SPOP **2012**-2015 Kick-off meeting **07 June 2012** 

**Minutes** 

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Participants: Alice Baudoin AB, Cécile Bessou CB, Pierre-Marie Bosc PMB, Marc-Philippe Carron MPC, Emmanuelle Cheyns EC, Laurène Feintrenie LF, Sylvain Rafflegeau SR, Alain Rival AR, Julie Wohlfahrt JW (visio).

Absents: Jean-Pierre Caliman JPC, Marcel Djama MD, Claude Jannot CJ, Patrice Levang PL, Jean-Marc Roda JMR, Aude Verwilghen AV

Agenda

Discussion

points

07 JuneUpdates onUpdates on LF's mission, INRA'sTerms of reference ofUpdates onExternal(9am-administrativePh.D. student by JW, EC's intern,AB's internshipSPOP webpagecommunication on1pm)pointsproject benchmarking by ARSPOP

### Updates on administrative points:

- C3 accounts were opened for each CIRAD agent member of SPOP. Each one of them must check and manage the declared time of involvement in SPOP. The signed attestation of budget agreement was sent by ANR on May 21. But the money has not been yet transferred to the partners.
- Contact was taken with the CIFOR communication cell that agreed to communicate on SPOP updates through their webpage and potentially more, e.g. editing and layout of info-brief.
- Publication of a SPOP article in *Graines d'info;* mention of SPOP in *CIRAD 2011 report*.
- Some activities of SPOP are accounted for within the frame of the component C5 of the CRP6

#### LF's mission to Cameroon:

- LF will be in Cameroon for 7 days starting on June 13. She will discuss with Raymond about his coming report on palm oil (PO) in Cameroon. This report will present the history of PO development in Cameroon, the typology of PO production systems including the types of contracts, their assets and limits, and the state of the art of the commercial supply chains with particular emphasis on gender issues. One important discussion point will be to check how deep the analysis was especially in terms of collected data and figures about industrial processes. Raymond will be in Indonesia between 09.2012 and 01.2013. LF highlighted the importance of two contacts in Cameroon, the WWF national coordinator of PO, and SNV, a Duth NGO working on PO in Cameroon and RDC. During he stay in Cameroon LF will discuss with Patrice Levang (PL) about the possibility to supervise together with PMB an intern to apply the WAW methodology In Cameroon for PO.

### INRA's Ph.D. student supervised by JW:

- One candidate was selected, Margot Moulin (from ENSAIA); her first field work period should start in April 2013 for 6 months. It would be interesting for her to attend the CIFOR workshop in September 2013 and the annual CIFOR meeting in October 2013. There are still precisions to be defined together with Jean-Marc Roda on the spatial resolution of the Ph.D. study: i.e. focus on the diversity of the palm oil systems (one of the objective of the project) and a precise resolution, or focus on the further PO development potentially analysed at a larger scale. The choice depends both on the objectives and the available data. The supervisors must also decide on the modelling tool and corresponding formations for the Ph.D. Financial support is available at INRA for these formations.

### Internship supervised by EC:

- EC will supervise one student on sociology focusing on the diverse stakeholders' perception of global changes, the multiplicity of actors and perceptions of PO. The intern could be specialized in visual sociology, i.e. using the image as a research object being a reflexion of the diverse perceptions. EC and LF explained how interesting it would be for the diverse interns to have common field work periods to allow for complementarities (esp. agronomy and sociology) and solidarity. Also EC's intern should attend the workshops organized by LF and her intern. Moreover, it was emphasised that interns should not be based within an agro-industry but rather in villages and also welcome in CIFOR offices by time to time, they should take a 2-week Bahasa courses.

### Benchmarking by AR:

- AR presented a concise overview of ongoing projects in Indonesia relating to PO (ACIAR, ZSL, POTICO, SAFE projects). A page on project benchmarking will be added in the Documents-page of SPOP webpage to ease further updates.

### Internship of AB:

- The objective of AB's internship is to make an "exhaustive" literature review of PO development and current productions in Sumatra in order to more precisely delineate the fields in Riau and Jambi provinces for SPOP activities. Based on scientific publications, reports from institutions or interns, AB should be able to track back the PO development strategies, the diverse production systems and influence zones, the diverse issues (socio-economic, environmental...) and identify the data availability for the 3D assessment (and possibly for the INRA's Ph.D.). The conclusions of her report should help delineate and justify the choice of fields for SPOP activities, and identify available data and local partners. The ToRs written by PMB were discussed and should be amended. Ab's report will be written in English.

# • Internship: a proposal is made to LF and PL for an internship in Cameroon to apply the WAW approach.

Responsible people PMB/2012-06-14

## • Communication cell:

- SPOP concept note was approved and can be disseminate to the partners for publication on their web pages
- SPOP web page: project benchmarking page must be added, the collaborative space should consist of a blog to discuss, a download/upload space and a google.doc
- Documents on WAW should be post on SPOP webpage
- Steering committee: an invitation letter with SPOP concept note will be sent to the institutional representatives and scientific department directors of the diverse partners + institutional representatives of local partners. Members of this committee will be then

asap by the diverse partners involved

**SPOP** coordinators

PMB + CB SPOP partners + SPOP coordinators with the help of and local contacts

## Decisions

informed about SPOP updates and potentially provide feedbacks on a yearly basis.

- The first report to ANR must be delivered by September 2012; it will be asked to each coordinator of tasks and WP to provide a brief report on activities and plans by September 15. (To be confirmed by coordinators in function of ANR response)
- Technical committee: conveying the people responsible for SPOP tasks and other key players

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Resource people for AB internship	Na- mes	Competences	Fields	Documents	Bahasa	Further comments/contacts
	PMB	WAW approach: agriculture analysis and typology based on livelihood approach and indicators on farm structure and transformation processes	Africa?	WAW documents, Farm structures and typology based on socio- economic approaches	No	No experience in PO
	MPC	Soil fertility, PO cropping systems. Co-supervisor of Duryat, intern in Indonesia on PO	Indonesia	Duryat's data and report	No	Recent experience in PO
	SR	9 years in Cameroon. PO cropping systems, Smallholders' PO productions, Agronomic diagnosis, Land tenure issues. Co-supervisor of Duryat	Cameroon Indonesia	Duryat's data and report Documents on PO in Cameroon	No	Dynamics of plantation around Libo in Riau province: Who's buying scheme plantations? Who's planting "independent plantations"? Report in English with 12 cited references in Bahasa
	LF	4 years in Indonesia, Jambi province, at CIFOR. Transition forest-rubber- PO, PO productions	Indonesia Cameroon	See dropbox documents	Fluent	
	EC	4 years in Ivory Coast. Impacts of PO privatisation, RSPO process, smallholders' perceptions and roles, levers Supervisors of 2 interns: names?	Ivory Coast Indonesia	Interns' reports?	?	
	JW	1 year in Indonesia Cartography, Multi-agent modelling	Indonesia		notions	
	СВ	Environmental assessment methods: indicators & LCA	Indonesia		No	
	AR	Coordinator of PO activities for CIRAD			?	Contacts for PO actors at CIRAD and in other institutions/countries
	CJ	Agronomy and socio-economic analysis of palm oil production systems	lvory Coast	Contact per mail		
	AV	Currently PhD in Indonesia (Riau and Bangka) in large scale OP plantations (biodiversity / landscape and integrated pest management).  Previously working on OP plantation development project in Africa (EIA and HCV assessment)	Nigeria Indonesia	Contact per mail	notions	Hubert.omont@cirad.fr can also provide further contacts or documents
	JPC			Contact per mail		
	PL	30 years in Indonesia. 2 years in Cameroon where he is now: Transmigration; Agroforestry; Palm oil production socio-economic analysis	Indonesia Cameroon	Contact per mail	Fluent	
	JMR	Economist and analyst of wood and other forest product chains.	Malaysia	Contact per mail		
	MD					

### Documents to be uploaded on the web:

- CV of AB+ Internship ToRs
- Documents on WAW

## Documents to be uploaded in the dropbox:

- LF documents