



The HCV Resource Network An Introductory Overview

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What is the HCV Resource Network

- The HCV Resource Network is a network of people and organisations using the HCV (High Conservation Value) approach
- The aims of the network are to:
 - Provide information and support
 - Promote consistent interpretation and use of the concept



Who is involved

- Developed by an Advisory Group comprising:
 - Forest Ethics, Forest Peoples Programme, FSC, Greenpeace, ITTO, IUCN, Mondi, Tetra Pak, TNC, National Experimental University of Guayana (Venezuela), WBCSD, World Bank, WWF
- Initial funding from IKEA, WWF, World Bank and Tetra Pak



The Charter

- The Charter sets out the core concepts of the HCV Resource Network
- The Charter is in three sections:
 - **Mission:** what the Network aims to achieve
 - **Structure:** how the Network is organised
 - **Guiding Principles:** the Network's shared view of the HCV concept and its implementation
- Agreement with the Charter is the basis for full participation in the Network



The Steering Group

- Provides oversight and direction for the Network
- Made up of representatives of users of the Network
 - Currently includes founding members
 - Seeking increased representation from government, forest owners and indigenous peoples
- Meets twice a year





The Secretariat

- Overseen by the Steering Group
- Provided by ProForest in Oxford, UK
- Provides central facilitation of the Network
- Main responsibilities include:
 - Running day-to-day activities
 - Maintaining the website
 - Managing the budget



Participants

- Anyone who signs up to the Charter becomes a Network Participant
- Participants can be involved in all Network activities including Working Groups
- Organisations can also become participants to show institutional support for the Network
- Non-participants can use the website and become involved in Discussion Groups





Regional Partners

- Local representation of the Network will be provided through organisations or individuals acting as Regional Partners
- Provide local support and information
- Ensure information available in local languages



The Website

- Information on the HCV concept
- Documents and resources including global and national Toolkits
- A database of HCV practitioners who are Network Participants
- A database of project summaries where the HCV approach has been used



Network Activities

- Discussion Groups
 - Where issues relating to the HCV concept arise, Discussion Groups open to anyone will be set up
- Working Groups
 - Where issues need to be resolved, Working Groups made up of Network Participants will be convened
- Presentations
 - The Network will provide information on the HCV concept at meetings, workshops and conferences



How to get involved

- Become a Participant
- Join a Discussion Group
- Register as a practitioner
- Provide a summary of an HCV project for the website
- Volunteer as a Regional Partner

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