ROUNDTABLE MEETING
ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL:
Ecuador’s JA Certification Project

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A Shared Responsibility: Converting Commitments into Action
Ecuadorian Palm Oil Jurisdictional Approach

- The ecuadorian northern amazon provinces subject to JA approach, cover around 20% of total ecuadorian production.
- 91% small producers according to last Palm Oil National Survey 2017
- Comes from REDD+ National Action Plan to reduce deforestation
- Ministry of Agriculture and Palm oil Sector PMC agreement
- Pro Amazonia and Ecuadorian REDD+ Supports the Action Plan start implementation
The institutional process
The approach is national
Starting by the most relevant biodiversity areas: the Amazon REDD+ Approach

Geographic distribution of Deforestation. (Sierra. R 2019)

Palm Oil Plantations in the Amazon Jurisdiction

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<th>Provinces</th>
<th>Total Area</th>
<th>Palm Oil Planted Area per province</th>
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<td>Sucumbios</td>
<td>1,861,200</td>
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<td>Orellana</td>
<td>2,169,200</td>
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<td>4,030,400</td>
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Ecuadorian Jurisdictional Approach RSPO Certification Platform

1. Building up Governance:
“The creation of the Interinstitutional Steering Committee for Sustainable Oil Palm (CISPS) was a successful Interinstitutional Planning exercise in 2017-2018, that arrived to a committed Action Plan”.

2. Underlying agreement of 10 principles on:
Human rights, labor rights, environment and sustainability covering cero deforestation by 2022 in the Amazon region, transparency and fighting against corruption
Prioritizing the important

- High Conservation Areas and High Carbon Stock Studies and compensation where necessary.
- Catching up with environmental permits and land tenure titles.
- Advising local governments (province and municipality level) to include the HCA and HCS vision in land planning.
- Participating in the JA Working Group
- Adapting to FPIC requirement
- Working on a traceability scheme.
- Strengthening local producer´s associations and capacity building programs.
- Designing auditing system and a Jurisdictional Entity.
High Conservation Areas and High Carbon Stock Studies
The challenge ahead and it’s timeline

- Pro Amazonia UNDP project will end in 2022 and we need to finish the Amazon JA Approach, and launch the rest covering the entire country.

- We need to engage local governments and introduce landscaping in their land use planning.

- We are advancing in the implementing and monitoring of more than 80 activities contained in the Action Plan in a changing and difficult palm oil scenario.
Thank You