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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





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.



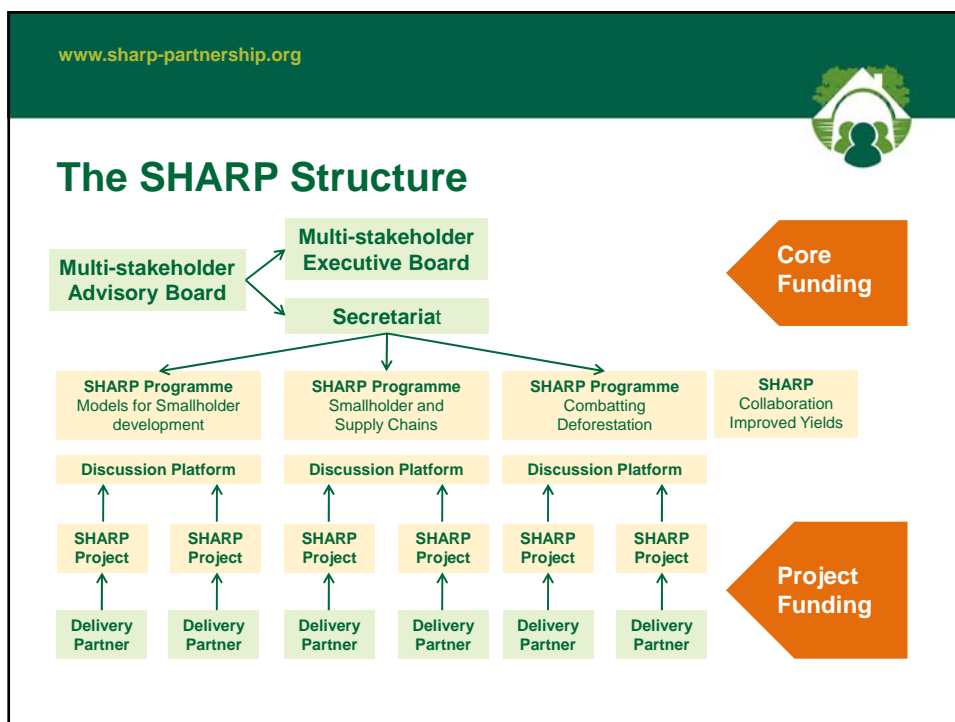
Integrate smallholders into global markets through linking the market to sustainable smallholders and facilitating RSPO certification of smallholders.



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

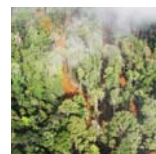
- **Pilot project:** Development of the smallholder scheme associated with SD Liberia operations
- **Phase 1: Project design (2012)**
 - Identification of issues (scoping study)
 - Analysis of information
 - Planning & designing of pilot project (planned workshops in Liberia)
- **Phase 2: Project implementation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





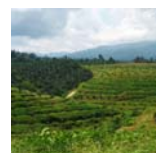
2: Supply chain integration

- **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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