Smallholder Solutions for Palm

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Why smallholder certification is important and why ISCC set up an independent smallholder certification program

Millions of smallholders produce oil palm and depend on it

- Future growth will mainly be driven by smallholders
- Due to low yields the pressure on land will increase – it is highly likely that this development will drive further deforestation and non sustainable practices
- Without smallholder capacity building sustainable cultivation practices are at risk

**ISCC decided in 2016 to develop a certification concept which takes into account especially independent smallholder needs**

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Setting up a certification concept which really serves smallholder needs was not an easy task – many challenges to be tackled

Program challenges

- Smallholder Capacity Building / Access to Know-How
  - Language
  - Training
  - Requirements from more than one certification system (e.g. ISCC, ISPO)
  - Chemical handling, storage and disposal
  - Provision of reliable GIS data (location of fields, polygons, maps)
  - Assessment of sustainability risks and proof of “No Land Use Change” after 2008 (Forest, Biodiverse and Carbon Rich Areas, Deep Peat or No-Go Areas)
  - Management of a large group of members
- Yield increase
- Understanding cost/benefit relations and economic sustainability
- Access to funds and finance
While the ISCC Basic training is a one-level approach in English, the smallholder training follows a three-level “Train-the-Trainer” concept.

**General ISCC Basic training**

- ISCC
  - 1st level
    - System user
    - System user
    - System user

**ISCC training for Independent Smallholders (ISH)**

- ISCC
  - Master Trainer
    - 1st level
    - Central Office
      - 2nd level
        - Central Office
          - 3rd level
            - ISH
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While the 1st level training for master trainers (and auditors) is in English and Bahasa, the 2nd and 3rd level training is in Bahasa only.

Supporting Material in Bahasa
Scorecard telah dikembangkan sebagai sintesis kategori dari Peta Standar ITC dan mencakup standar tambahan lainnya.

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(Sumber kategori berasal dari: RSPO, SAI, UNILEVER, ISCC, FAIRTRADE)
Identifikasi kesenjangan/GAP menyoroti juga kebutuhan pelatihan bagi petani swadaya

Fase 1 – Sebelum pelatihan

Fase 2 – Setelah pelatihan

Peningkatan kapasitas!
Changes required for the storage of chemicals with spraying transferred from individuals to trained spraying teams
How to determine the location of a smallholder field? The ISCC Mobile App allows easy and consistent data collection in the field.
Is the smallholder field eligible for ISCC certification?
Do smallholders have the capacity to provide reliable proofs?

Is the field located in:
• Hotspots and/or high-risk areas?
• Located within No Go Areas?
• Recently deforested areas?

→ How can the field polygons be checked?
The ISH Data Management System checks automatically fields against ISCC Principle 1

The ISH Data Management System allows to automatically verify ISCC Principle 1

- Identification of protected areas
  - Peatlands
  - National Parks
  - Biosphere Reserves
  - Intact Forest Landscapes
  - Ramsar Sites
  - and others

- Identification of deforestation

Benefits
- No GIS and remote sensing knowledge required
- Fast and credible sustainability assessments

Protected Areas

Deforestation

Field polygons

Check overlaps with protected areas and deforestation
Managing a group of certified smallholders, their data and new members – all facilitated by the GRAS ISH Module

The ISH database allows to:
• Add new members
• Assign unique IDs for each smallholder
• Identify already certified members
• Add land titles
• Upload pictures
• Add polygons

Register
Central
Office

Add ISH data

Update ISH data

GRAS ISH Module

• Access all collected smallholder data
• Access the field polygons with related information (e.g. applied pesticides)
• Access background satellite images
• Conduct sustainability analysis (deforestation, protected areas, fires, etc.)
• Print all smallholder data as report and save as PDF
Business model scenario settings and results can be saved for comparisons of the many certification implementation options.

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**Scenario 1 - Date: 22 Jan 2018**
- Number of cooperatives: 1
- Yield increase: 10%
- Number of small holders per cooperative: 100
- Active fund: No
- Total costs: 31,644.21
- Benefits: 54,040.08
- Balance: 35,080.87

**Scenario 2 - Date: 25 Jan 2018**
- Number of cooperatives: 1
- Yield increase: 15%
- Number of small holders per cooperative: 100
- Active fund: Yes
- Total costs: 7,984.54
- Benefits: 54,040.08
- Balance: 35,080.87
Last but not least: Don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater*!

* Old German proverb, adapted in England in the 19th century

Banning palm oil for biofuels

- EU biofuels market is the only sector exclusively requesting feedstocks which are not from biodiverse and carbon rich areas subject to land use change (LUC) after 2008
- Under the EU-RED compensation is not allowed
  - Palm-producing companies / smallholders: No need to further align with strict EU rules stopping deforestation and LUC of biodiverse and carbon-rich ecosystems
  - Regional advocates (officials, companies, NGOs) for better sustainability practices in SEA are left alone – hardliners will gain momentum again
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