SPOP

Technical Committee 11 January 2013

Meeting 5

Responsible people/timing

All supervisors

2013-2016 Cécile Bessou, Alain Rival Minutes

Participants: Cécile Bessou CB, Pierre-Marie Bosc PMB, Laurène Feintrenie LF, Claude Jannot CJ, Margot Moulin MM), Sylvain Rafflegeau SR

Absents: Marc Benoît MB, Jean-Pierre Caliman JPC, Marc-Philippe Carron MPC, Emmanuelle Cheyns EC, Marcel Djama MD, Patrice Levang PL, Alain Rival AR, Jean-Marc Roda JMR, Aude Verwilghen AV, Julie Wohlfahrt JW

Agenda

Objectives of the

- 1. To work further on the assessment grid draft strated in December 2012
- 2. To discuss on administrative points regarding the internships

meeting

Achievement

The first objective was merely achieved due to the limited attendance. The focus was finally put on the planning of the internships for 2013. Discussion among SPOP partners raised the issue of new regulations to get visa for students. Administrative points:

- SPOP people will gather further information on the administrative documents needed to get visa for the interns and Ph.D. student. In particular, we will ask for some help from SPOP local partners and investigate the differences between visa supported by private or public counterparts. Ideally, all SPOP interns should get the same access to the field.

Technical points:

Discussion points

Decisions

- Data on planting material and yields are very sensitive; accurate data is hard to gather, whereas yield and planting material are important factors explaining farm performances. There would be a need for assessing these parameters in a comprehensive manner at the level of a supply area, in order to serve as a reference to better interpret data collected through surveys within the frame of SPOP field work. This work can however not be carried out within the frame of SPOP, since it would require 1-year field work, which has not been planned in the initial budget. We might try to take the opportunity of other project calls to try to conduct this study. Palmelit might be interested in funding such field work.
- CIFOR and ICRAF are collecting data for Indonesia on palm oil production and spatial development. This information is collected within the frame of the Sentinel Landscape programme of CIFOR. This data should be useful for SPOP.
- Administrative points:
 - Focus on the visa processes.
- Technical committee:

Next meeting Q2/3 2013

Documents to be uploaded on Alfresco web: Updates on the assessment grid draft