

## **The RSPO P&C Review Process in 2012**

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The RSPO Principles and Criteria were first endorsed in 2007 and form the basis of RSPO sustainability certification for palm oil mills and their production supply base. The RSPO Principles and Criteria (P&C) are now being reviewed in 2012, five years after their initial adoption and this paper explains this review process. The review process is being carried out in two main phases:

- Phase I - A review of current RSPO documents and working groups, comparison of external sustainability standards and a 60-day public consultation period to garner an initial broad review of the continued of the P&C. The results from Phase I were compiled and formed the basis of discussions in Phase II
- Phase II - A detailed process to discuss content from Phase I and the continued effectiveness of the P&C. The P&C Review Taskforce was established to lead these discussions and draft the revised P&C.

The P&C Review Taskforce have held three physical meetings in 2012, and the process to date has developed draft revised Principles & Criteria for public consultation. Draft revisions to the P&C are based on lessons learnt during the 5 years of P&C implementation, incorporation of the outputs of other RSPO processes, the results of the Phase 1 review, and developments in the understanding of impacts and best practices, particularly relating to greenhouse gas emissions. Following the current public consultation period, the P&C Review Taskforce will convene for one further meeting in early 2013 to finalise the revised Principles & Criteria.