

Sustainability Progress Report July – December 2020

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Introduction

2020 was a challenging year with the presence of COVID-19 pandemic. Measures have been taken by the management to ensure our employees are safe during this pandemic period. "Guidelines for Management to Ensure Safe Working Environment in Plantation during COVID-19 Pandemic" was established to prevent any outbreak within our premises. COVID-19 screening was conducted for our employees to ensure the working environment is safe for everyone in the company.

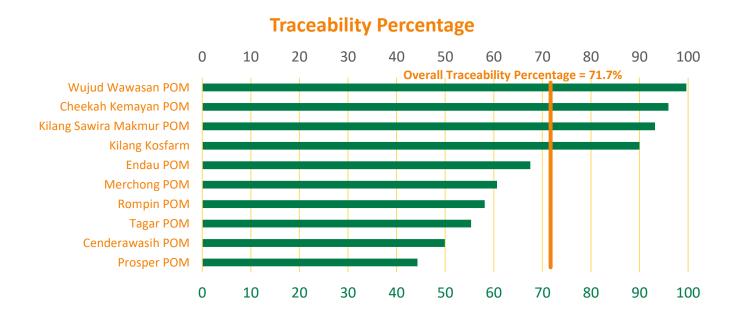


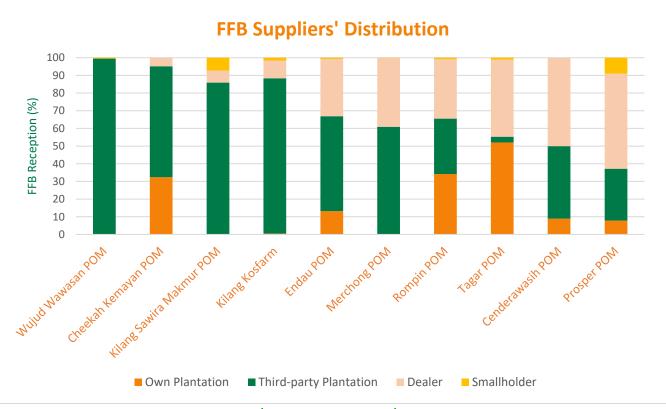
Regarding our labour policy, we have introduced the passport lockers to our Cheekah-Kemayan complex to further strengthen our commitment on no forced or bonded labour and as an act to retain our foreign workers.



Traceability

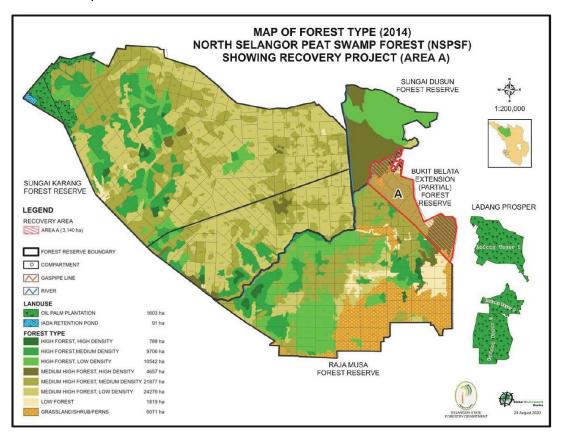
As of 31st December 2020, the overall traceability percentage achieved by all mills under our management are 71.7%. The same challenges still occur during the Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) suppliers mapping exercise, especially on dealers, where they are not comfortable to reveal their suppliers' information to third party. At the end of 2019, one of our mills, Cheekah-Kemayan POM (CKPOM), had participated into a program organized by our end buyer to engage with FFB dealers. Throughout this program, we have learnt from their sustainability partner, ways to engage with our FFB dealers, and how to approach them in sharing their supplier base with us, not for our own benefit, but for a clearer picture of our mills' traceability and the traceability goals of the industry. So far, we have mapped out suppliers from 2 of the CKPOM's dealers and included it into our traceability database. It is a good start for us and we will continue to work on FFB dealers' suppliers mapping to achieve higher traceability percentage for our palm oil mills.





Conservation Project

In March 2020, Prosper started a partnership with the Global Environment Centre (GEC) by financing them in a conservation project at the North Selangor Peat Swamp Forest (NSPSF) in Selangor State, Malaysia. This area is of global significance for biodiversity conservation and very important for carbon storage and water resource management. The project will focus on the long-term protection and rehabilitation of the Bukit Belata (Extension) Forest Reserve (BBEFR) which consists of lowland dipterocarp and peat swamp forest, in the south east portion of the NSPSF.



The project started with assessment of the BBEFR by conducting field surveys to identify access points to the forest compartments, degraded sites, on-going anthropogenic activities, existing drainage canals, aerial mapping of land use, canals and peat depths as well as assessments on water quality, plants and fish along the boundary of forest compartments. It then follows with identifying land use, peat depth, drainage canals, and hotspots, biodiversity assessments, forest boundary demarcation, piezometer installation, and meeting with the local communities to explain to them the project.

As of December 2020, GEC has conducted 6 site visits with the Forest Ranger Office to the proposed canal blocks and planting sites after discussion with the Sub-Ranger office. Wildlife monitoring continues and online awareness programme has been conducted to the students of University of Nottingham on 'Restoration of Selangor peatlands through community-based peatlands water management and rehabilitation'.



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