

BACP

BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL
COMMODITIES PROGRAM



PALM OIL PROJECTS

FAUNA & FLORA INTERNATIONAL (FFI)

Project Title: *Supporting Sustainable Palm Oil Production Through Private-Public Partnerships for Landscape-Based High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) Assessment*

Location: *Kapuas Hulu and Ketapang Districts of West Kalimantan Province and Jayapura District of Papua Province, Indonesia*

Project Partners: *Cargill Asia-Pacific Holdings, Ketapang District Government, Kapuas Hulu District Government, and USAID Orangutan Conservation Services Program (OCSP)*

Total Value: \$688,374 **BACP grant:** \$196,823 **Co-financing:** \$491,551

BACP Component(s): 1,2

Period of Performance: *April 15, 2009 to April 15, 2011*

FFI identifies high conservation value (HCV) forest areas to be protected and degraded forest areas suitable for palm oil cultivation. These areas are laid out on district spatial plans and incorporated onto local government site plans that will guide land development and conservation. FFI then trains small farmers and RSPO members in identification of HCV forest areas to protect and degraded forest areas to cultivate.

PANECO FOUNDATION

Project Title: *Pilot Study to Undertake Palm Oil Cultivation According to RSPO Guidelines on Fallow Land in the Context of Relocating Palm Oil Concessions Threatening the Last Remaining High Biodiversity Coastal Peat Swam Rainforest in Aceh, Indonesia*

Location: *Tripa, Nagan Raya District, Aceh Province, Indonesia*

Project Partners: *Yayasan Ekosistem Lestari (YEL), Government of the Nagan Raya District in the Province of Aceh, P.T. Socfin Indonesia, The World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), University Syiah Kuala at Banda Aceh (Unsyiah), the Leuser International Foundation (LIF) and Orangutan Conservation Services Program (OCSP)*

Total Value: \$945,374 **BACP grant:** \$191,580 **Co-financing:** \$753,794

BACP Component(s): 2

Period of Performance: *May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2011*

PanEco encourages palm oil farmers to prepare and cultivate their crops on degraded land as an alternative to deforestation. Through a pilot study, PanEco demonstrates how to rehabilitate degraded land for planting and assign a value to this process. PanEco also helps small local farmers with training, technical assistance and social/political organization. In developing planting techniques that replenish degraded soil for palm oil production, PanEco is creating a viable alternative to deforestation of high conservation value (HCV) forests while promoting the palm oil industry and increasing the exposure of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil.

ROUNDTABLE ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL (RSPO)

Project Title: *RSPO Biodiversity Technical Committee*

Project Partners: *N/A*

Location: *Indonesia and Malaysia*

Total Value: *\$289,806* **BACP grant:** *\$96,602* **Co-financing:** *\$193,204*

BACP Component(s): 3

Period of Performance: *April 15, 2009 to April 15, 2011*

The BACP grant assists the RSPO to achieve its goal of biodiversity protection and conservation by providing technical assistance to better define its biodiversity and conservation indicators, and makes the indicators auditable. The biodiversity agenda is developed and furthered by the Biodiversity Technical Committee (BTC) responsible for advisory services and consulting. The BTC's work enables palm oil producers adopt biodiversity conservation techniques, and helps RSPO members certify their product as sustainable palm oil.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON (ZSL)

Project Title: *Pilot Study Increasing the Effectiveness of Biodiversity-Related RSPO Principles and Criteria, Malaysia*

Project Partners: *Wilmar International, Wildlife Conservation Society and the Indonesian Institute of Sciences*

Location: *Sumatra and Kalimantan, Indonesia*

Total Value: *\$730,679* **BACP grant:** *\$222,400* **Co-financing:** *\$508,279*

BACP Component(s): 1,2,3

Period of Performance: *October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2011*

ZSL helps the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil to improve its biodiversity principles and criteria. Specifically, ZSL ensures that the RSPO biodiversity criteria are up to par with local and international laws and regulations. They help identify and conserve endangered species to be affected by palm oil plantations and ensure that new palm oil plantings do not encroach on forest areas considered of high conservation value. ZSL has set up long-term monitoring stations to inform the RSPO of the affect of palm oil farming on biodiversity.

World Resources Institute (WRI)

Project Title: *Preserving Biodiversity through Responsible Development of New Oil Palm Plantations*

Project Partners: *Sekala, Sarvision, Rainforest Alliance, and Fauna & Flora International*

Location: Indonesia-wide, with an initial focus in Kalimantan

Total Value: \$2,048,735 **BACP grant:** \$600,000 **Co-financing:** \$1,448,735

BACP Component(s): 1,2,3,4

Period of Performance: *February 1, 2011 to December 15, 2012*

WRI's project aims to preserve biodiversity in Indonesia by enabling the future expansion of oil palm plantations in Indonesia onto degraded lands rather than primary or high conservation value (HCV) forests, thus providing producers with a sustainable path toward compliance with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Criterion 7.3, which disallows the establishment of new plantations on primary forest or HCV areas. To this end, WRI and its partners will facilitate the technical identification and utilization of degraded lands for sustainable palm oil production by developing a publicly available spatial decision-making tool; promote policy and industry guideline changes and develop 'how to' guidance on best legal and social procedures that will enable RPSO members with concessions in HCV forest to 'swap' their concessions with degraded lands; and strengthen the financial benefits of avoiding forest conversion by developing a publicly available forest cover monitoring system and promoting its use by investors, buyers, and producers.