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Socially and Environmentally Sustainable Oil Palm Research

Is RSPO Having an Impact? - Why We Need the SEnSOR Programme


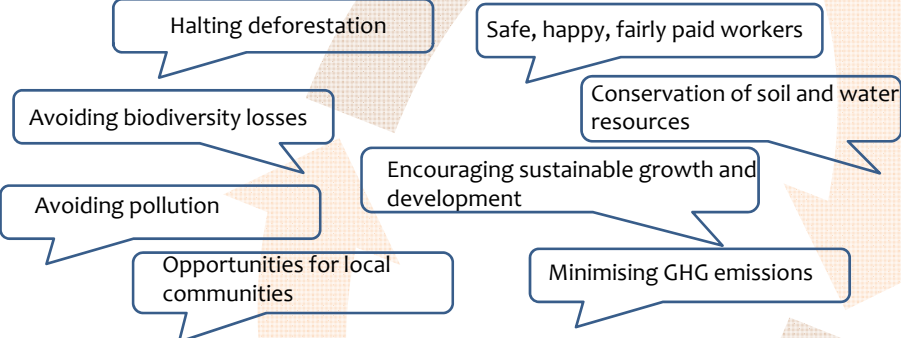



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What do we hope RSPO's impact is?



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But how do we know whether our efforts are effective- are we actually changing anything?

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How not to do it...

In the mid 90s and early 2000s the EU spent 23.4bn euros on agri environment schemes

In 2003 scientists conducted a review of the evidence for whether the schemes had benefitted biodiversity

Result: INCLONCLUSIVE- research, monitoring and assessment insufficient to determine any impact (Kleijn & Sutherland 2003)

We don't know what worked and what didn't

We don't know how to improve

There is no way of showing that it is worth while spending more money on these schemes




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What is the SEnSOR Programme?



The **Socially and Environmentally Sustainable Oil palm Research (SEnSOR)** programme:

an integrated multi-disciplinary research programme designed to test the impact of RSPO and find ways to improve.








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...developed as a result of a scoping study commissioned by RSPO



Scientific literature review

Expert opinion

Reports and policy papers



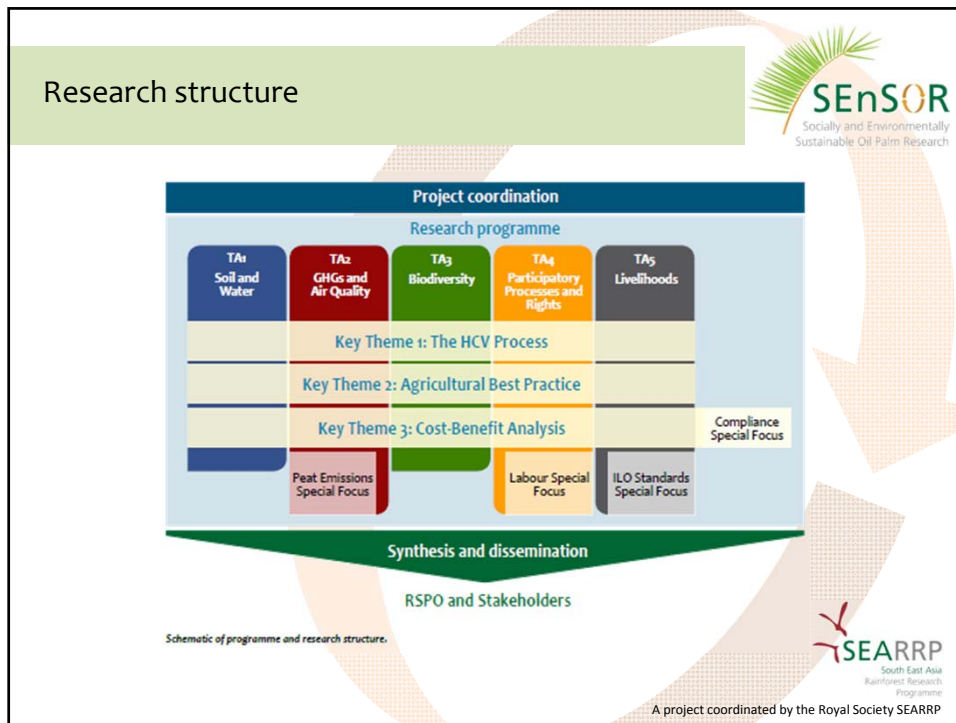











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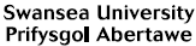


Soil and water - how effective are riparian buffers, erosion and runoff prevention	
Greenhouse gases - maximising Carbon storage, reducing nitrogen and Methane emissions	
Biodiversity -effectiveness of HCVs and biodiversity friendly agricultural practices, avoiding deforestation	
Participatory Process and Rights - effectiveness of FPIC , community engagement and labour organisation	
Livelihoods - uptake of sustainable practices, economic improvement in smallholders, implementation of ILO standards	


World class scientists

















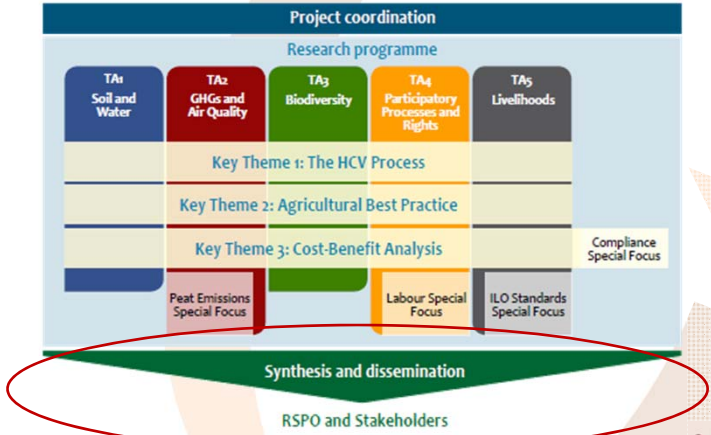





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Communication



Schematic of programme and research structure.



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Key reasons for supporting SEnSOR

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Create confidence in RSPO certified palm oil among consumers, investors and the public

Ensure that growers' efforts and investment in sustainability are delivering cost effective benefits that have market value

Safeguard the environment and society for the long term through the rigorous, evidence-based testing, development and improvement of RSPO principles and criteria

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Decisions & actions

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Is it OK to assume that RSPO certification delivers the intended benefits?

If not:

Then a rapid, concerted, coordinated, cross-sector approach to raise funding for SEnSOR is essential

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Thank you for listening



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