



SHARP

Palm oil

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Honduras



Field team in Honduras

Model:	Production company as Implementing Entity, aiming for progressive transfer of responsibilities to smallholder union.
Key stakeholders:	<p>Production company.</p> <p>Smallholder union.</p> <p>Proforest Latam – SHARP Regional Focal Point.</p> <p>Advisory group composed of: 2 social NGOs, 2 environmental NGOs, 3 government representatives and a certification body.</p>
No. of participating SHs:	120 Yr 1 + 230 Yr 2
Priority risks:	<p>Noncompliance with legislation – insecure land titles and lack of environmental permits.</p> <p>Conversion of protected areas – national parks, watershed areas.</p> <p>Labour issues – contracts, labour conditions, living wage, child labour, health & safety.</p>
Priority farmer needs:	<p>To improve agriculture practices in order to increase yield of oil palm fruit and reduce impact of disease.</p> <p>Organizational development for smallholder union and group management for certification.</p>
Change realised:	<p>New recognition of risks and challenges ahead in pursuing smallholder RSPO certification.</p> <p>Awareness of and commitment to procedures for RSPO group certification.</p>
Lessons and challenges:	<p>Company committed, but discovered gaps in their capacity through the RSS process.</p> <p>Loose contract for purchase of FFB casts doubt on whether company will reap 100% of the benefits of investment in RSS.</p>