

Cross comparison of HCVF criteria and the principles found in related certification schemes

HCVF	Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)	Roundtable for Responsible Soy Production (RTRS)
<p><i>A multi-stakeholder process to identify and assess high conservation value forests, and maintain, enhance and monitor their values. It requires a precautionary approach to be applied where HCVs are in question.</i></p>	<p><i>An organization that sets forest management standards and accredits certification bodies to conduct forest management and chain of custody audits</i></p>	<p><i>An association promoting the growth and use of sustainable palm oil through cooperation within the supply chain and open dialogue with stakeholders</i></p>	<p><i>The Roundtable promotes the growth and use of responsible soy and provides a forum for developing and promoting principles and criteria for responsible soy production, processing and trading</i> <i>This is still a draft set of the Principles and Criteria that are being field tested (March 2010).</i></p>
<p><u>HCV 1:</u> Forest areas containing globally, regionally or nationally significant concentrations of biodiversity values (e.g. endemism, endangered species)</p> <p><u>HCV2:</u> Globally, regionally or nationally significant large landscape level forests.</p> <p><u>HCV3:</u> Forest areas that are in or contain rare, threatened or endangered ecosystems.</p> <p><u>HCV4:</u> Forest areas that provide basic services of nature in critical situations (e.g. watershed protection, erosion control, carbon sequestration).</p> <p><u>HCV5:</u> Forest areas fundamental to meeting basic needs of local</p>	<p><u>Principle 1-</u> Compliance with all applicable laws and international treaties</p> <p><u>Principle 2-</u> Demonstrated and clearly defined long term land tenure and use rights</p> <p>Principle 3- Recognition and respect of Indigenous peoples' rights</p> <p>Principle 4- Maintenance of social and economic well being and rights of workers and local communities</p> <p>Principle 5- Equitable use and sharing benefits from the forests</p> <p>Principle 6- Reduction of environmental impact of logging activity</p>	<p>Principle 1: Commitment to transparency</p> <p>Principle 2: Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations (includes rights to land use, no infringement of customary rights, implementation of free, prior informed consent)</p> <p>Principle 3: Commitment to long-term economic and financial viability</p> <p>Principle 4: Use of appropriate best practices by growers and millers</p> <p>Principle 5: Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity</p> <p>Principle 6: Responsible consideration of employees and of individuals</p>	<p>Principle 1: Responsible Business Practices</p> <p>Principle 2: Responsible Labor Conditions</p> <p>Principle 3: Respect for Land Rights</p> <p>Principle 4: Small scale and traditional land use</p> <p>Principle 5: Responsible Community Relations</p> <p>Principle 6: Environmental Responsibility</p> <p>Principle 7: Responsible Water management</p> <p>Principle 8: Responsible Soil Management</p>

<p>communities (e.g. subsistence, health).</p> <p><u>HCV6</u>: Forest areas critical to local communities' traditional cultural identity (areas of cultural, ecological, economic or religious significance identified in cooperation with such local communities)</p>	<p>Principle 7- Appropriate and continuously updated management plans</p> <p>Principle 8- Appropriate monitoring and assessment activities to assess condition of forest</p> <p>Principle 9- Maintenance of HCVFs</p> <p>Principle 10- Plantations (Best management, and should also complement the management of, reduce pressures on, and promote the restoration and conservation of natural forests.</p>	<p>and communities affected by growers and mills</p> <p>Principle 7: Responsible development of new plantings</p> <p>Principle 8: Commitment to continuous improvement in key areas of activity</p>	<p>Principle 9: Crop protection and responsible use of agrochemicals</p> <p>Principle 10: Responsible establishment of infrastructure and new areas of cultivation</p>
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