

# No Deforestation, Development on Peat & Environmental Policy

Socfindo commits to the following:

## Best Management practices

Implement best management practices to fully comply with all Indonesian laws and regulations and adheres to the RSPO (Oil Palm operations) and GPSNR & PEFC/IFCC (Rubber operations) standards:

- Preserve soil fertility and minimize erosion of any land under its control,
- Conserve and maintain the quality of ground and surface waters,
- Minimize the use of chemicals through integrated pest management,
- To ensure all discharges at all times meet the relevant compliance standard to avoid and minimize any impact on rivers and streams,
- Ensure optimal use of renewable resources, while minimizing the use of non-renewable resource, the rate of energy usage minimizing and mitigating carbon emissions,
- Support the long-term protection of natural forests and other ecosystems and their conservation values, and restoring or supporting restoration of deforested and degraded landscapes within our geographical influence,
- Protect wildlife, including rare, threatened, endangered and critically endangered species from poaching, over-hunting and habitat loss in areas under company management and support wildlife protection activities in areas of influence,
- Genetically modified organisms are not used.

## No Deforestation and Protection of areas of High Conservation Value (HCV) & High Carbon Stock (HCS)

Socfindo commits to no deforestation of high conservation value (HCV) areas and high carbon stock (HCS) forests. Specifically:

- No development or deforestation of primary forest or areas identified as High Conservation Value (HCV),
- No development or deforestation of High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests as defined by the HCS Approach,
- Any new land clearing or new planting (in existing plantations or new plantations) is preceded by an HCV-HCS assessment as required by the RSPO and GPSNR,
- Existing HCV areas and HCS forests are identified, clearly delineated, actively protected and monitored. The presence of HCV areas in our operations is made known to neighboring communities. Social HCV areas remain accessible to communities.

In the case of future developments, expansions or conversions, we are committed to follow RSPO's New Planting Procedure (NPP), which is applicable to all new plantings since 1 January 2010. Furthermore, Socfindo commits to Sustainable Forest Management practices consistent with GPSNR and PEFC/IFCC Requirement.

## **No New Development on Peat**

There will be no new developments of oil palm or rubber on peat, regardless of depth. Existing oil palm blocks established on peat are managed to meet or exceed the RSPO "Best Management Practices for existing peat plantations".

## **Burning**

There will be no burning in new plantings, replantings or other developments.

There will be an active dissemination of information in order to avoid burning of domestic waste in landfills.

No use of fire for pest control, except in circumstances that are exceptional where no other method is effective.

## **Pesticides**

- Specific attention is given to the use of pesticides. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans are developed for all operations and reviewed annually,
- All active ingredients in use are also reviewed annually for safety and efficacy,
- Pesticides in WHO classes 1a and 1b are used only when no effective alternatives are available. Their use is authorized in writing by local senior management on a case by case basis,
- No use of the chemical pesticides listed under the Stockholm, Rotterdam conventions, Montreal Protocol, and Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture No. 01/Permentan/OT.140/1/2007, or chemicals that are acutely toxic and can induce cancer, contain dioxins, heavy metals or other chlorinated hydrocarbons,
- The active ingredients Aluminum Phosphide, Paraquat Dichloride, Zinc Phosphide, Magnesium Phosphide, Methyl Bromide are not used in any of our operations,
- All workers, permanent or not, involved with pesticides are trained and equipped adequately and their health is monitored.

Socfindo shall ensure provision of adequate resources for effective implementation of the above programmes and policies. Socfindo is committed to communicating this No Deforestation, No Peat & Environmental Policy to all employees, contractors and key stakeholders.

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