A Jurisdictional Standard

...How it might work for RSPO

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Jurisdictional Certification is not...

- Lowering standards
- Corporate control of standards
- Government control of standards
- Perpetuating colonialism
- Etc…
Before we begin...

**FORGET** everything you think you know about what ‘Jurisdictional Certification’ means.

Let’s start with a single idea.

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Effective certification requires the cooperation of governments at all levels, researchers, policy makers, certification schemes, communities, producers, refiners, brands, academics and other stakeholders\(^1\)\(^2\).

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\(^2\)Fidelis E. Satrastanti, Voluntary certification standards have far to go, say experts. mongabay.com, 20 September 2016.
Jurisdictional Certification is...

- Working at the scale necessary to deal with issues
- Removing impediments to certification
- Working with as many players as possible
- Providing market access for all producers
- A means for market disruption

The goal

Develop and implement jurisdiction-wide solutions for issues that are difficult or may be impossible for individual operators to address. The difficulties may arise due to:

- Size of the operation
- Available information
- Management expertise
- External partnerships
A proposed jurisdictional approach...

- Use existing RSPO systems wherever possible
- Build on the RSPO group requirements
- Introduce a stepped approach to certification that starts with solving landscape level issues
- Then build the procedures for a group system
- Audit in stages so that the big issues are dealt with first
The Participants...

- A convener
- Organizations and individuals who are seeking RSPO certification
- National, provincial, state or local governments and government agencies
- Civil society groups
- Representatives of other industries that have a common interest in addressing jurisdictional areas in common with RSPO requirements, and
- RSPO (of course!)
- Is this a candidate for Jurisdictional Certification?
- Is there enough interest?
- Are resources available?
- Are there compelling reasons to proceed?
- Are there compelling reasons not to proceed?
- Will participants stay with the process?
Recruit members
Agree roles
Build support
Formally start the group
Begin data collection

Gather data & conduct:
- HCV assessment
- SIA
- HCS

Put solutions in place:
- Compensation
- Define GO/NO GO areas
- Carbon policy
- Put FPIC in place
- Core group requirements & legal compliance

AUDIT for Stage 1
Develop and put in place:

- Systems for the proper treatment of workers
- Systems for good agricultural practices
- All Group Members have put these into practice
- AUDIT for Stage 2

Group completes all requirements

- Develop and implement all Group System requirements
- Internal inspections of all members for all RSPO requirements completed by the group
- FULL RSPO AUDIT
Thank you

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