with national legal processes.

- NPP should be conducted in parallel with legal requirements

2. Procedures to negotiate with communities.

- including raising awareness of the RSPO guidance on best practice in implementing FPIC.

3. Conflict of interest.

- the certification body carrying out the verification cannot be the same one that conducted HCV/SEIA and prepared the implementation plan.

Recommendation for clarification

4. Verification field audit.

- the evaluation of the impact assessment and implementation plan for the NPP do not need to be duplicated for certification later.

5. Public notification.

- such as the local language requirements.

6. Dispute resolution.

- including defined quicker responses and grading.,

Recommendation for clarification

7. Clarification of a number of terms used in the NPP documentation.

- Marginal and Fragile soils
- Land Preparation
- Associated development: *includes establishing mills, nurseries, housing, roads, boundary marking and earthworks*
- Local Peoples' land
- New planting
- Replanting
- Participatory (in relation to assessments)
- Comprehensive (in relation to assessments)
- Independent (in relation to assessments)

Recommendation for key ammendments

- Waiver of step 3 'Verification by CB' for companies that already been certified
- Verification by the CB should include field and document audit

EB Decision

- *To publish guidance and clarification on a range of issues that the working group identified as difficulties with the implementation of the NPP; and*
- *To incorporate the changes to the NPP recommended by the working group into the P&C review next year.*

Thank You!

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