

HCV Remediation Pilot Project - Sime Darby Plantation's Experience

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In collaboration with RSPO Secretariat, Sime Darby Plantation (SDP) has initiated a High Conservation Value (HCV) Remediation Pilot Project in 2010. The project site is located in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia, involving two of SDP's oil palm estates. The main objectives are to study the feasibility of a remediation initiative as the compensation option for possible HCV areas lost in post-November 2007 new plantings; and to develop a generic remediation guideline based on the lessons learned. The project consists of eight stages with focus on Stage 2 of retrospective HCV assessment and detailed remediation plan, as well as Stage 3 of remediation plan implementation, which began in July 2011. The project was assessed under Stage 4 by the Biodiversity and HCV Working Group (RSPO) after one year of implementation. The paper intends to share the lessons learned during the retrospective HCV assessment, development of remediation plan and implementation of remediation activities.