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- Agenda**
1. Review of ongoing activities esp. field work of interns, Ph.D. studies, progress on deliverables, encountered difficulties etc.
 2. Update on the draft of the assessment grid in light of first field works
 3. Update on budgets (planned, realised, RSPO RT11 registration)
 4. Contributions for the ANR report (18 months) + for the web updates
 5. Publications planned
 6. Miscellaneous ("steering committee" by AR, others)

1. In August 2013, 2 Ph.D. students (MM, RN) and 3 interns (Karine Lé, Roxanne Houvenaeghel, Soytavanh) are working in the field within the frame of SPOP. At that time, all are in Indonesia. Globally, it was difficult for all the interns and Ph.D. students to get proper visas to enter Indonesia and get access to the field. Emphasis was put on trying to get the same working conditions for all of them, i.e. trying to get invitation letters from the same counterpart in Indonesia in order for the students to get access to the same survey area in Riau and Jambi provinces. Thanks to our partners in Indonesia, CIFOR and PT-SMART, and Dr. Fahmuddin Agus, member of Margot's steering committee, all administrative issues were solved but they caused some delay before the field works could start.

We must be aware that the way access to the field is permitted by local partners induces bias in the assessment (oriented choices of the interviewed people, especially smallholders around the companies' plantations) so that cross-checked through other access ways would be needed. The effect of such bias will have to be estimated and changes in field access considered for another field work campaign (if and where possible). The conclusions of each internship will be discussed during the next technical committee.

By the end of August, 4 supervising missions had been conducted by SPOP people in the field (LF, JW, PMB, CB). The presence of the diverse supervisors was notably useful to introduce the project and the field works to diverse local authorities, e.g. village or companies' heads. At the technical level, emphasis was put on enhancing synergies between the diverse field works in order to optimise the complementarity in the outputs. This could be done by working out the overlapping and complementarity of the diverse questionnaires and sampling areas.

The first prospective workshop has been organised (LF, PL) and will be held in September in the Bungo district, Indonesia.

Updates

2. The first draft of the assessment grid is being field tested. Based on the exhaustive list of variables and indicators provided within the conceptual framework of WAW, it was difficult to build-up the draft without testing first in the field which information could be more or less easy to collect. Moreover, the main factor distinguishing farm categories in WAW is the type of manpower and whether the farm relies only on family manpower or not. This baseline assumption may be not sufficient in the case of palm oil farming systems in Indonesia. The grid is being tested currently by Karine Lé. PMB just came back from his supervision mission where he and Karine revised the questionnaire to this end.
3. Details on each partner budget will be provided for the ANR report. Up to now, there has not been any budget difficulty, and realised expenses are closed to planned ones. AR and CB will attend RT11 in Medan, Indonesia, in November 2013. EC, PMB and MM may also join. Early registration is opened until 1st October. In the meantime, AR will also attend the First European RSPO RT in Berlin in September 2013.
4. Contributions for the ANR report should be written in English and sent to the SPOP coordinators before the end of August. It is reminded to all that publications and other diffusion means should explicitly mention the support from ANR and the SPOP project. The results of the field work will be posted on the web page.
5. The detail of publications (planned and realised) should be listed in the ANR report. Papers published within the frame of ANR SPOP must stipulate it within the acknowledgements. The sentence might be: "The authors are grateful to ANR (the French National Research Agency) which supported this work within the frame of the ANR SPOP project."
6. AR has sent invitation to build-up the Consultative (ex. Steering) committee of SPOP. The involved people within the Consultative Committee (CC) will be conveyed once a year (physically or through visio-conference) in order to gather their opinions on the project progresses. First answers have been already received (?positive, ?stand-by)

Margot Moulin's Ph.D. thesis "Modeling the diversity of palm oil development dynamics":

- Margot's first field work period will last from May until November 2013; the second one in 2014 is not yet precisely planned. During this first period of field work, Margot will try to cover two areas (Riau and Jambi) in order to allow for potential extrapolation of the model to diverse areas. It will be at the cost of a more exhaustive assessment on a unique area, which means that she has to find a compromise. Should a more comprehensive assessment of the two areas be needed, interns may be hired to complete the surveys.

Discussion points

Field work:

- Roxanne Houvenaeghel is currently in Indonesia (Task 1.2 supervised by EC). She is working in the same field area (district) as Soytavanh (Task 2.1 supervised by LF). However, the exact villages for her survey have not been yet selected. Soytavanh is working in two villages (Senamat Ulu and Batu Karbao) which have specific status in terms of resource management (protected community forest). Therefore, Roxanne should look for villages without such history (Sungai Tdang village? Others?). She should discuss this with LF notably since she knows the area pretty well.
- Contact may be taken through AR's support to get a field access to Malaysia (with the help of FELDA) for RN.
- Report on Kampar region (Riau Province) from Raymond Bourgeois may be useful to add information to current field

work.

- JPC may provide some access to governmental data concerning the rural census in Indonesia in 2013.
- The CIFOR programme on Sentinel Landscape is quite advanced in Cameroon and starting in Indonesia; it should provide SPOP with useful data on palm oil development and maps.
- First reflexives workshop shall be organised by MD in Q4 2013, depending on the availability of the revised draft of the assessment grid. Ideally, this workshop could be organised in margin of RT11 to benefit from the presence of diverse stakeholders.
- Yields are very difficult to assess accurately. Further projects should include a specific study with intense field work survey to better estimate the exact yields of the diverse farmers within a supply area: it would include a monthly record of yields at the plot scale, a field survey of planting material used with field tests, and interviews of farm groups and cooperatives to cross checked measured yield components with other top-down approaches bases on costs and payments (CJ).

♦ The Consultative Committee will have an advisory role on the activities and results along the project. Members will be brought together once a year for an official meeting (physically or virtually through the Internet) and will be given regular updates on the activities along the years. They will be free to make comments whenever they want. SPOP people shall send further contacts to AR to extend the list of invited people.

Responsible people/timing
CB+AR

♦ SPOP people should submit an abstract for ICOPE Conference (Conference on Palm Oil and the Environment) to be held in Bali in February 12-14. 2014. Deadline for abstract submission is October 30. 2013.

All SPOP people

Decisions

♦ Communication cell:

CB

- SPOP web page must be updated, for that SPOP people need to send documents and idea to CB.

+ all SPOP people

- Alfresco collaborative web site will be maintained, provided that SPOP people manage to get used to it: new explanations and demonstration will be provided at the next technical committee. Posted documents on Alfresco that deserve to also be made public on SPOP webpage must be signified to CB

- Technical committee:

⇒ Next meeting ? December 2013, ? am (Paris time)

Documents to be uploaded on Alfresco web:

- **Details on the diverse interns and internships' outputs (by all supervisors) [SPOP INTERNSHIPS]**
- **To be completed by participants**