



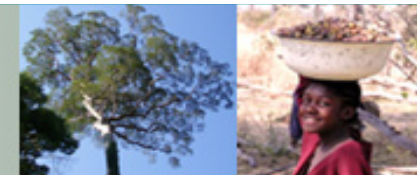
# HCV RN – Secretariat report

Sept 12 2011



## Overview

1. TP input to SG via Secretariat
2. Action item update - Sept 2010 and April 2011
3. TP selection – for approval
4. Other significant activities – strategic outreach



## TP input to SG

- TP identified these “burning HCV issues” over email (priority order):
  - Consistency / coordinated update of HCV national interpretations and toolkits
  - Relationship of HCV to other assessment / prioritization methods, concepts, or reviews (KBAs, IB/PAs, AZE, WRI and WBSCD work on ecosystem services, IUCN/WCPA taskforce on biodiversity in protected areas)
  - Improved methods for HCV 4 – 6
  - Conversion – safeguards, lessons learned from forestry / non-conversion
  - Fragmentation – acceptable levels thereof
  - Carbon as HCV
  - Monitoring
  - Publication in peer reviewed scientific journals
- Ongoing interest in meeting to discuss, but no money to support
- TP also provided input into revision of peer review process (see below)



## Action item update - Sept 2010

- **Completed:** please see updated summary notes
- **Underway:**
  1. RSPO HCV training proposal
  2. RTRS BACP proposal
  3. NA HCV stakeholder meeting
  4. HCV 5 & 6 methodologies working group
  5. BMU grasslands project
  6. Revision and promotion of peer review process
- **Incomplete:**
  1. Industry representation on Technical Panel
  2. Outreach to mining initiatives (FFI)
  3. Liaison with RTRS China (Solidaridad)
  4. World Bank representation on SG (WB)



# 1. RSPO HCV Training proposal

- **May:** RSPO ED enthusiastic about Network HCV training / accreditation service
- **May-June:** revised and resubmitted 2010 training proposal as 1 page concept note; RSPO interested but needed BACP funding and wanted to prioritize assessors; HCV RN agreed to work with on BACP proposal
- **July:** RSPO Ex. Board approved HCV assessor approval process and required participation in “HCV RN training/workshop/membership”; Technical Director indicates Board agreed for training to be done this year in SEA
- **August:** RSPO indicated they are looking to fund HCV Assessor training throughout internal funds rather than BACP, requests costed proposal; resubmitted proposal to RSPO with proposed course schedule, costs, outline and dates for training of 75 assessors in SEA (based on availability of potential SEA TP trainers)
- **Sept/ next steps:** waiting to hear RSPO decision



## 2. RTRS HCV mapping project/ BACP proposal

- **July 2011:** update call with RTRS ED
- RTRS and BACP dialogue since last year resulted in proposal being scaled down to work only on HCV mapping for Brazil, with simplified working group structure and fewer external consultants
- HCV RN still included in current proposal providing some advisory support, participation on national WGs through local reps as time/ resources permit
- Final proposal received Sept 8, to be submitted by RTRS next week



## 3. NA Stakeholder meeting

- **April – June 2011:** Discussed with Richard Donovan, Fran Price, Tom Clark individually
- All interested esp. in information exchange / dialogue on best practices across Americas (Canada, US, central and South America)
- Priority areas for HCV development may be more in global South rather than in US/Canada; esp. considering HCV risks in conversion rather than forestry settings
- Miami as possible accessible/ affordable location
- No immediate funding sources identified



## 4. HCVs 4-6 methodologies

**August 2011:** FPP provided notes towards proposal

Rationale:

- Generally: HCV 1-3 methods better developed, toolkit emphasis on forest areas
- HCV 4: relatively little engagement with local communities in identifying which areas provide essential services
- HCV 5: analytic biases towards 'subsistence' but against agriculture means that areas critical to livelihoods as part of farming cycles and for local economies are often excluded
- HCV 6: approach has been to identify small areas that are critical to identity such as temples, graveyards and sacred sites but no good methodology has been developed to identify larger scale cultural values such as sacred landscapes, holy mountains

Implication: values of great importance to local people are not being protected and other values are put at risk. (i.e., displacement effects)

FPP and other Network organizations to:

- carry out detailed pilot livelihood and landscape reviews and HCV assessments with local communities and indigenous peoples to help them define HCVs 4, 5 and 6 in their areas through intensively participatory methods
- draft revisions of definitions and toolkits in the light of these experiences
- convene mutli-stakeholder workshops to review the results and agree improvements

**Next steps:** determine costs, timelines, partnerships, funding applications.



## 5. BMU Grasslands Project

- **October 2010:** Network manager submitted proposal with 3 work packages – HCV grassland toolkit development, field testing and development of training materials.
- **Aug 2011:** WWF International invited HCV RN to participate in project update meeting in September, call with project coordinators
- Project has shifted to work only with WWF Columbia and WWF Indonesia, not Brazil
- WWF Columbia had commented on Network proposal, has since contracted with WWF International to develop , field test national toolkits; sees HCV RN in supporting role
- **Sept 2011:** HCV RN invited to attend/ speak at update meeting in Berlin Sept 14-15 attended by WWF Columbia, Indonesia and BMU representatives
- **Next steps:** Attend meeting, determine what amount of funding available and current role Network would have in overall project



## 6a. Revision of peer review process

- **June – Aug 2011**, revision with TP input. Key changes included:
  - Reduction of Steering Group oversight role, including removal of QC committee approval of subcontractors. Instead have suggested standing report to SG on process, annual roll-up of outcomes.
  - Simplification of review categories to “Standard”: within certification process; and “High”: outside certification process, with provision for TP reviewers to recommend bump-up to “high” depending on context (e.g., large-scale conversion settings).
  - Clarification of costs and timelines based on different categories of review.
  - Addition of recognition of good reports/ excellent in HCV Assessments
- **Sept 2011/ next steps:** Seeking SG input / approval of current draft



## 6b. Promotion of peer review process

- **July 2011:** Produced 1 page “flyer” summarizing process
- Included peer review as part of service provider application to IDH Congo Basin Programme
- Peer review written into 3 BACP funding proposals (ZSL monitoring, RTRS mapping, RSPO Africa Roadshow); 2 other projects potentially to be reviewed (RCA work – Hans Smit; Cynthia Chin WWF Malaysia)
- Canadian FSC Boreal Standard requires external review of HCV assessments under P9 – could this be incorporated into other FSC national standards ?
- TP suggests simplified peer review as requirement to improve/ strengthen Controlled Wood process (TR proposal)
- **Next steps:** discuss with standard setters feasibility of incorporating



## Incomplete items – any comments/ actions to report?

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## Action Item Update from April 2011

- Completed: all actions related to FSC GA and re-establishment of finance s/c.
- Underway (if not already covered above):
  1. SG governance and structure review
  2. Consultancy for sustainable business model development
  3. New TP member selection
- 1 and 2 to be addressed under separate agenda item (Sustainable Business Development report)



## TP Member Selection

- Call issued in June 2011, closed end July 2011
- 5 applicants
- Applications reviewed by QC s/c
- Proposed for SG approval:
  - Chris Dickinson
  - Sophie Dirou
  - Neil Franklin
  - Sophie Persey
  - Chris Stewart



## Other significant Secretariat activities since April 2011 (not covered elsewhere on agenda)

- Strategic outreach/ engagement with:
  - CI
  - IUCN – WPCA / SSC Taskforce
  - ISEAL
  - RSB
  - TSPN and SCAN
  - IFC
  - BIO (Nestle)
  - BBOP