



Position Statement

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SASPO celebrates new RSPO Principles and Criteria

19 NOVEMBER 2018, KOTA KINABALU - RSPO members gathered at the General Assembly last Thursday and voted a resounding yes for the newly revised principles and criteria (P&Cs). SASPO recognises that the new P&Cs will represent a more sustainable model of production, will make it less ambiguous to audit against, and will introduce metrics to make impact more measurable.

The revision is a significant step forward and continues to ensure that the RSPO is an essential tool that can help companies achieve their commitments for palm oil that is free of deforestation, planting on peat and exploitation. SASPO fully welcomes the revisions.

“It is imperative that sustainable means sustainable for the market leaders, and WWF believes that the RSPO revised 2018 P&C is a considerably strengthened Standard that, if implemented robustly, can provide an important tool to help companies meet their sustainability commitments,” said Elizabeth Clarke, a steering committee member of SASPO, and WWF’s Global Palm Oil Lead.

Wildlife Reserves Singapore (WRS), which operates Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari, River Safari, and Singapore Zoo and is one of the founding members of SASPO, uses RSPO-certified palm oil for cooking in its restaurants. Mr. Mike Barclay, Chief Executive Officer of WRS said, “WRS fully supports the adoption of the new standards, and applauds our fellow RSPO members for strengthening their commitment towards a more responsible and sustainable model of production. The new standards give WRS the assurance that we are promoting and consuming sustainably-produced palm oil.”

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