



## PUBLIC RESPONSE

We would like to provide additional updates on the HCSA Peer Review process of HCSA Assessment of PT Kahayan Agro Plantation (KAP):

- PT KAP is committed to developing sustainable plantations in terms of ecology, economy and social aspects. This commitment has been realized by conducting HCS assessment activities and completing the HCSA peer review process. Through the HCS assessment we hope that it will ensure the area to be developed will be outside the area that required to be conserved as per the completed peer reviewed HCS assessment.
- We understand that HCSA peer review process and report does not give a pass or any official 'approval' as this is not certification but rather as feedback on the credibility of the assessment result and to identify, if any, weaknesses and provide recommendations for additional actions, to use the right tools to make the right decision for development of sustainable oil palm plantations.
- In 2018 PT KAP realized and implemented its commitment by conducting an HCS assessment and announced a land clearing moratorium. Since then, we have maintained the moratorium based on this commitment and all undeveloped areas have been protected until HCS assessment reports is submitted to HCSA peer review process and the final peer review report published on the HCSA website.
- In this HCS assessment using the V 1.0 toolkit, the HCS assessment was carried out independently of the HCV, SIA and FPIC processes. These other assessments and processes were done prior to completion of the HCS assessment. All of these assessments were then integrated with the HCS assessment.
- In 2021 PT. Kahayan Agro Plantation (KAP) announced commitment to the conservation of the remaining plasma area of 150 ha as HCS area.
- With this commitment to conserve the 150 ha as HCS area and completion of final peer review process, we hope that in the future there are no more allegations against PT. KAP about deforestation as PT KAP is committed to developing sustainable plantations in terms of ecology, economy and social aspects. We have demonstrated this commitment by conducting HCS assessment and completing the final peer review process before any activities on the land and committed to conserve the area recommended for conservation. We conclude that this HCS assessment and peer review process is completed and already ensured that the areas to be cleared does not have important values in relation to and outside the conservation area based on HCS assessment and final peer review outcome.
- PT Kahayan Agro Plantation (KAP) has provided constructive feedback to the HCSA Secretariat regarding the HCSA peer review process and system to help realize a good and sustainable palm oil development in Indonesia.

