



RT 16 Closing speech

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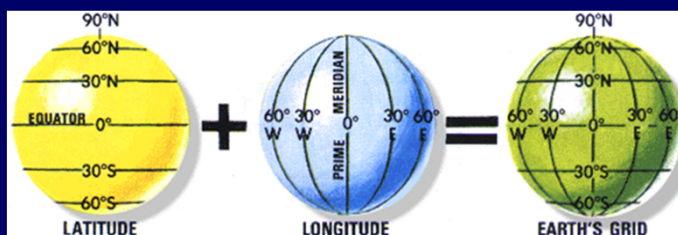
Faulty navigation = Disaster



- One foggy night in October 1707, Admiral Cloudesley Shovell grounded 4 British warships on the rocks of Scilly
- 2,000 lives were lost – they had fallen victim to faulty navigation

Innovation - and stimulating fresh thinking

- The disaster prompted the British parliament to pass the Longitude Act in 1714
- The conundrum of LONGITUDE was solved - so now longitude and latitude could be determined



RSPO P&C review 2018



- Halting deforestation
- No new development on peat
- Monitoring & mitigating GHG emissions
- Strengthening human rights/FPIC

...Canary in the coal mine ...



- I] Shared responsibility → narrow the gap between supply and demand @ 65% uptake !!!
- II] Smallholders < 1.5% of RSPO palm today
- III] SDGs- leaving no one behind.....pursuing the strictest environmental & social standards risk eliminating 60-70% of growers
- IV] the RSPO risks becoming a niche certification.....and will not become the norm

.....Let us not fall victim to Faulty Navigation.....

