



**SHARP**

# Palm oil

## Western Region, Ghana



RSS consultation session, Ghana

Model:	Production company as Implementing Entity
Key stakeholders:	Production company. Rainforest Alliance – SHARP Regional Focal Point. Commissioned agents dealing directly with independent smallholders.
No. of participating SHs:	c. 300
Priority risks:	Risk of conversion to agriculture of tree cover outside PA's which may have conservation value, including use of fire for land preparation. Proximity of plantations to forest reserves, rivers and streams important for local communities and ancient burial grounds, shrines and sacred forests.
Priority farmer needs:	Ability to assess risk to HCVs when planning expansion.
Change realised:	Support for farmers to work together in groups for training, access to services and shared learning. Knowledge of good agronomic practices and improved yields. Access to appropriate loan, banking services and capacity for financial planning. Support to improve transport of FFB to the mill.
Lessons and challenges:	Company improved their understanding of risks and needs in their smallholder supply base. Bio-physical risks mapped and recognized by the company.