



**SHARP**



## SHARP: 2012 Progress and Plans for 2013

Introduction and update for the RSPO  
RT10 – Smallholder cluster session

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### 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



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## 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

SMALLHOLDERS ARE A KEY PART OF THE SOLUTION

### 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 organisation 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.

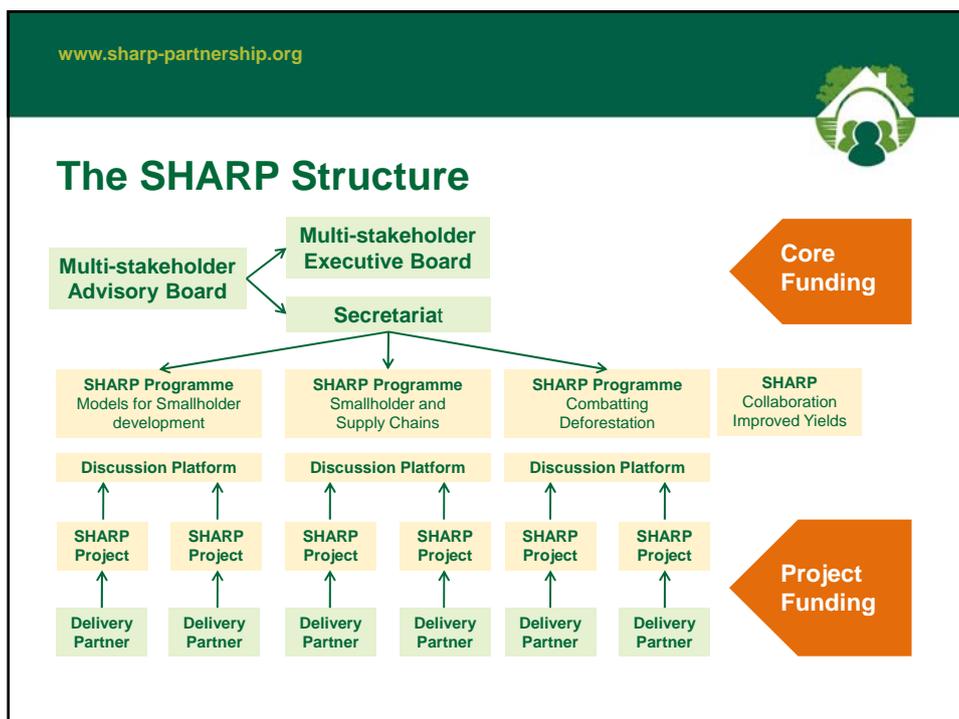
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## Milestones in 2012

- 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





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## 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



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## 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 financiers**

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## SHARP Partners and supporters





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