













Applicability of the Standard



- 1. The RSPO ISH Standard applies to independent smallholder farmers only
- 2. Scheme smallholders are excluded from using this Standard. Scheme smallholders are:
 - Farmers or their delegates that <u>do not</u> have the enforceable decision-making power on the operation of the land and production practices; and/or
 - Farmers that <u>do not</u> have the freedom to choose how they utilise their lands, type of crops to plant, and how they manage them (whether and how they organise, manage and finance the land);
- 3. For the applicability of the ISH standard, all smallholder farmers that are not considered to be scheme smallholders are considered independent smallholder farmers.

Eligibility Criteria to enter the ISH House



7 out of 27 criteria prioritised in order to enter "ISH house". Focus on exclusion of highest risk in terms of environmental and social practices.

- 1. Individual SH can demonstrate they have the legal or customary rights to use the land.
- 2. SH are located in areas that are outside of those classified as a national park or protected area, as defined by national law.
- 3. SH commit there will be no new plantings or expansion of smallholder farms in primary forests and HCV areas and no new planting on peat
- 4. SH commit to no use of fire in preparing or clearing land
- 5. For new plantings, SH commit that they will consult with indigenous people and local communities [...] to ensure rights and interest of affected parties are respected.
- 6. SH commit to no use of child labour and forced labour.
- 7. SH sign a farmer statement to: a) declare all land holdings; b) commit to continue progress; c) commit to participate in training and share knowledge.

Principles in the SH Standard



Proposed principles include:

- 1. Respect for land rights and neighbouring communities
- 2. Environmental responsibility and conservation of natural resources
- 3. Sustainable farming practices
- 4. Respect for human rights and rights for workers
- 5. Commitment to transparency and traceability for smallholders
- 6. Positive long term economic, social and financial impact for farmers

Criteria and Indicators are in development.





