



INDIAN PALM OIL SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK



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INDIAN SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR PALM OIL PRODUCTION & TRADE

Oil palm is the most efficient oil crop in terms of land use. The crop has become an increasingly important driver of economic development, improved food security and poverty reduction in Indonesia, Malaysia and many other developing countries. Oil palm is very crucial crop for Indian economy.

India being the world's largest consuming market of palm oil has an important role to play in driving sustainability agenda in the palm oil sector. Framework and guidelines based on Indian conditions and ground realities are needed to address different aspects of sustainability in production and trade of palm Oil. Such framework will potentially address key sustainability concerns and barriers with-in the sector, while fulfilling the commitment of Indian palm oil industries towards sustainability.

INDIAN PALM OIL SUSTAINABILITY (IPOS) FRAMEWORK

IPOS has been created by The Solvent Extractors' Association of India, with the support of Solidaridad and Indian Institute of Oil Palm research. The idea of IPOS is to create set of social, economic, environmental and agronomic guidelines for Palm oil production and trade. It is an inclusive sustainability framework, which is made by the Indian industry for the Indian industry and provides them a guideline for promoting sustainable palm oil production and trade.

IPOS framework is comprised of environment friendly, economically viable and socially beneficial practices and guidelines. These practices are delivered through a set of principles, criteria and accompanying indicators and guidance. Adoption of IPOS practices facilitates well-being of farmers, enable better environmental performance and supply chain efficiency. Overall IPOS will enhance sustainability performance of Indian industry. In addition, Asian Sustainable Palm Oil Network (ASPEN) has been introduced to create a regional cooperation between India, Malaysia, Indonesia and China to promote sustainable trade and production of palm oil.

SEA-IPOS COUNCIL

SEA-IPOS Council has been set-up to institutionalize IPOS. It facilitates communications, regional cooperation and coordination with Government, Industry bodies, Businesses and other relevant institutions and stakeholders for joint actions to reduce barriers and facilitate sustainable trade and production of palm oil.

Promote and strengthen IPOS while facilitating cooperation with other similar sustainability frameworks aligned with IPOS

Foster regional cooperation to promote sustainable trade and production of palm oil

Provide platform for discussions on critical issues around sustainability and facilitation for enabling policies for sustainable trade and production of palm oil

Support farmers for better farm management and improved productivity



Principle 1.

Overall Continuous Improvement and Transparency

- Continual Improvement plan is in place
- Transparency in term of documentation and information about social, environmental and legal aspects
- Transparent method of communication



Principle 2.

Compliance with Legal Requirements and Laws

- Demonstrable awareness about applicable laws and regulations
- Compilation and documentation of applicable laws
- Legal use rights to the land are clearly defined and demonstrable
- Legal use rights to the land do not diminish the legal or customary rights of other users unless their free, prior and informed consent is obtained



Principle 3.

Good Plantation Practices

- Best Management Practices (BMPs) are in place
- Sustainable expansion and development of new plantation
- Natural vegetation areas around natural water courses are maintained or re-established
- Implementation of integrated plantation management techniques to avert adverse impact on environment and human health



Principles and Criteria



Principle 4.

Good business Practice and Commitment to Long-term Economic and Financial Viability

- Economic and financial viability plans are in place
- Transparent and fair pricing, contracts and processing plants management



Principle 5.

Responsible Community Relations, Fair Labour and Employee Conditions

- Assessment of social situation
- Fair labour conditions, safety and health
- Better employment conditions and capacity building



Principle 6.

Conserve, Protect and Enhance Natural Resources, Environment, Bio-diversity and Ecosystem

- Natural resources management plan is in place
- Efficiency in the use of energy and renewable resources
- Minimized pollution and emissions including green-house gases
 - Efficient and responsible waste management

Journey towards Sustainable Palm Oil Production and Trade



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