What is the High Conservation Value approach?

- A set of explicit criteria (the six ‘HCVs’)
- An assessment process for conservation priorities
- A management decision tool
- A key component of major sustainability standards
HCV in certification

• Guidance documentation up-to-date
  • Implementation of the HCV concept
  • Standardised methodology
  • Reporting templates
  • Free and publicly available

• Collaboration with sustainability standard systems (e.g. FSC, RSPO, RTRS etc.)

• Link with other international assessment systems (e.g. IUCN, ILO/UN)
Generation of Guidance on the Use of the HCV concept - 2

- Objective: An up-to-date, globally applicable guide on HCV assessment developed in collaboration with FSC and other sustainability schemes
- Core component of the Resource Network ‘package’ to improve HCV implementation
- Guidance for all users on how to:
  - interpret definitions and terminology
  - do HCV assessments
  - write and format HCV reports
- Will be a publicly available Resource Network service

Generation of Guidance on the Use of the HCV concept - 3

- Basic module on identification and assessment of HCVs common for all users and contexts
- Set of three ‘add-on’ modules on application in:
  - forest ecosystems
  - grasslands and savannah
  - wetlands and freshwater
- [Further commodity-specific guidance on managing and monitoring HCVs may be developed by Roundtables together with the Resource Network and regional partners/representatives].
The HCV Resource Network

- Est. 2006 to support consistent, high-quality implementation of HCV approach across uses
- A voluntary, Charter-based association composed of:
  - Multi-stakeholder Steering Group
  - International Technical Panel
  - Regional Partner(s)
  - Secretariat
  - Charter Signatories

The HCV Resource Network

- Consistent, global, cross-sectoral and scheme-neutral approach to HCV
- Strategic Framework 2012-2015 aims:
  - to provide professional services to sustainability standard systems, their users and supporters
  - to maintain the integrity of the Network through the development of its own governance system
  - to ensure a sustainable financial footing
HCV Network Steering Group

Strategic Framework 2012-2015

The HCVRN will provide 5 inter-related services:

- HCV Guidance
- HCV Training
- Peer Review of HCV Assessments
- HCV Professional Registration
- Network Hub and Information Services

Customers:
- Sustainability Standards
- Resource Managers
- HCV Users and Stakeholders
Training on the Use of the HCV concept

- Up-to-date training material and courses based on the guidance documentation
- Tailored to audiences
  - Resource management companies
  - NGOs
  - Independent consultants
- Recognised by relevant standard systems
  - Assessment, management and monitoring of HCV
  - Audit of conformity with sustainability standards

Training on the Use of the HCV concept - 2

- Types of training:
  - Development of generic modular training materials and courses
  - Development of sustainability standard system-specific training
  - Development of preliminary on-line testing
  - Provision of face-to-face training
Training on the Use of the HCV concept - 3

- The case of the RSPO HCV assessor training
  - Content
  - First training in KL
  - Planned expansion

HCV Professional Registration

- Quality control system to identify professionals who -
  - have completed training in the use of HCV
  - have passed a test of understanding in HCV
  - take part in ongoing quality control programmes
- List of registered professionals publicly available
- Value
  - for trained professionals
  - for organisations seeking qualified practitioners
HCV Professional Registration - 2

- A system for consistent quality implementation of the HCV concept is being set up based on:
  - Use of Resource Network guidance modules and reporting templates
  - Training of HCV assessors
  - Registration / licensing of trained HCV assessors that meet Resource Network criteria
  - Regular monitoring of registered assessors’ performance through review of HCV reports

HCV Professional Registration - 3

- An up-to-date list of registered professionals will be publicly available - benefits both assessors and their clients
- RSPO, FSC and other certification schemes may require use of Resource Network registered assessors for all or part of their HCV assessments
- Quality control by the Resource Network will:
  - improve quality and consistency of assessments:
  - lessen workload for secretariats,
  - reduce tension between stakeholders
  - help managing reputational risks
HCV Assessments Peer Review

• Consistent high quality assessment methodology
• Integrated with guidance materials and training on:
  • HCV methodology
  • use of report templates
• Peer reviewers must:
  • have completed training in the use of HCV
  • be registered as HCV professionals

Maintenance and Enhancement of Network Hub and Information Services

• Point of reference on the HCV concept
• Collation and dissemination of information (e.g. publications, webinars)
• Organisation and technical support for working groups
• Governance: membership structure
• Annual conference (proposed)
Thank you!