

Making HCV Work in RSPO

Barriers to Effective Implementation and
Ways to Overcome Them

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Overcoming Barriers to Effective Implementation of HCV in RSPO

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Criterion 5.2

HCV in Existing Plantations

Criterion 7.3

HCV in New Plantings

The Six High Conservation Values

HCV 1 Areas with important levels of biodiversity

HCV 2 Large intact natural landscapes

HCV 3 Areas with rare or endangered ecosystems



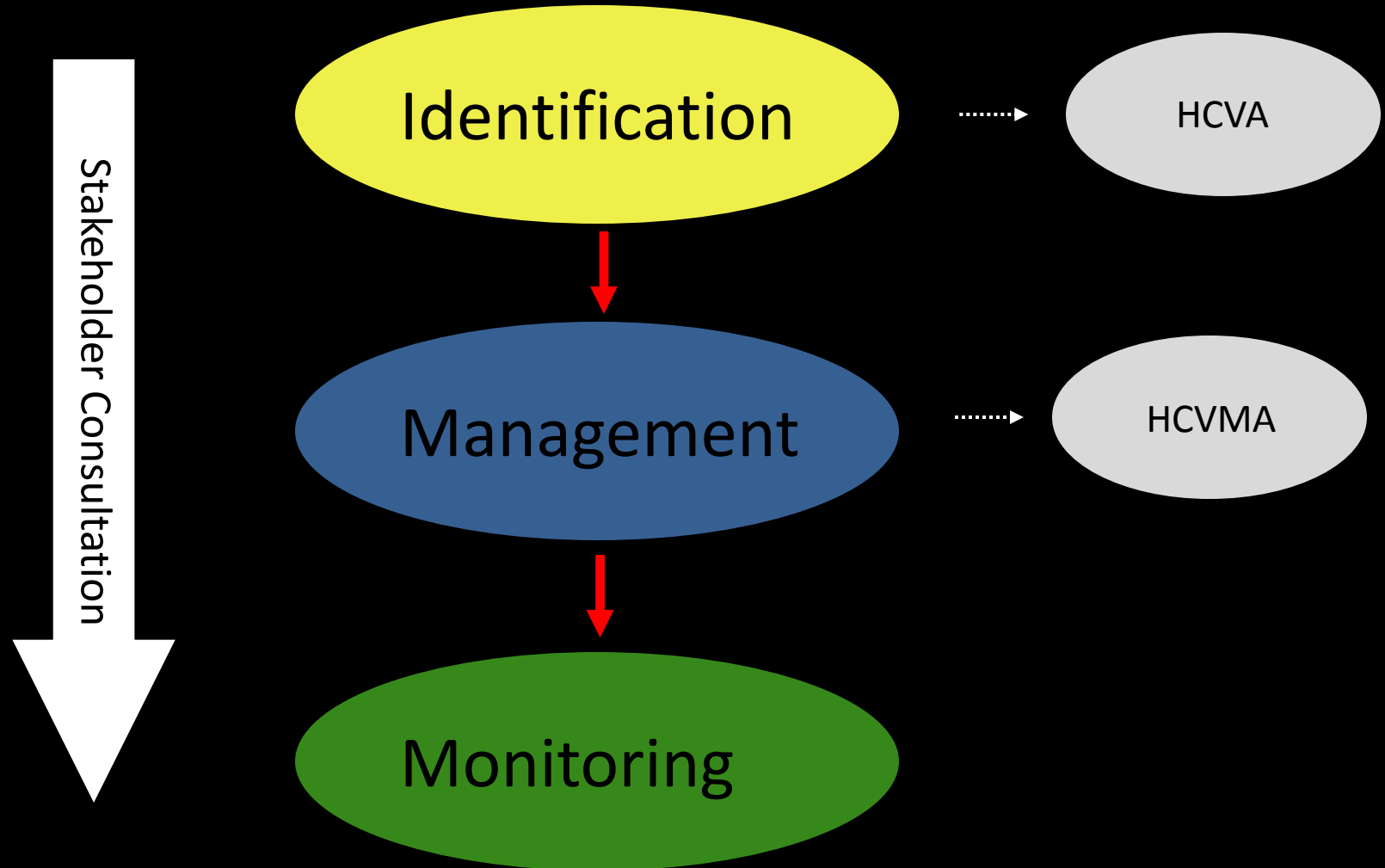
HCV 4 Critical environmental services of nature

HCV 5 Basic needs of local communities

HCV 6 Cultural identity of local communities



HCV Process



Why is HCV in RSPO controversial?

Expectations are high, performance falls short

- Confusion
- Complexity
- Conversion
- Constraints
- Confidentiality

Four main conclusions from study

1. Simplify and sharpen HCV tool
2. Guidance on M&M requirements
3. Increase capacity of assessors & companies
4. Promote transparency in reporting

Confusion on Definitions & Guidelines

HCV Toolkit
Indonesia

Divergent Interpretation

HCV 5
Basic Needs

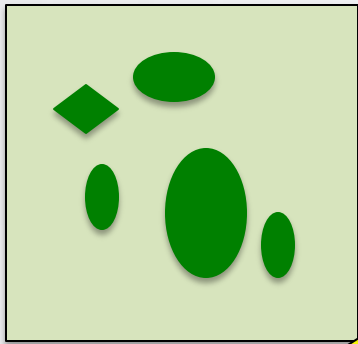
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Version 1

Version 2

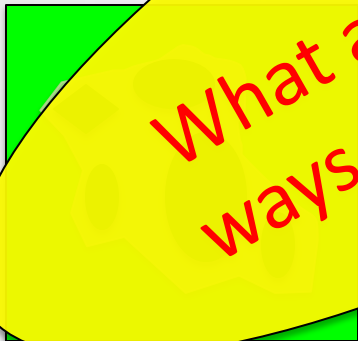
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HCVA



How do we delineate HCVMA
for a given HCV?

What are challenges and
ways to overcome them?

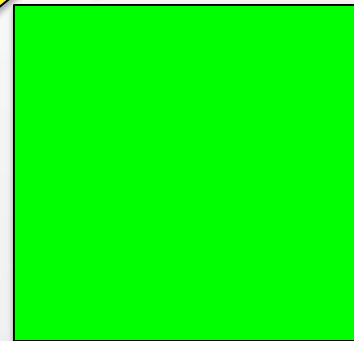


HCVMA 1



HCVMA 2

or



HCVMA 3

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Capacity of assessors and companies

Variation in capacity causes challenges

- Following required procedures
- Defending decisions
- Quality of reporting & mapping
- Implementing M&M recommendations
- Passing an audit

Capacity of assessors and companies

Potential solutions to capacity problems

- Tighten RSPO approval process
- Team leader responsible for report
- Mandatory well structured training for assessors & companies
- Mandatory independent peer review
- Required Code of Conduct

Confidentiality & Credibility: Trade-off?

Lack of public reporting in HCV means...

- Basic information not available
- Poor quality goes undetected
- Limited data or knowledge sharing
- Credibility is questioned by public

Conclusions

- HCV is the right tool for RSPO
- But ‘blazing new trails’ with inadequate rules and support structures
- Clarity needed concerning role of HCV vis-à-vis other safeguards within RSPO
- Increase guidance
- Increase capacity & transparency