A RESEARCH AGENDA FOR ACTION: THE 5W’s & 1H

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Overview

WHAT
is the impact of RSPO certification?

WHERE
are we now in terms of research?

WHAT
is the RSPO Research Agenda?

WHY
is there a need for a Research Agenda?

WHEN
was it developed?

HOW
will the Research Agenda be used?

WHO
will be involved?
### **WHAT** is the impact of RSPO certification?

**TOTAL NUMBER OF RSPO IMPACT RESEARCH = 13**

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WHERE are we now in terms of impacts research on RSPO?

- Few impact studies
- Geographically restricted
- Lack of robust studies
- Conflicting/Inconclusive results
- Lack of applied science research
- Uncoordinated (no replicates)
- Unintended impacts?

WHAT is the RSPO Research Agenda?

- WHEN was it developed?

THEORY OF CHANGE (ToC)
Roadmap of how RSPO intends to achieve vision of transforming markets to make sustainable palm oil the norm.

RSPO RESEARCH AGENDA
List of research questions on pressing issues regarding impacts of certification, in line with the ToC.
WHY have a Research Agenda?

- To focus, inform and coordinate research work to understand performances and impacts of RSPO certification

- To test and validate RSPO Theory of Change (ToC)

- To reach out and engage with the research community at large to foster collaboration and research partnership on a global scale

- To address gaps and challenges in impacts research
HOW will the Research Agenda be used?

RSPO – commissioned research

Learn & improve from results

Share & communicate findings

Theory of Change?

Research Agenda

Independent research

Study 1: Forest & Orangutans
WHO is involved?

Will require **collaborative efforts** from all stakeholders

- Participate in the research
- Provide scholarships or research funds for impacts research
- Conduct/Share impacts research
- Communicate/Promote RSPO Research Agenda
- Communicate findings on impacts of RSPO certification
Research and Evidence

As part of our Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system and in line with the RSPO's Theory of Change, research serves as an important avenue for us to gain insights into the impacts of RSPO’s work. It not only helps to generate evidence of our impact, but also helps to fill our knowledge gaps and capture the lessons learned, which can then be applied to our current work, challenges and future initiatives. This is crucial for us to drive continuous improvement of our standards for the benefit of all our stakeholders.

In this section, you will be able to find information relating to the key research priorities of RSPO as well as the latest evidences on the impacts of RSPO.

Contact Us

If you have questions or comments about the RSPO’s research work, please contact our Research and Advisory Manager.

Download RSPO’s research agenda to learn about key research priorities.

Interested in conducting research on RSPO? Submit your request below.

Learn about research outcomes and impacts of RSPO certification below.

THANK YOU