



Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) on APRIL's Sustainable Forest Management Policy (SFMP 2.0)

– Summary Report for SAC Meeting in Jakarta-Indonesia, 10-12 November 2015 –

SAC MEMBERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Joe Lawson (<i>Chair</i>)2. Al Azhar3. Budi Wardhana4. Jeffrey Sayer5. Andy Tait, Rusmadya Maharuddin (<i>in attendance</i>)
TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:	
1. Update on SAC Membership: SAC would like to thank Peter White, COO of WBCSD, for his involvement in SAC for the last 2 years. SAC welcomes Greenpeace as a new member. SAC will be soliciting new members prior to the next SAC meeting in January 2016.	
2. Update on Previous SAC Recommendations: SAC reviewed the list of previous SAC recommendations. It was noted that APRIL has made progress, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Established regular meetings with local stakeholders;b. APRIL has developed a draft Grievance Mechanism and is in the process of incorporating inputs from key stakeholders in updating its Conflict Resolutions Protocol;c. APRIL presented the update on livelihood plantation in Pulau Padang, and will create a workplan for implementation;d. SAC plans to conduct the stakeholder forum in January 2016;e. The formation of Peat Expert Working Group (PEWG) is progressing, and a number of candidates have been approached;f. APRIL reported to SAC that they have shared the KPMG "Progress Report on APRIL's Action Plan" with key stakeholders.	
3. KPMG Indicators, Interim Report, and 2016 SFMP 2.0 Audit Report: SAC met with KPMG and APRIL Management to discuss the development of next KPMG's assessment, which will include an interim report in January 2016 and a full Assurance Audit reported in June 2016. Considerable time was spent developing and prioritizing the draft indicators, which will be shared with key stakeholders for their inputs via combination of meetings and email consultation. The indicators will be finalized after the consultation with key stakeholders.	

4. Update on MHW Moratorium Status by Hatfield:

Hatfield presented the result of their monitoring program on Pulau Padang (PPD) and PT. Adindo Hutani Lestari (AHL). In general, the moratorium is holding.

For PPD, there was no breach of MHW moratorium.

For AHL, Hatfield's monitoring suggested that 39 ha were cleared. Action was taken to compensate for this clearing by rehabilitating the area.

It was agreed that Hatfield will liaise with Eyes on the Forest (EOF) to confirm that this issue has been addressed.

5. Development of APRIL Sustainability Portal:

A demonstration of the preliminary version of the APRIL Sustainability Portal website was presented by the vendor. The Portal will provide latest update on SFMP 2.0 conformance, including maps, HCV reports, Grievance mechanism, and progress on achieving conservation targets.

6. Status of APRIL Landscape Approach:

Fauna & Flora International (FFI) presented the result of their baseline survey of the Kampar Peninsula. The survey showed the outstanding biodiversity richness of the area. APRIL presented the status of the broader strategy of APRIL landscape approach. The challenges of achieving a coherent management of this highly fragmented landscape were discussed.

7. APRIL's Actions to Manage Fire and Haze:

APRIL presented a detailed analysis of 2015 fire events. Progress has been made in managing fire in a challenging El-Nino situation, and particularly in reducing the average size of areas burnt and the severity of fire compared to previous years.

SAC noted the almost complete absence of fire hotspots in APRIL's Kampar Peninsula Landscape. Fire prevention and fire management in Kampar appears to be effective due to:

- a. Engaging communities through the Fire-Free Village Programs (FFVP) implementation;
- b. Landscape approach, including through management of water to keep the water levels high prior to dry season;
- c. Improved operations in fire management capability (preparation, detection, suppression and response), demonstrated by a reduced average fire size more than halved over the past two years.

SAC also noted the likelihood of recurrence of high fire risk in coming months, as the El-Nino has not yet peaked.



8. Status of Social NGOs and SOP for Grievances:

APRIL has shared draft SOPs (Grievance and Conflict Resolution) with Social NGOs and is seeking their inputs. Two meetings were held with Social NGOs, and an additional meeting is scheduled in November 2015. The SOPs are scheduled to be finalized by end 2015.

9. Meeting with Greenomics (GI):

SAC met with Greenomics who presented their two most-recent reports. SAC is taking this information seriously and will be developing a response to both Greenomics and APRIL.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

SAC recommends that the concession maps for APRIL and its suppliers be made available to the SAC immediately. SAC recommends that APRIL make all suppliers concession data available to WRI, in addition to the information on own concessions already provided.

SAC recommends that APRIL evaluates the extent of encroachment across all suppliers, including its existing conservation areas, and works with other stakeholders to develop appropriate responses to address the issue and reduce the impact.

SAC commends APRIL for its current landscape approach in Kampar Peninsula, and recommends that APRIL continues focusing on FPIC, conflict resolution, or rights mapping. SAC recommends that the rights mapping planned to be implemented in Kampar Peninsula should be expanded. SAC also recommends APRIL to work with other stakeholders in this landscape, including with other concession holders.

SAC recommends that APRIL identifies other landscapes beyond Kampar, and notes that there could be an opportunity for large-scale conservation in/around Adindo concession.

SAC commends APRIL for developing a root-cause solution for some fires through its Fire-Free Village Programs (FFVP), and recommends communicating its integrated approach to fire management more widely to stakeholders.

SAC recommends that the Grievance Mechanism process be transparent and easily accessible to all stakeholders.

SAC recommends that the definition of “scrub” used by Hatfield needs to be clarified and aligned with HCS definition.

NEXT SAC MEETING:

Riau province, Indonesia (12 - 15 January 2016)