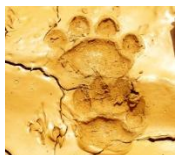




# Applying the HCV approach in FSC and beyond

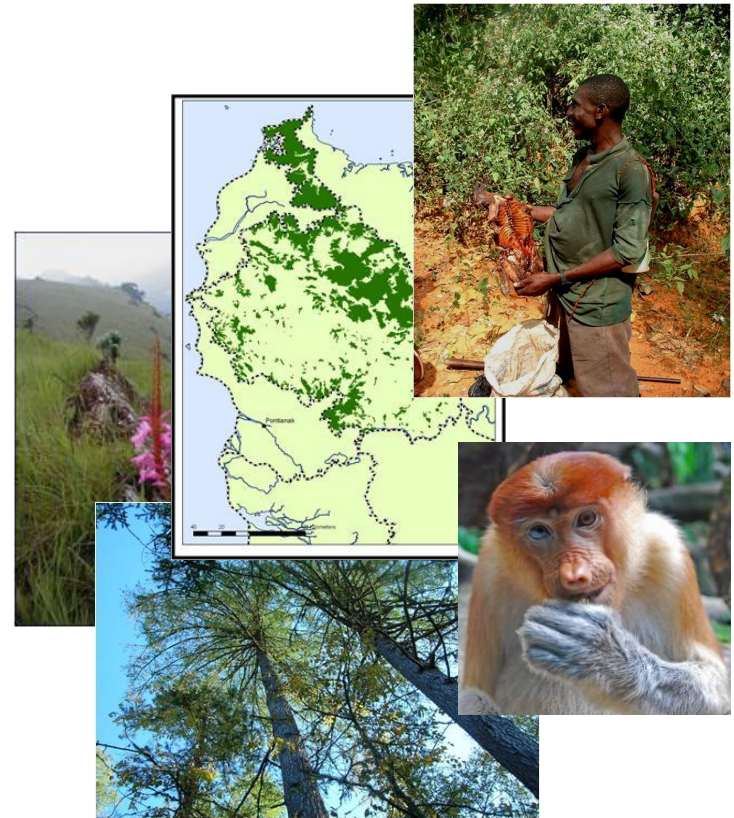
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June 27, 2011





## The HCV Resource Network

- Est. 2006 to support consistent, high-quality implementation of HCV approach across different uses
- A voluntary, Charter-based association composed of:
  - Steering Group (17 orgs.)
  - Technical Panel (25 experts)
  - Regional Partner (NKT-Indonesia)
  - Secretariat (The Proforest Initiative)
  - Participants (>500 Charter signatories, >1 400 stakeholders briefed via email list)
- <http://www.hcvnetwork.org/>





# HCV Network Steering Group





## Evolution of HCV

- HCV concept originated in 1999 in FSC Principle 9:



“Management activities in high conservation value forests shall maintain or enhance the attributes which define such forests. Decisions regarding high conservation value forests shall always be considered in the context of a precautionary approach.”



- Principle 9/ HCV concept remains strong in currently proposed revisions to FSC P&C
- HCV concept now also used in variety of certification and non-certification uses, in forestry and beyond





# Current uses of the HCV concept

- **Active commodity certification schemes**
  - **Forestry:** Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Malaysia Timber Certification Council (MTCC), American Tree Farm system
  - **Palm oil:** Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)
  - **Soy:** Roundtable on Resource Soy (RTRS)
  - **Sugar:** Bonsucro
  - **Biofuels:** Roundtable of Sustainable Biofuels (RSB)
  - **Carbon:** Climate Carbon and Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA)
- **Purchasing and investment policies**
  - **Manufacturers and retailers:** Tetra Pak, Cargill, Unilever, Ikea....
  - **Banks:** HSBC, Rabobank, ABN AMRO, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America...
  - **Governments:** Bulgaria, Romania, China, Komi, Archangelsk
  - **Multilaterals:** World Bank Group/ IFC Performance Standard 6



## RSPO

- Principle 5, Criterion 5.2
- “The status of rare, threatened or endangered species and **high conservation value habitats**, if any, that exist in the plantation or that could be affected by plantation or mill management, shall be identified and their conservation taken into account in management plans and operations.” – also in 7.1 and 7.3
- [http://www.rspo.org/files/resource\\_centre/RSPO%20Criteria%20Final%20Guidance%20with%20NI%20Document.pdf](http://www.rspo.org/files/resource_centre/RSPO%20Criteria%20Final%20Guidance%20with%20NI%20Document.pdf)



# HSBC

## Mining and Metals Sector policy:

- “HSBC will not provide financial services to the mining and metals sector which directly support: □... Operations in Primary Tropical Moist Forests, **High Conservation Value Forests** or Critical Natural Habitats, where there is significant degradation or conversion ...”
- [http://www.hsbc.com/1/PA\\_1\\_1\\_S5/content/assets/csr/070810\\_mining\\_policy.pdf](http://www.hsbc.com/1/PA_1_1_S5/content/assets/csr/070810_mining_policy.pdf)



# Achievements and Challenges

- HCV concept addresses both environmental and social priorities, has wide uptake across sectors: opportunity for sustainable production at landscape level, even “market transformation”
- Too popular for its own good? Many users can mean many interpretations



# Case studies – Challenges of interpretation & implementation

- Intact Forest Landscapes – definition/ interpretation of HCV 2
- Tropical Forests in the Congo Basin – effective HCV management and monitoring
- Oil Palm, Plantations – HCVs (esp 5 and 6) in potential conversion settings
- Peatswamp in Indonesia – Cross-sectoral collaboration for landscape level conservation of HCVs



# Proposed consultation roadmap

	June	July		August	Sept		October	November	
<b>FSC</b>	Circulation of Discussion Paper draft to GA attendees; FSC GA	Incorporation of comments from GA	Send out to FSC Membership for 60 day consultation	60 day consultation ongoing - potential for regional workshops	60 day consultation ongoing - potential for regional workshops	Incorporate comments as applicable into the Discussion Paper	Finalisation of the Discussion Paper (this may require a further Expert Group meeting, depending on the strength of the comments)	Approval of the Discussion Paper as Guidance by FSC Policy and Standards Committee	Production and publication of Guidelines for specific users of the concept, in a similar format to the current 'Step by Step Guide'
<b>HCV RN</b>	Comment on draft, FSC GA		Send out Discussion Paper to HCV RN Steering Group, Technical Panel, NKT-I, key representatives of other certification schemes using HCV (RSPO, RTRS, Bonsucro, RSB...) seeking specific input on implications for Charter/other schemes; notify HCV RN email list of opportunity to participate in FSC 60-day consultation	consultation ongoing	HCV RN Steering Group meeting Sept 12/13 - agenda item for discussion; invite representatives of other schemes to participate in this portion of meeting	Provide summary of key non-FSC representatives' comments to FSC	Coordinate participation of HCV RN key representatives in further expert meeting, as required		Revision of global toolkit, national or sector-specific interpretations as required