


High Conservation Value Resource Network Overview of strategic aims: 2012 – 2015

RSPO RT 10 Preparatory Cluster 4: HCV and Biodiversity Management


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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



Generation of Guidance on the Use of the HCV concept

- 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



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FSC



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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

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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)

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Thank you!

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