

Sustainability Action Plan January 2023 Update

The Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) aims to strengthen the company's sustainability processes and practices, implement RSPO Complaints Panel Directives and address identified issues. Implementation of the SAP officially commenced in September 2018 with the advisory support of Earthworm Foundation (EF). This update includes some recommendations made by the HCSA Grievance Panel.

Implementation continues with most process changes already made and documented in revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Proposed permanent MoUs have been distributed to all communities.

While fulfilment of current MoU commitments to communities continue to progress, resolution of grievances with some communities, suspended in 2019 due to an RSPO directive to select an independent mediator, resumed with ProForest mediating for Tarjuowon.

ProForest has completed its field engagements in March 2021 with a communique signed by all parties and report submitted to the RSPO. The RSPO Complaints Panel is deliberating on the report and GVL is waiting for instructions on next steps. The RSPO has also recommended a facilitator for Butaw but this was rejected by complainant NGOs in February 2021. Currently awaiting further guidance from RSPO on this.

No	Area	Activity	Sub-activity	6 months						12 months						18 months						Update October 2022		Update January 2023		
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18					
A GOVERNANCE																										
A.1	Structure	A.1.1	Review and strengthen organization structure (especially the sustainability team and GIS team) to allow clear role and collaboration between teams.	A1.1.1	Review and finalization of organization structure																				Completed.	Completed.
				A1.1.2	Establish role function, job description, and authority level																				Completed. Under implementation, with Quarterly KPI setting	Completed. Under implementation, with Quarterly KPI setting
				A1.1.3	Resource audit and hiring of relevant people to fill in any gaps in the structure																				Completed.	Completed.
				A1.1.4	Socialization and implementation of new organization structure																				On-going	On-going
				A1.1.5	Evaluation of organization structure																				On-going	On-going
A.2	Coordination and Oversight	A.2.1	Establish regular meetings on sustainability issues	A.2.1.1	Establish regular meeting on mill/plantation level and regional level																				On-going	On-going
				A.2.1.2	Establish sustainability steering committee and its regular meeting																				On-going	On-going
		A.2.2	Establish sustainability related Key Performance Indicators	A.2.2.1	Establish clear KPIs for sustainability team																				Completed	Completed
				A.2.2.2	Establish additional sustainability related KPIs for non-sustainability teams																				On-going	On-going
				A.2.2.3	Evaluation of KPIs																				On-going	On-going
A.3	Talent and Culture	A.3.1	Training / Capacity Building	A.3.1.1	Conduct training needs assessment to create sustainability training plan for relevant people																				On-going	On-going
				A.3.1.2	Implement and establish a training record																				On-going	On-going
A.4	Infrastructure and logistics	A.4.1	Establish relevant policies and SOPs	A.4.1.1	Establish SOP on stakeholder management																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.2	Establish SOP and system to track legal requirement																				Completed. Under implementation	Completed. Under implementation
				A.4.1.3	Establish SOP for boundary demarcation and its maintenance																				Completed. To be trialed when on-going arrangements with Liberia Land Authority (LLA) and other stakeholders are completed for boundary review.	Completed. To be trialed when on-going arrangements with Liberia Land Authority (LLA) and other stakeholders are completed for boundary review.
				A.4.1.4	Review and update FPIC and PM SOP according to: Module 2 – Social requirements (version 2.0 May 2017) Module 3 – Integration of HCV HCS Forest and FPIC (version 2.0 May 2018) FPIC guide for RSPO members																				Completed and being implemented.	Completed and being implemented.
				A.4.1.5	Establish SOP for participatory mapping for disputed areas																				Draft completed. To be tested after resolution of Blogbo dispute. Second site visit by independent facilitator was carried in Mar 2021. Awaiting final facilitation report, and decision by RSPO.	Draft completed. To be tested after resolution of Blogbo dispute. Second site visit by independent facilitator was carried in Mar 2021. Awaiting final facilitation report, and decision by RSPO.
				A.4.1.6	Establish SOPs for mill operations in appropriate languages																				Completed; decision to do in English only, as the official language of Liberia	Completed; decision to do in English only, as the official language of Liberia
				A.4.1.7	Establish SOP for monitoring of environmental management plan, implementation, and reporting																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.8	Establish SOP for HCV HCS Peat management and monitoring																				Draft completed. Review of EF assessment report submitted, and currently guiding the implementation of the Draft SOP.	Draft completed. Review of EF assessment report submitted, and currently guiding the implementation of the Draft SOP.
				A.4.1.9	Establish SOP and system for grievance handling for both external and internal stakeholders. Also add mediation step before legal option.																				Completed. In use.	Completed. In use.
				A.4.1.10	Establish SOP to describe the process of information sharing and dissemination																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.11	Review the recently announced Human Rights Defender Protection protocol by the RSPO and develop policy on human rights																				Completed	Completed
				A.4.1.12	Review Greenbook SOP to be clearer on pest attack intensity and IPM																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.13	Revise Greenbook SOP section 6.5.3 on empty pesticide package disposal																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.14	Review recruitment policy to include a statement on no recruitment of workers under 18 years old																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.15	Review recruitment policy to include non discrimination based on sexual orientation, union membership, and political affiliation																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.16	Update policy of promotion to include non-discrimination promotion																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.17	Establish policy to ensure no harassment or abuse in the work place and reproductive rights are protected																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.18	Establish policy on forced trafficked labor																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.19	Establish SOP for waste management that cover all of the waste produced by operational including domestic waste.																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.20	Establish policy to circumvent instigated violence to maintain peace and order																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.21	Establish SOP for third party FFB sourcing																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.1.22	Establish SOP for pollution and GHG emission mitigation or reduction																				Completed.	Completed.
		A.4.2	Data and document management	A.4.2.1	- Establish clear filing system for data and documents - Ensure that documents and records are protected and retrieval (clarify the responsibilities and authorities for back up and the medium to be used) - Establish systematic endorsement of documents shared with the communities (meeting minutes, maps, etc.)																				Completed. In operation.	Completed. In operation.
				A.4.2.2	Establish a clear hand over procedure and induction for new personnels on sustainability																				Completed.	Completed.
				A.4.2.3	Strengthen the sustainability team in the documentation and filing system (hard and soft copy). Need to be enforced through KPIs																				Done. In operation.	Done. In operation.
				A.4.2.4	Strengthen the capacity of the sustainability team to ensure rigorous data record (meeting minute, evidences, endorsements, ...) for every meeting with communities/ complaints.																				Done. In operation.	Done. In operation.
				A.4.2.5	Evaluation of data and document management																				On-going.	On-going.

