



APP Additional Response to Peer Review Process of HCS Assessment in Muba

Asia Pulp & Paper (APP) carried out HCS Assessment in 2015 in all of its pulpwood suppliers' concessions at the time, located in five regions. This assessment was done prior to development and finalization of HCS Toolkit V 1.0, and was submitted for peer review process during the development of HCS Toolkit V 2.0., the peer review process was also conducted against this newly launched toolkit. With the absence of toolkit, the assessment and analysis in 2015 was implemented using patch analysis decision tree agreed upon by Grant Rosoman - HCSA Co Chair, Ata Marie, TFT and APP.

The HCS assessment in 2015 was developed independently from HCV, peat assessment, social engagement and FPIC processes. The other assessments and process were done either prior, in parallel or after the HCS assessment were completed. All of these assessments were then integrated with the HCS result under a process the company call Integrated Sustainable Forest Management Plan (ISFMP) development. ISFMP, essentially an integrated land use plan, was developed together with relevant stakeholders including government representatives, local NGOs and community. The stakeholders were involved in group discussion, participatory mapping, as well as providing recommendation for the land use plan. ISFMP itself is a living document which will be reviewed regularly, for example to include the recent government regulation regarding peat zoning.

The peer review process has generated recommendations, both specific for the HCS peer review process and the more general input for APP operations. These input, which are in line with our Forest Conservation Policy, will be integrated to the current implementation of the Policy within our operations and will be taken into consideration for the planning of the next peer review process.

Based on this exercise, APP had also provided feedback for a more focused and constructive peer review process within HCSA, including adjustment of peer review context to accommodate national regulation and land use planning within pulpwood plantation industry in Indonesia.