**Importance of smallholders**

- Smallholders play a crucial role in agriculture production
- Several potential benefits to smallholders from agriculture production
- Challenges remain, including:
  - Poor organisation
  - Limited access to information & support on best agriculture, environmental & social practices
  - Poor links to supply chains
SHARP Overview
SHARP is a multi-stakeholder partnership which works with companies to support sustainable smallholder development.

Global Challenge
- LESS DEFORESTATION
- BETTER LIVELIHOODS
- MORE FOOD

SHARP Objectives
- Provide secure, sustainable livelihoods for smallholders and workers within smallholder landscapes.
- Increase yields from smallholder production through planting of better quality palms and improved agricultural practice.
- Deliver environmental benefits including reduced deforestation and GHG emissions and better protection of biodiversity.
- Empower smallholders and reduce conflicts by improving their organization and management, building on the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) approach and enhancing their bargaining position.
- Integrate smallholders into global markets through linking the market to sustainable smallholders and facilitating RSPO certification of smallholders.

Milestones in 2012
- Established the Secretariat
- Established the Executive Board and Advisory Board
- Launched the SHARP website
- Agreed and established the initial SHARP Programmes
- Began the first SHARP Pilot Project
- Raised funding for the year and submitted proposals for further funding
SHARP Work Plan 2013: Overview

- Developed based on discussions with participants and agreed with Executive and Advisory Boards
- Main activities focus on three programmes
  1. Models for smallholder development
  2. Integrating responsible smallholder production into supply chains
  3. Minimising deforestation
- Fourth programme
  - Improving smallholder yields will begin by coordinating with other initiatives to avoid duplication
1: Smallholder development models

- Review the different approaches being used
  - Growing experience from models ranging from independent to scheme smallholders
- Workshops to discuss approaches
  - The strengths and weaknesses of different approaches
  - Adapting approaches to different contexts
  - Financing mechanisms
- Pilot projects to gain experience
- Discussion platform to share problems, solutions and lessons

Sime Darby Pilot Project

- Pilot project: Development of the smallholder scheme associated with SD Liberia operations
- Phase 1: Project design (2012)
  - Identification of issues (scoping study)
  - Analysis of information
  - Planning & designing of pilot project (planned workshops in Liberia)
- Phase 2: Project implementation (2013-onwards)
2: Supply chain integration

- **Responsible smallholder production**
  - What are the critical issues that constitute responsible production for smallholders
    - this needs to fit with certification, existing company policies, international and national policies
- **Sourcing responsible smallholder product**
  - Developing demand for responsible production
  - Developing mechanisms to integrate smallholder production into supply chains

3: Minimising deforestation

- **Incentives**
  - Need to have mechanisms to provide incentives for smallholders that maintain forest
  - Many possibilities such as price premiums, access to credit, access to insurance, government support programmes, REDD+ payments
- **Implementing HCV and High-C Area requirements**
  - Important that tools such as HCV can be used quickly and routinely in smallholder areas which still requires further discussion and guidance
- **Awareness raising by companies**
  - Awareness of environmental issues among smallholders can be relatively low and benefit from training
Membership

- Currently have:
  - Executive Board: 5 member organisations
  - Advisory Board: 13 member organisations
  - Other partners and supporters: > 8-10 member organisations
- Next phase will be to involve more producer and supply chain companies and financers
Thank you

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