

# Collaborating to Conserve Forests



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# Forest Conservation Policy (FCP)

- GAR wants to ensure a no deforestation footprint in its palm oil operations by:
  - not developing on high carbon stock (HCS) forests
  - not developing on high conservation value (HCV) forest areas
  - not developing on peat lands
- We continue to:
  - ensure free, prior and informed consent for indigenous and local communities
  - comply with all relevant laws and National Interpretation of RSPO Principles and Criteria
- We will promote the FCP across the palm oil industry by leveraging our leadership position and advocating this policy in partnership with the Indonesian and global community
- The FCP applies to all the plantations that we own, manage or invest in regardless of the stake

# Conserving HCS Forests

- GAR will conduct fieldwork in collaboration with TFT and other stakeholders in the first half of 2011
- During fieldwork, a provisional definition of exceeding 35tC/ha will be used as HCS forest definition
- The provisional 35 tC/ha definition may change as applicable to the industry, and as a result of the fieldwork and after consultations with stakeholders
- We will share the results of this fieldwork when finalised
- We commit to leading the investigation and to promoting the adoption of this new HCS concept across the palm oil industry

# Requirements for Successful Forest Conservation

We recognise that to conserve HCS:

- the Government of Indonesia plays a critical role particularly with respect to adopting new regulations and enacting relevant legislation so as to enable the transformation of the palm oil industry (including establishing and implementing a land swap process)
- key players in the Indonesian palm oil industry should address the conservation policy with respect to HCS
- civil society organisations, local and indigenous communities and other stakeholders must engage in the process to transform the palm oil industry

# Building on Our Conservation of HCV and Peat Lands

- In line with our 4 Feb 2010 commitments, we will ensure that there is no conversion of HCV forest areas and we will not develop on any peat land regardless of depth within our concessions
- We will work with stakeholders to manage the ecological functions of peat in our concessions

# Engaging the Indigenous and Local Communities

- We respect and recognise the long term customary rights of indigenous and forest dwelling communities to their traditional land
- We commit to ensuring free, prior and informed consent from these communities prior to commencing any operations
- We will continue to comply with all relevant laws and regulations and the RSPO P and C in relation to forest conservation



# Reporting Progress

- We commit to maintaining an open learning approach to management and responding to new issues arising from monitoring and evaluation processes
- We commit to regular evaluation and reporting of our performance against this policy in a transparent manner through the company website, annual CSR report and on-going engagement with key stakeholders

Thank you