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## **Wilmar Develops a Practical Manual in Managing Conservation Areas and Community Collaboration for Conservation**

**Jakarta, 2 November 2021** – Wilmar International Limited (Wilmar) has developed a manual for all its suppliers as a comprehensive guide in managing conservation areas and working with community on conservation. Titled “Best Management Practices Manual for Growers on Forest Conservation and Community Collaboration”, the manual focuses on Indonesia and Malaysia.

Jointly developed by Wilmar and Proforest, the manual serves as a practical operational companion to existing industry guidance documents on High Conservation Values and High Carbon Stock forest and is intended for plantation managers.

To further complement the guide, Wilmar also developed a document titled “Practical Guidance on Conservation Area Monitoring” which provides details on practical steps from Wilmar’s experiential learnings on monitoring in conservation areas for practitioners and estate operation teams.

General Manager of Group Sustainability for Wilmar, Perpetua George said, “The manual draws upon Wilmar’s practical experience in applying best management practise standards in our conservation areas and engaging surrounding communities for conservation efforts. We are aware that not many companies have the luxury of dedicated conservation staff, and so this manual is written with the intent of being easily understood and applied by anyone working in agricultural estate management with no previous conservation experience. We have also worked with Proforest to ensure the manual also integrates their problem-solving experience on conservation management”

She added that both manual and practical guidance would be made publicly available, and hopes that it would be an integral practical tool for the wider agriculture sector.

“The Wilmar team has a wealth of experience in managing and monitoring conservation activities in their estates, including managing some of the complicated realities faced on the ground. Proforest collaborated with Wilmar in documenting some of these best practices so that other companies starting out on the journey can learn from Wilmar’s experiences”, said Proforest Southeast Asia Director, Surin Sukswan.

Along with the launch of the manual, Wilmar hosted a two-day virtual training session titled “Supplier Workshop on Implementing Wilmar’s NDPE Policy” for suppliers in Indonesia and saw 125 participants, representing 77 palm oil mills and 62 parent companies attending the workshop.

The workshop was held to identify gaps and strengthen understanding in the implementation of Wilmar’s No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation (NDPE) Policy through experience sharing in the production of sustainable palm oil. The workshop also raised awareness of the importance of market demands for sustainable palm oil, specifically those that fulfil NDPE requirements.

Further, in-depth sessions on best management practices for peatland and conservation efforts were also included as part of the agenda. This is part of the ongoing effort by Wilmar to pursue continuous improvement within Wilmar's own operations and supply chain.

A similar workshop on conservation is also scheduled for Wilmar's Malaysia suppliers in December 2021.

## **ABOUT WILMAR'S SUSTAINABILITY**

As a leading agribusiness group, Wilmar recognises that we have a fundamental role to play in developing quality products required by the world while ensuring we have a responsible and sustainable manner of production. We adopt a holistic approach to sustainability that is fully integrated with our business model.

Guided by the philosophy that our business must enhance stakeholder value while minimizing our environmental footprint, our business practices are aligned with universally acceptable social and environmental standards. Wilmar's No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation<sup>1</sup> (NDPE) Policy underpins our aspiration to make a positive impact and drive transformation across the palm oil industry.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.wilmar-international.com/sustainability/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/No-Deforestation-No-Peat-No-Exploitation-Policy.pdf>