



## MEWAH GROUP

# ENVIRONMENTAL & BIODIVERSITY POLICY

### A. Introduction

Mewah Group is one of the largest edible oil processors in Malaysia by capacity. Today, we have grown to be one of the largest edible oils and fats businesses in Malaysia. We produce a wide range of refined and fractionated vegetable oils and fats, principally from palm oil, soft oil and lauric oil such as coconut oil and palm kernel oil. Our operations are integrated throughout the edible oils and fats value chain, from oil palm cultivation, edible oils refining, packing, merchandising, shipping, and distribution of our products.

### B. Provision

The provisions in this policy apply to all entities in the Mewah Group worldwide, including our subsidiary companies as well as all third-party suppliers (direct & indirect suppliers). All suppliers are expected to adhere to our policy commitments for their operations.

### C. Scope

Mewah recognises and respect the important of sustainable management of natural resources, of which to ensure livelihoods and needs being met as well as protection environment. In addition, we embrace the principles of Sustainable Development through environmental protection and stewardship, pollution prevention and best management. Therefore, we are committed in safeguarding the environment to achieve the goals of sustainable development through:

1. Ensure compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations in countries we operate.
2. Adopt zero conversion of natural forest areas for oil palm plantations. Commit to best management practices for all soils and peat.
3. Adopt High Conservation Values (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS) assessments as best practise to identify areas of conservation and protection, of which to be undertaken by licensed High Conservation Value (HCV) assessors accredited by the HCV Resource Network's Assessor Licensing Scheme (ALS). For HCS area, to apply the HCS approach as defined by the HCS Approach Toolkit.
4. Ensure all HCV and HCS areas, namely riparian buffer zones, pocket forests, steep terrain, wetlands, peat swamp forests and any other areas that are identified<sup>1</sup> with high biodiversity values are protected, managed, and monitored accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> Through HCV/HCS assessment or nationally recognised.

5. Minimize any significant adverse environmental footprint and pollution from operation and development on carbon, water, and waste.
6. Conduct Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) annually in operations with significant actual and potential negative impacts on local communities. Put in place a management plan to mitigate negative impacts and promote positive impacts as well as to create a society in which the legal and customary land tenure rights are respected.
7. Prohibit the use of agrochemicals and pesticides listed in WHO Classes 1a, 1b and Stockholm & Rotterdam Conventions, except under very specific circumstances. The use of Paraquat is strictly prohibited.
8. Minimize the use of chemicals, including pesticides and chemical fertilisers in plantation operation.
9. Ensure all the Rare, Threatened and Endangered (RTE)<sup>2</sup> species and/or any species with conservation concerns<sup>3</sup> within and/or near to our operation sites are protected in accordance with national regulations, and any form of commercial hunting of such species within and/or near to our operation sites is prohibited.
10. Respect the right of indigenous and local communities to hunt for livelihood and meeting needs.
11. Provide trainings and constantly monitor employee's awareness on environmental importance and protection.
12. Encourage multilateral collaboration, partnerships and initiatives that aligned with our environmental aspiration.

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<sup>2</sup> Status of Rare, Threatened and Endangered (RTE) species can be determined using The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

<sup>3</sup> National Red List and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)