UTILIZATION/ADAPTATION OF SOLIDARIDAD’S SMALLHOLDER TOOLS TO IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION FOR MALAYSIAN OIL PALM SMALLHOLDER

OBJECTIVES
MPOB and Solidaridad Network Asia Limited have signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the 22 August 2017. The projects identified in this collaboration are:

- Utilization/adaptation of Solidaridad tools to implement sustainability certification for Malaysian oil palm smallholders right up to the landscape level.
- MPOB and Solidaridad will mobilize other stakeholders to participate in supporting the activities/marketing/finance in whatever form to accelerate the certification of smallholders and to strategize the requirements of MSPO to be included in the ISPOF to ensure ease of passage of MSPO into India.

SCOPE OF PROJECTS
- Development and utilization of Solidaridad tools to assist in MSPO certification for smallholders right up to landscape level.
- Development of the framework for the Indian Sustainable Vegetable Oil Certification with incorporation of MSPO standard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES
- To jointly work on structure (ways and how SH being grouped) and empower local smallholder groups in such a way that they qualify for MSPO certification/verification.
- To jointly organize integrated research and extension activities and organizing various studies on different relevant issues.
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CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

17 DECEMBER 2015
MUMBAI, INDIA

Discussion with Dr. Suresh Motwani of Solidaridad regarding MSPO certification and marketing as well as promoting Malaysian palm oil.

17 JUNE 2016
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Memorandum of Undertaking (MoU) was signed between MPOB and Solidaridad for the period of 3 years.

16-21 OCTOBER 2016
MPOB HQ
MPOB KERATONG
MPOB KLUANG
MPOC KUALAJAYA

Visit of Dr. Suresh Motwani to MPOB and interact with smallholder to identify potential areas and smallholder.

16 DECEMBER 2016
MPOB HQ

Video conference with Dr. Suresh Motwani on the way forward and his next visit to MPOB.

16-21 APRIL 2017
MPOB HQ
MPOB TEMERLOH
SPRC BERA

Dr. Suresh Motwani with MPOB to evaluate different location of smallholders to work with.

22 AUGUST 2017

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between MPOB and Solidaridad for the period of 4 years.

22-27 OCTOBER 2017
MPOB HQ
MPOB SEREMBAN
SPRC PASIR PANJANG

Further discussion on the questionnaire prepared and its effectiveness using Rural Horizon tools to be implemented on smallholders.

Examination of the questionnaire based on rural horizon tools to check on the applicability to local smallholders.

11 SEPTEMBER 2017
MPOB HQ

Video conference with Dr. Suresh Motwani on the way forward and his next visit to MPOB.