

Sustainability Journey

Quarterly Report



Foreword

Implementation of our Traceability and Responsible Sourcing Roadmap relies heavily on investing in engagement, evaluation and intervention to address the sourcing issues and to advocate the implementation of sustainable business practices by our suppliers.

Aligning with zero deforestation commitments, we are further intensifying our efforts to develop responsible sourcing solutions and establish a fully traceable and compliant supply chain.

We will increasingly promote principles, values, commitments, goals and targets to drive collective action and co-operation in working towards time-bound plans in line with internal commitments and global expectations.

In order to achieve our objectives, we continue to build our capacity and develop enhanced integrated management systems that facilitate improved monitoring at scale.

We will continue to work in collaboration with stakeholders to help address challenges and support the implementation of approaches and initiatives that promote forest conservation and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

In this issue of 'Sustainability Journey' we focus on reporting our progress in relation to such key activities.

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Traceability and Responsible Sourcing



Field Farmer School Exhibition.



Speech delivered by Agriculture Agency of Penajam Paser Utara District, East Kalimantan for Field Farmer School participants



Dissemination of Traceability Standard Operating Procedures at AIEK, AICK and ABCK

Our responsible sourcing commitments require that our suppliers are compliant with the applicable laws and regulations; are not involved in forest clearance; do not use fire for land clearance; do not develop on peatland of any depth; commit to identify and mitigate social and environmental impacts; respect human rights and operate using ethical labor practices including the prohibition of child labor and all types of discrimination.

We are progressively working towards a fully traceable and compliant supply chain by increasingly engaging with suppliers, particularly independent smallholders to promote and evaluate compliance with our responsible sourcing commitments. Through our engagement processes, we will encourage the implementation of improved practices in line with government regulations and applicable industry standards for the production of sustainable palm oil.

We will use risk assessment tools such as spatial data and remote sensing information to determine the risk of each third-party palm oil mill and plantation in our supply chain. This will enable the prioritization of our efforts, focusing on parts of our supply chain which pose the greatest risk, and where improvements will make the most impact.

Progressing with our implementation plans, we continue to work towards:

- Accelerating the collection of supplier information.
- Establishing designated Teams for engagement, capacity building and data collection.
- Socializing Core Supplier Requirements.
- Capacity building of suppliers to enable them meet our requirements
- Monitoring compliance of suppliers that present most risk of non-compliance with our policy.

To be able to carry out traceability activities internally, we have been strengthening our third party FFB management systems by rolling out robust responsible sourcing criteria and procedures, and improving our monitoring systems to trace the supply of FFB and improve supply chain transparency.

Strengthened Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) developed in collaboration with Daemeter Consulting were disseminated at the end of November and early December 2019 describing the required processes for the responsible sourcing of FFB and associated data collection.

We continue to make good progress in our Smallholder mapping processes, with more than 1,200 independent smallholders mapped, equating to 4,160 hectares of oil palm plantations.

Smallholder Engagement & Support



Field Farmer School Activities in Tribuana village.



Making Liquid Organic Fertilizer (POC) in Batu Agung village.



Field Farmer School Activities in Batu Agung village



Farmers of Tribuana village Supported by the provision of PPE .

Our Farmer Field School (FFS) programs aiming to empower independent smallholders conducted in collaboration with Daemeter Consulting continue to be received with enthusiasm by farmers and stakeholders.

Through our engagement procedures, we gather information on agricultural practices and management from independent smallholders enabling us to determine basic training needs to design training activities accordingly.

FFS has become the first smallholder school model in Penajam Paser Utara (PPU) district and is contributing to the increasingly good relations between farmers, company and the district government.

First phases of our training program have now been completed by 124 farmers that supply crops to PT AIEK in PPU, East Kalimantan. We have now begun our FFS program in the region of PT AWL, carrying out training activities in three villages, namely Batu Agung, Tribuana and Bukit Indah village.

Our Farmer Field School (FFS) aims to promote the benefits of sustainable land management, provide support for certification, and capacity for livelihood improvement programs. Furthermore, through the continuation of smallholder support programs, we aim to help smallholder farmers to improve crop quantity and quality through the provision of technical support, promoting the long-term productive potential of plantations and improve yields, while encouraging the reduced and responsible use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides.

Topics at the FFS are tailored to the needs of the farmers including:

1. Crop maintenance, upkeep and plant nutrition
2. Fertilizer use, reduce chemical fertilizer and increase of organic matter for fertilizer use
3. Herbicide use, reduced dependency on chemical formulas.
4. Seed/planting material & quality seedlings
5. Harvesting.



Celebrating the completion of the first phases of Farmer Field School.

Promoting Beekeeping as an Alternative Livelihood Opportunity



Stingless bees frequently visit the male flower of the oil palm plant to harvest its pollen.



At our Field Training Program on the Cultivation of Stingless Bees, participants practiced how to build their own hivebox and how to attract colonies from the wild to the hive as well as how to maintain a colony.



The knowledge gained from our training program has been applied by participants to establish beehives in several villages around Goodhope plantations in Central Kalimantan.

Further reports on the event are available [by Swaraowa](#) and [by ELTI](#).

As part of our efforts to promote and encourage alternative livelihood opportunities, Goodhope in collaboration with Environmental Leadership and Training Initiative (ELTI), Tropenbos Indonesia Program (TBI) and Swaraowa delivered a Field Training Program on the Cultivation of Stingless Bees to produce Commercial Honey to Strengthen Community Livelihoods around HCV Areas of Oil Palm Plantations in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Beekeeping represents a good economic opportunity for communities who live around our plantations. Stingless bees frequently visit the male flower of the oil palm plant to harvest its pollen. Several flowers commonly found on plantations such as *Antigonon leptopus*, *Turnera* sp, and other plants also provide food for the bees.

Stingless bees can be easily managed and cultivated (Meliponiculture) to produce high value products that will provide an extra income for the households. Furthermore, beekeeping brings conservation benefits due to the important role of bees as pollinators.

In the region of 50 species of Stingless bees (*Trigona* sp.) are found in Indonesia. Many can be successfully cultivated to produce honey.

Around Goodhopes HCV area in Bukit Santuai, at least seven different species of stingless bees have been identified, several of which have potential for cultivation: *Heterotrigona itama*, *Lophotrigona canifrons*, and *Tetragonula laeviceps*. These native species will be suitable for the natural environment and their cultivation should not create negative impacts on the ecosystem.

Training on the cultivation of Stingless Bees was presented to farmer groups and members of local communities from 12 villages around Goodhope plantations in Central Kalimantan.

The training conducted from 5th -7th November 2019 introduced the opportunities of beekeeping with stingless bees as a means to build resilient livelihoods.

Topics of training included:

- Biology and behaviour of stingless bees;
- Feasibility assessment of stingless bee habitat;
- Flowering seasons;
- Media requirements for beekeeping;
- Techniques for the movement of colonies;
- Propagation technique;
- Management of pests and disease;
- Harvesting techniques;
- Marketing and branding of honey products.

Support for Landscape Level Sustainable Development in Ketapang Regency, West Kalimantan



Goodhope signs up a joint agreement with the Ketapang Regency on Supports for Production, Protection, Inclusion (PPI) Initiative.

In this agreement, Goodhope has joined key stakeholders including other palm oil companies, the Green Trade Initiative Foundation (YIDH) and the Ketapang Regency Government in making an important step in sustainable development.

The project commits to protect and restore forest cover, increase the productivity of independent smallholder plantations, support sustainable palm oil certification and contribute to economic sustainability through a jurisdictional landscape approach.

An action plan, monitoring system and the establishment of a multi-stakeholder platform that will become the governing body of the Ketapang PPI agreement was established.

The signing of the joint agreement on 29th October 2019 is reported in [Kalbar Online](#) and [Tribun News Pontianak](#).

Goodhope continues to collaborate with Aidenvironment for the implementation of Landscape Conservation, Spatial Planning and Social Forestry project in Ketapang Regency, West Kalimantan, Indonesia.

The project has been progressively developing using the identification and assessment of High Carbon Stock (HCS) forests and High Conservation Value (HCV) areas within concessions as an integral part of spatial planning processes, considering the larger landscape and connectivity between HCV area(s) and/or HCS forest(s).

Making use of the Social Forestry scheme to ensure legality over local community's access to manage the forest, support is being sought to aid the marketing of local products to facilitate the implementation of suitable sustainable business models and successful conservation management.



Meeting and Discussions between representatives from Benua Krio Village, Aidenvironment and Goodhope. 14th - 15th November 2019.

This project will support the development of sustainable commodities by local communities. Aidenvironment has engaged closely with Benua Krio village to identify economic and local business potentials for the Social Forestry project.

At meetings to discuss action plans on developing the social forestry program, key programs relating to community empowerment and models for the sustainable production and management of local commodities were identified.



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Implementation of Forest Conservation Initiatives



HCV/HCS Monitoring at PT AIEK.
24th-28th September 2019.



SMP Tunas Agro (Junior High School) commemorating World Tree Day 2019 by planting seedlings.



International Gibbon Day at SMP Tunas Agro (Junior High School) in collaboration with SwaraOwa and Borneo Nature Foundation. 24th October 2019.



Centre of Social Excellence (CSE) – Earthworm Foundation HCV Management Training. 18th-26th November 2019.

Our routine Conservation Area Monitoring incorporates biodiversity monitoring of wildlife and vegetation, checks of Conservation Boundary Poles and Signboards, and monitoring areas of sacred, cultural or social values within our concessions.

We continue to conduct capacity building initiatives to strengthen conservation management and monitoring routines, to improve conservation awareness, and to promote action to safeguard wildlife species and their habitats.

Following involvement with Centre of Social Excellence (CSE) – Earthworm Foundation internship program, we are now further building capacity of employees and local communities through training on Participatory Conservation Planning, HCV/HCS monitoring and Social Impact Studies.

Holding the strong belief that our young generations hold the key to the future of sustainable development and successful conservation, we continue to invest in 'Sustainability at School' Programs, promoting conservation activities and the importance of environmental protection.

SMP Tunas Agro Junior High School students and teachers commemorated World Tree Day 2019 with an event at Agro Indomas Training Centre. Actions focused on the need to promote environmental sustainability and the benefits of forests with respect to both global climate and local ecosystem services.



Goodhope representative was invited to attend as participant to share knowledge and experience in HCV/HCS management at Management Training organized by Centre of Social Excellence (CSE) – Earthworm Foundation. Various participants from NGO, government and private sector attended the training held in CSE training center.



Goodhope's Director of Sustainability Edi Suhardi was among the speakers at Forest Watch Indonesia (FWI) Symposium on Sustainable Management of Forest Resources. 12th December 2019

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