



SHARP

Palm oil

Riau, Sumatra, Indonesia



RSS farmer needs assessment in the field,
Riau, Indonesia

Model:	Farmer organization as Implementing Entity.
Key stakeholders:	SNV – SHARP Regional Focal Point. Single farmer organisation formed by independent smallholders. Local RSPO certified palm oil mill – preferred buyer. Local social NGO. International environmental NGO. Local government.
No. of participating SHs:	139
Priority risks:	Irregular land tenure situation for most farmers. Proximity to National Park → risk to HCVs.
Priority farmer needs:	To meet expectations of RSPO certified mill on deforestation/HVC risk, legality and quality. To improve of agriculture practices in order to increase yield and quality of oil palm fruit. To strengthen farmer organisation.
Change realised:	Obtaining business licence to operate legally. Steps towards RSPO certification. Improvements in fertiliser use and other agricultural practices.
Lessons and challenges:	Few capable farmer leaders. Farmer organisation needed substantial advisory and technical support to implement RSS assessments, but proved capable of implementing measures to mitigate risk.