



3rd International Conference on Oil Palm and Environment (ICOPE)

”Conserving Forest, Expanding Sustainable Palm Oil Production”

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INTRODUCTION

The Third International Conference on Oil Palm and Environment (ICOPE) organized by PT SMART Tbk. Indonesia, WWF Indonesia, and Cirad France, the three emblematic organizers of ICOPE, will be held on 22-23-24 February 2012 in Bali-Indonesia.

Since the first and second conferences held in 2007 and 2010 respectively, ICOPE has gained international recognition as a unique and valuable platform for experts to network and share best practices and solutions compatible with both palm oil production and environmental preservation.

The First and Second ICOPE (2007 and 2010) saw more than 400 leading scientists and practitioners from 15 countries participate in the three day conference. Since then, several key initiatives at various scales by plantation companies, national and international Institutions have been announced and implemented. Among them, Indonesia has signed a moratorium on deforestation, arising from the bilateral financial agreement with Norway. The ministry of Agriculture in Indonesia has formalized its ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) system that aims to shape the industry towards sustainability on a mandatory basis. Several plantation companies are making significant efforts for forest conservation, especially those associated with High Carbon Stock and High Conservation Value.

While RSPO certification is progressing, few examples of REDD+ have been mentioned in relation to oil palm development projects.

Meanwhile the palm oil momentum is encouraged by the good prospects of the market in relation to increasing demand and consumption.

Issues, solutions, existing tools and possible field practices need to be identified and addressed to make forest conservation compatible with the global palm oil momentum. How to define, identify and manage High Carbon stock forest? How to promote and manage biodiversity within plantations for the benefit of both the planters and the environment? What best practices to reduce GHG emissions?

One key to the solution rests on the smallholders who own around 60% of oil palm area in the world. Yield records show extreme performances among them; this depending on the degree of access to extension services and planting material. How can the smallholders contribute to this green agenda? What are the practical solutions?

The objective of the conference, i.e. to share experience and solution between the various stakeholders, is therefore most appropriate and timely as we move forward to make the palm oil industry one of the green components of agriculture

OBJECTIVES

To highlight environmental issues and share experiences to identify solutions and resources for the benefit of the environment and the palm oil industry itself.

KEY TOPICS

- **High carbon stock forest: definition; identification & measurement; conservation and management.**
- **Enhancing biodiversity: increasing biodiversity within and around plantations and monitoring management practices.**
- **Contribution of ecological services to green intensification: pollination, IPM, nutrient cycling, prevention of pollution, etc.**
- **GHG emission: understanding best practices for reducing emissions.**
- **Smallholders and ecological intensification**

LECTURES

There will be papers presented in General Lectures, Technical Sessions and Posters from reputable scientists from high ranking Institutions and Organisations. Among them:

- The Research Center for Climate Change of the University of Indonesia
- The University of Cambridge from United Kindom
- The University of Oxford from United Kindom
- The FELDA from Malaysia
- The James Cook University from Australia
- PT Astra Agro Lestari from Indonesia
- PT Bakrie Sumatera Plantation from Indonesia
- The Papua New Guinea Oil Palm Research Association from Papua New Guinea
- ICRAF from Indonesia
- KMSI from Indonesia
- The CIRAD from France
- The Institute of Terrestrial Ecosystem of Zurich from Switzerland
- The Zoological Society of London from United Kindom

WHO WILL ATTEND

- Oil palm planters, millers, traders, etc
- Research organizations and universities
- NGOs involved in environmental issues
- Government agencies

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