

MSPO celebrates 100% MSPO certified palm oil companies and smallholders



YB Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities officiated the MSPO Appreciation Day which was held at the Le Meridien Putrajaya.

This event was attended by more than 200 representatives from the oil palm plantations, smallholders, millers and stakeholders from the palm oil industry. During this event, eight (8) plantation companies that obtained Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification were awarded certificates of appreciation. The companies are JC Chang (Pte) Limited, TDM

Berhad, KLK Berhad, Hap Seng Plantations Holding Berhad, Keresa Plantations Sdn. Bhd.,



Sabah Softwoods Berhad, Achi Jaya Plantations Sdn. Bhd. and Sime Darby Plantation Berhad. In the case of smallholders, 49 Sustainable Palm Oil Clusters (SPOCs) from Sarawak, Sabah, Johor,

Perak, Melaka, Selangor, Pahang and Negeri Sembilan also received their certificates of appreciation.

The MSPO Certification Scheme was implemented on a voluntary basis since 2015. Beginning May 2017, the Government has agreed to mandate all growers and processing facilities to obtain MSPO certification by December 2019.

As of end February 2018, a total of 758,923 hectares of oil palm planted area has been certified which is an increase of 210% from the day its announcement. Also 70 mills have been MSPO certified.

This includes 49 clusters of independent smallholders with a planted area of 9,521 hectares, 7 clusters of organised smallholders with a planted area of 19,110 hectares and 260 estates with a planted area of 730,292 hectares. In addition, 70 mills with a capacity of 4,000 metric tonnes per hour has been certified.

Palm and Lauric Oils Price Outlook Conference & Exhibition (POC) 2018



POC 2018 was held on 5 until 7 March 2018 at Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. MPOCC is one of the Exhibitors for the event. This flagship conference is organised by Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad (BMD), which operates the world benchmark Crude Palm Oil Futures contract (FCPO) as well as an Option on the FCPO contract (OCPO).

It facilitates as an effective networking platform for exchange of ideas, solutions and trends amongst the delegates who hail from all parts of the world and from throughout the industry value chain.

MPOCC and Wilmar to help over 260 mill suppliers attain MSPO certification



Malaysia/Singapore, 5 March 2018 – Wilmar International Limited (Wilmar) and the Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC) are joining hands to assist all of Wilmar's suppliers in Malaysia to obtain the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification by the end of 2019. Over 260 mill suppliers covering more than 55% of the entirety of mills in Malaysia are expected to benefit from this partnership.

With underlying mutual sustainability interests, three areas of collaboration have been identified to generate the biggest impact within the two-year timeframe. They are conceptualized to engage, share knowledge and lend support to the suppliers in preparing them for MSPO certification.

Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer



Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Scheme (MPOCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Sanath Kumaran as acting CEO of MPOCC beginning 1st April 2018, taking over from Mr. Harnarinder Singh who had completed his two and half term on 31st March 2018.

2. Dr Sanath Kumaran age 51, has 21 years of experience in oil palm sector ranging from oil palm plantation management, agronomic practices, auditing, dispute resolution, stakeholder engagement to consulting and sustainability certification. He graduated with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia in 1990 and embarked his career as a Trainee Assistant Manager with Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd., before moving to Golden Hope

Plantations Bhd. as an Agronomist. After several years in the plantations, he moved to further his studies to obtain his Master of Philosophy (Environmental Management). He then joined WWF-Malaysia and Wetlands International for a duration of 10 years, working on many projects related to certification, protected area management, hydrology, wildlife assessment and wetlands management. After completing his PhD, he worked as a consultant supporting many oil palm and forestry companies to become certified in Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Cambodia. Prior to joining MPOCC, he served RSPO as the Head of Impacts and currently holds the position of Senior Manager with MPOCC.

3. MPOCC is grateful to Mr. Harnarinder Singh, the first CEO of MPOCC, for his invaluable support and contribution in guiding MPOCC in developing and implementing the MSPO Certification Scheme. MPOCC takes this opportunity to wish Mr. Harnarinder and his family all the best in all their future endeavours.

Meeting to discuss the EU RED II: Oil Palm Industry

13 April 2018 – MPOCC was invited to attend the meeting at Wisma Bapa Malaysia, Petra Jaya, Kuching. This meeting was called by Sarawak State Planning Unit, to respond to the EU allegation on palm oil development and peat lands involving Sarawak state government.

The discussion was on the data availability and to counter the allegations. It was stated that palm oil contributes 5 % to the national GDP. Over 1600 consumer products in EU contains *NO PALM OIL* label.

In Sarawak, an estimated 38,000 smallholders with around 220,000 ha depending on their livelihood on oil palm.

MSPO Certification Scheme continues its effort in Teluk Intan Perak



YB Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong officiated the “Program Jelajah MSPO” which was held at the Arena Square, Teluk Intan Perak.

This event was attended by several thousand people made up mostly the oil palm smallholders and oil palm industry players. During this event, various exhibitions related to sustainability efforts in palm oil industry by Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC), Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) and Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB

The programme held in conjunction with “Program Jelajah MSPO” was celebrated on 1 May aimed to increase the awareness and disseminate important information on MSPO Certification as well as a platform for interaction relating to MSPO implementation.

The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme will be made mandatory by December 2019. The timeline for implementation of mandatory MSPO certification will be implemented in three stages. Plantation companies that are already certified under other sustainability schemes will have to obtain MSPO certification by December 31, 2018. Other companies without any sustainability certification will have to obtain MSPO certification by June 30, 2019 while smallholders, both independent and organised, need to obtain MSPO certification by December 31, 2019. To spur the uptake of MSPO certification, the Malaysian government has made available financial assistance to oil palm smallholders, growers and processing facilities. The incentives ranges from 30% to 100% of the total MSPO audit cost.

Bengkel Interaktif Pembangunan Dokumen MSPO

This event was held on 14 until 16 May 2018 at Pavilion Hotel Sandakan, Sabah. It was the first collaboration between MPOCC and SIRIM STS in assisting MSPO implementation for small and medium size estates (MS2530 Part 3) and independent palm oil mills (MS2530 Part 4).

Comprehensive and complete documentation is a critical element in the implementation of MSPO Certification. In total 21 participants from 12 companies attended the meeting. The participants consisted of a mix of planters from small and medium size estates, and operators of independent palm oil mills.

The workshop received positive feedback by participants as it has equipped them in early stage of preparation prior to MSPO Certification audit.

MPOA Branch AGMs 2018

MPOCC was invited by the Malaysian Palm Oil Association (MPOA) to provide an update to its members.

Taking of the opportunity of members gathering at the MPOA branches' Annual General Meeting held over the period March - May 2018, MPOCC provided an update on the status of implementation of the MSPO Certification Scheme in Malaysia. The briefings included discussion on the progress of development of the Supply Chain Standard as well as feedback from MPOA members on their experience in implementing MSPO certification. Below is the list of the venue: -

No	Venue	Date
1	MPOA Johor	26 th Feb
2	MPOA Sarawak	01 st March
3	MPOA Selangor	14 th March
4	MPOA Sabah	17 th March
5	MPOA Negeri Sembilan	27 th March
6	MPOA Kedah	28 th March
7	MPOA Perak	31 st March
8	MPOA Pahang	27 th April

