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RSPO in Ecuador / Latin America: Perspectives and Challenges

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1. Context

Ecuador is the **Second** Producer of Palm Oil in Latin America

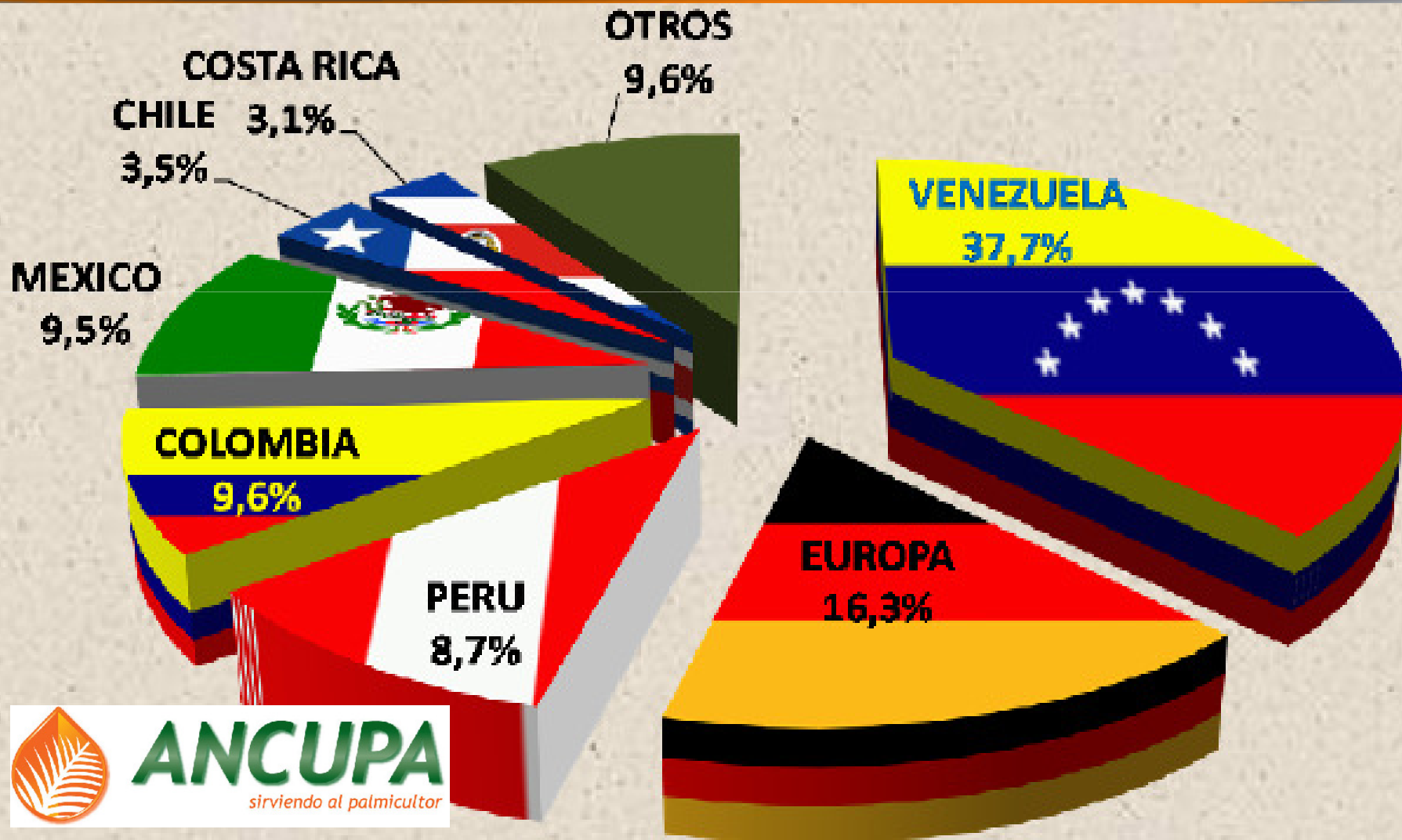
- Ecuador is one of the 17 megadiverse countries
- Ecuador has about 240.000 hectares of oil palm plantations
- 40% of that land belongs to a small growers (<50 has)



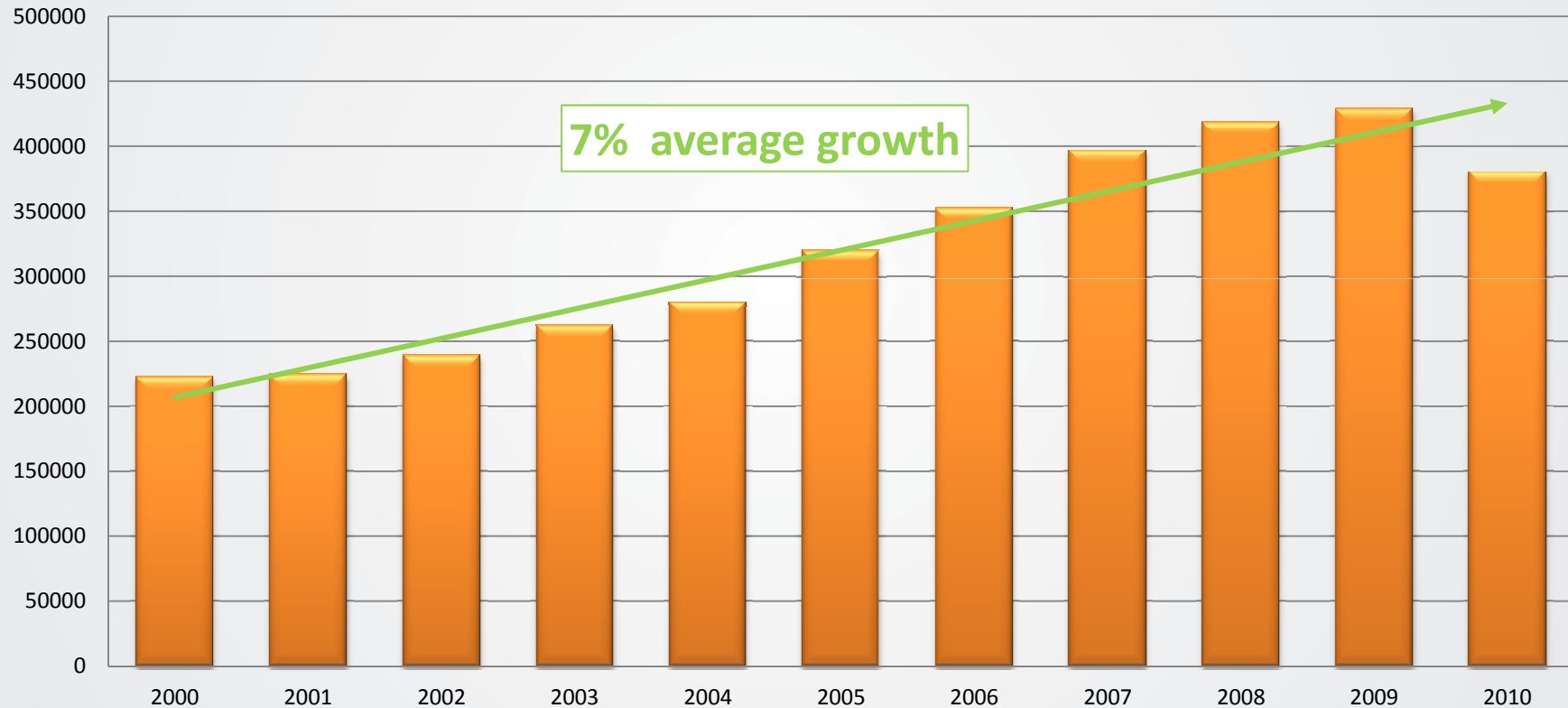
Ecuador is the **Second** Producer of Palm Oil in Latin America

	Country	2010 (Million Tons)
1	Indonesia	22.20
2	Malaysia	16.99
3	Thailand	1.34
4	Nigeria	0.88
5	Colombia	0.80
6	Papua New Guinea	0.50
7	Ecuador	0.40
8	Ghana	0.33
9	Ivory Coast	0.30
10	Others	2.13
	TOTAL	45.87

Ecuador is the **First** Exporter of Palm Oil in Latin America



Ecuadorian Palm Oil Production is consistently growing



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Latin America is the World's **Third** Producer of Palm Oil

	Country / Region	2010 (Million Tons)
1	Indonesia	22.20
2	Malaysia	16.99
3	Latin America	2.31
4	Thailand	1.34
5	Nigeria	0.88
6	Papua New Guinea	0.50
7	Cameroon	0.34
8	Ghana	0.33
9	Ivory Coast	0.30
	TOTAL	45.87

Certified Sustainable Palm Oil in Latin America

Country / Region	Companies	%	Mills	%	Certified Palm Oil	%
Indonesia	16	51,61%	43	35,54%	1.952.281	39,37%
Malaysia	10	32,26%	65	53,72%	2.422.711	48,86%
Papua New Guinea	2	6,45%	7	5,79%	402.125	8,11%
Latin America	2	6,45%	5	4,13%	152.793	3,08%
Solomon Islands	1	3,23%	1	0,83%	28.830	0,58%
TOTAL	31	100,00%	121	100,00%	4.958.740	100,00%

2. Challenges in Ecuador and Latin America

Ecuador's immediate challenge facing the RSPO

National Interpretation

- **ANCUPA** leads the process
- **Entities that have committed to participate in the NI process:**
 - WWF, SNV, CEDA, Fedapal, ANCUPA,
 - Ministries of: Environment, Labour, Agriculture
- **NI expected finish in mid-2012**



The main challenge for RSPO in Latin America

**To mainstream RSPO Vision, Principles and
Criteria, and Certification System
throughout the palm oil chain
in Latin America**



3. Specific Issues in Latin America

High Conservation Value Assessments

- Latin America has a wide variety of forest and non-forest high conservation value areas
- Accredited HCV assessors do not have the expertise to evaluate these type of HCVs
- Lack of local experts accredited in HCV methodology
- Relative small size of oil palm plantations (up to 10,000-15,000 ha)
- High costs of HCV assessments

Proposal: Capacity building for local/regional HCV assessors in Latin America

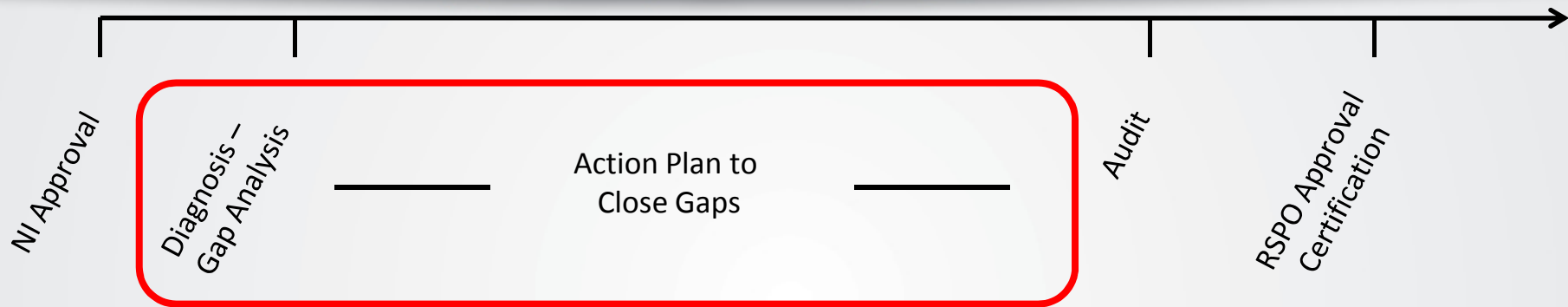


Cut-off date for HCV conversion

- RSPO Principles and Criteria are relatively new in Latin America
- Cut-off date for HCV conversion (Nov 2005) will potentially leave out some plantations developed during the last 6 years
- RSPO P&C do not allow for compensation due to HCV conversion

Proposal: Allow for compensation due to HCV conversion for the period Nov 2005 – Nov 2011

Capacity building needs for RSPO implementation



- Lack of local capacity for Diagnosis and Gap Analysis for RSPO implementation
- These two are the most crucial steps for RSPO adoption by palm oil companies

Proposal: RSPO support for local capacity building for P&C implementation

RSPO presence in Latin America

- RSPO is not close to Latin America's context, problems, challenges and perspectives
- There are 12 countries in Latin America that produce palm oil, with a particular context and specific needs
- Having one member of the "Rest of the World" in the RSPO Executive Board is not enough to address this issue
- Given that Latin America is the World's third palm oil producer, and that Spanish is spoken in almost every country, Spanish should be an official language of the RSPO
- A more direct and permanent presence of the RSPO in Latin America is needed
- **Proposal: Latin America RSPO Office. Could initially be located within one of Latin America's federations of oil palm growers, with funding from the RSPO.**



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Thank you for your attention

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